

SAY HELLO TO SIOUX CITY'S *Colorful History*

Day 1

ALL ABOARD, ART LOVERS & THEATERGOERS

Kick off your visit by exploring where Siouxland's historical past meets our creative present.

A comprehensive, hands-on ode to rail transportation and how it revolutionized the United States, the **Sioux City Railroad Museum** is a must-see for any train enthusiast. With over 5,000 artifacts, rebuilt steam locomotives from the 1900s, and a ride around the museum grounds on the Grand Scale Train, this complex lets you spend a day reliving the wonder of travel in the early 20th century. Don't miss the famous Nebraska Central Model Railroad Exhibit, and grab a bite to eat at the Gilchrist Junction Station Shop.

Tap into your creative muse at the **Sioux City Art Center**, a first-class museum filled to the brim with beautiful, compelling local and national pieces. Explore their permanent collection, featuring paintings, sculptures, photographs, and more from artists who call the Upper Midwest home. The Center's rotating roster of exhibits lets you discover new Siouxland creators and breathtaking work from across the country. What's more, all-ages classes allow visitors to get hands-on and hone the skills to create their own mixed media, paintings, and ceramic works of art.

Close out your first day with a curtain call and a round of applause! The stage is set at the **Orpheum Theatre**, Sioux City's premier destination for live performances from Broadway hits to big-name concerts. Immerse yourself in the old-time theater experience in this meticulously restored 1927 building, and enjoy a snack with the song and dance at Momo's, the Orpheum's top concession spot. Choose from their impressive offering of upcoming plays, musicals, comedy shows, and live music.

DISCOVER WHERE PAST MEETS PALETTE

Siouxland's storied, culturally rich history and convenient tri-state location set the stage for immersive, artistic experiences. With the lovely Missouri River as a backdrop, Sioux City's heritage blends creativity and local roots to provide visitors with an inspiring, engaging trip. Let Explore Sioux City help plan your visit and introduce you to the area's many wonders.

SIoux CITY RAILROAD MUSEUM



Day 2

DISCOVER THE MEETING POINT BETWEEN HISTORY AND ARTISTRY

Take a walk through the Upper Midwest's sights, sounds, and tastes.

Treat yourself to a westward adventure and let Siouxland history come to life at the **Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center**. Schedule a guided tour of the grounds for a closer look at the explorer's voyage through Sioux City while animatronic versions of key characters tell their tale. Check out the work of local creatives at the Center's art displays, or take a look at the Commemorative Stamps of the Expedition exhibit for a uniquely historic experience.

Come away with a better understanding of Siouxland's fascinating heritage with a visit to the **Sioux City Public Museum**. With free admission, hands-on exhibits, and interactive showcases, the museum teaches the area's pivotal role in U.S. development, including agricultural contributions, Indigenous history, and transportation development. Once a month, they host History at High Noon, a 45-minute presentation on a specific shining moment from Siouxland's past.

At **Palmer's Olde Tyme Candy Shoppe**, you can take your quest for art in a culinary direction and take in some Sioux City history, all while tasting some delicious desserts. Known across the country for its sweet treats, the Shoppe has a wide variety of candy to savor, from gourmet truffles to sea salt caramels and more. Beyond delectable eats alone, you can see how candy was made in years past by looking at the old-time machinery and vintage photos that tell Palmer's sweet story.



LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Day 3

EXPLORE A HISTORIC LANDMARK & A SAVORY SNACK

Close out your trip by paying tribute and indulging in delicious history.

Just over the state line in a quiet, peaceful part of South Sioux City, you will find a stunning monument to those who have dedicated their lives to preserving American freedom. The **Siouxland Freedom Park** features a well-lit 250-foot granite wall with names of soldiers whose lives were lost in the Vietnam War, a half-scale version of the famous monument in D.C. Visit the **Brigadier General Bud & Doris Day Interpretive Center** for interactive and educational exhibits that outline the life cycle of military service. Be sure to enjoy the park's walking trails while you're there, and you will find a moment of serenity and meditation.

End your visit to Siouxland on a sweet and savory note at the **Jolly Time Museum**. Located inside the Coated Kernels Popcorn Shoppe, this joyful stroll down memory lane outlines the history of the family-owned Jolly Time popcorn empire. Rooted in Sioux City, the museum features photos, artifacts, and fun bits of popcorn history. Admission is free, but be sure to stop at the Shoppe on your way out and grab a gourmet bag for the trip home. With flavors like chocolate marshmallow, birthday cake, and good old cheddar cheese, there's truly a taste for everybody.



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