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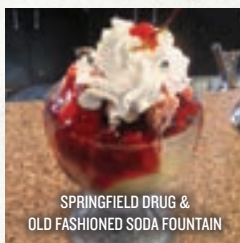
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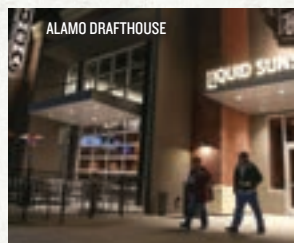
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About the Cover

"I have quite the obsession with sunset time lapses, they seem to be the most difficult to pull off correctly, and the most beautiful when done correctly."

– Jesse Attanasio

Omahan Jesse Attanasio, owner of ONELapse, is quickly becoming known for his mesmerizing time lapse photography. He captured the vibrant aerial photo of Omaha, seen on the cover, during a sunset helicopter ride. What he also managed to capture is the city's colorful energy – one visit and you'll feel it too.

WELCOME TO THE WEEKEND

Experience a weekend state-of-mind any day of the week in Omaha. Whether you're in the city visiting family, here with friends, on a business trip, or in town for a convention, Omaha offers ways to relax, unwind, recharge and reconnect – exactly what weekends are designed for. Flip through the pages of this guide to find ways to enjoy your weekend escape.

FEAST LIKE A FOODIE

Known for its mouth-watering steak, did you know Omaha is also the birthplace of the Reuben sandwich? It's true – despite what those New Yorkers say. Omaha is also filled with great chefs who feed off the fact that Omaha is in the breadbasket of the nation – it doesn't get any more farm-to-fork fresh than this. Discover more on pages 80-93.

MEET BOB

Turn to page 30 to meet Bob. He's a surprising character with a larger-than-life personality, and a must-see during an Omaha visit.

Omaha Visitors Center

YOUR VISIT STARTS HERE

Stop into the Omaha Visitors Center and talk one-on-one with friendly Omaha experts who will help customize your Omaha experience. Whether you're looking for unique family fun, or trying to figure out where to eat, the Omaha Visitors Center is the place to start. Vibrant video displays take you on a virtual tour of the city, easy to follow maps will guide you on your journey, and a fun photo booth lets you capture a special souvenir to send to your friends and family. Complimentary coffee and Wi-Fi is available.

The Omaha Visitors Center is located in downtown Omaha near the Old Market Entertainment District.

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Omaha Visitors Center

Traveling to and Around Omaha

FLYING TO OMAHA

Omaha's Eppley Airfield serves more than four million passengers a year and is conveniently located close to downtown Omaha. If renting a car or hopping in a cab, it will take you less than 10 minutes to get downtown. Eppley offers non-stop service to top destinations throughout the United States.



GETTING AROUND OMAHA

Rental cars, taxis, Uber, limousine and shuttle bus services are available at Eppley. The majority of Omaha hotels offer complimentary direct transportation to and from the airport, as well as shuttle service within a specific mile radius.



DRIVING TO OMAHA

Omaha is conveniently located in the center of the country and in the heart of the Midwest at the junction of I-29 and I-80. Once you arrive you'll find the city is easy to navigate. The city streets are set up on a grid system, Dodge Street divides the city north and south, and numbered streets start at the Missouri River and increase as you drive west.

DISTANCE FROM OTHER CITIES (IN MILES)

Cheyenne, WY	498	<div style="width: 40%;"></div>	Indianapolis, IN	608	<div style="width: 50%;"></div>
Chicago, IL	469	<div style="width: 38%;"></div>	Minneapolis, MN	379	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>
Dallas, TX	663	<div style="width: 55%;"></div>	Oklahoma City, OK	461	<div style="width: 38%;"></div>
Denver, CO	540	<div style="width: 45%;"></div>	Rapid City, SD	525	<div style="width: 43%;"></div>
Des Moines, IA	135	<div style="width: 10%;"></div>	St. Louis, MO	436	<div style="width: 36%;"></div>
Kansas City, MO	184	<div style="width: 15%;"></div>	Wichita, KS	307	<div style="width: 25%;"></div>

About Omaha



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City of Omaha
Jean Stothert, Mayor

Dear Visitors,

I am very proud to serve as Mayor of Omaha, a city with a reputation as a great place to live, work, play and visit!

On behalf of our residents, we invite you to discover all the city has to offer, from the world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, exquisite museums, and great shops, to Omaha’s wonderful array of locally owned restaurants, beautiful parks, and unique entertainment venues.

You’ll find there is a lot to do here in Omaha. Enjoy your visit and come back often.

Warmly,

Jean Stothert, Mayor
City of Omaha

OMAHA BASICS

- Metro population: 941,165
- Largest city in Nebraska
- Located in Douglas County
- Smoke free bars & restaurants
- Bars close at 2am
- Sales tax is 7%

THE FOUR SEASONS

Omaha enjoys all four seasons – pack accordingly!

- Spring: Highs in mid 60°s
Lows in the 40°s
- Summer: Highs in the 80°s
Lows in the mid 60°s
- Fall: Highs in the 70°s
Lows in the 50°s
- Winter: Highs in the mid 30°s
Lows in the mid-teens



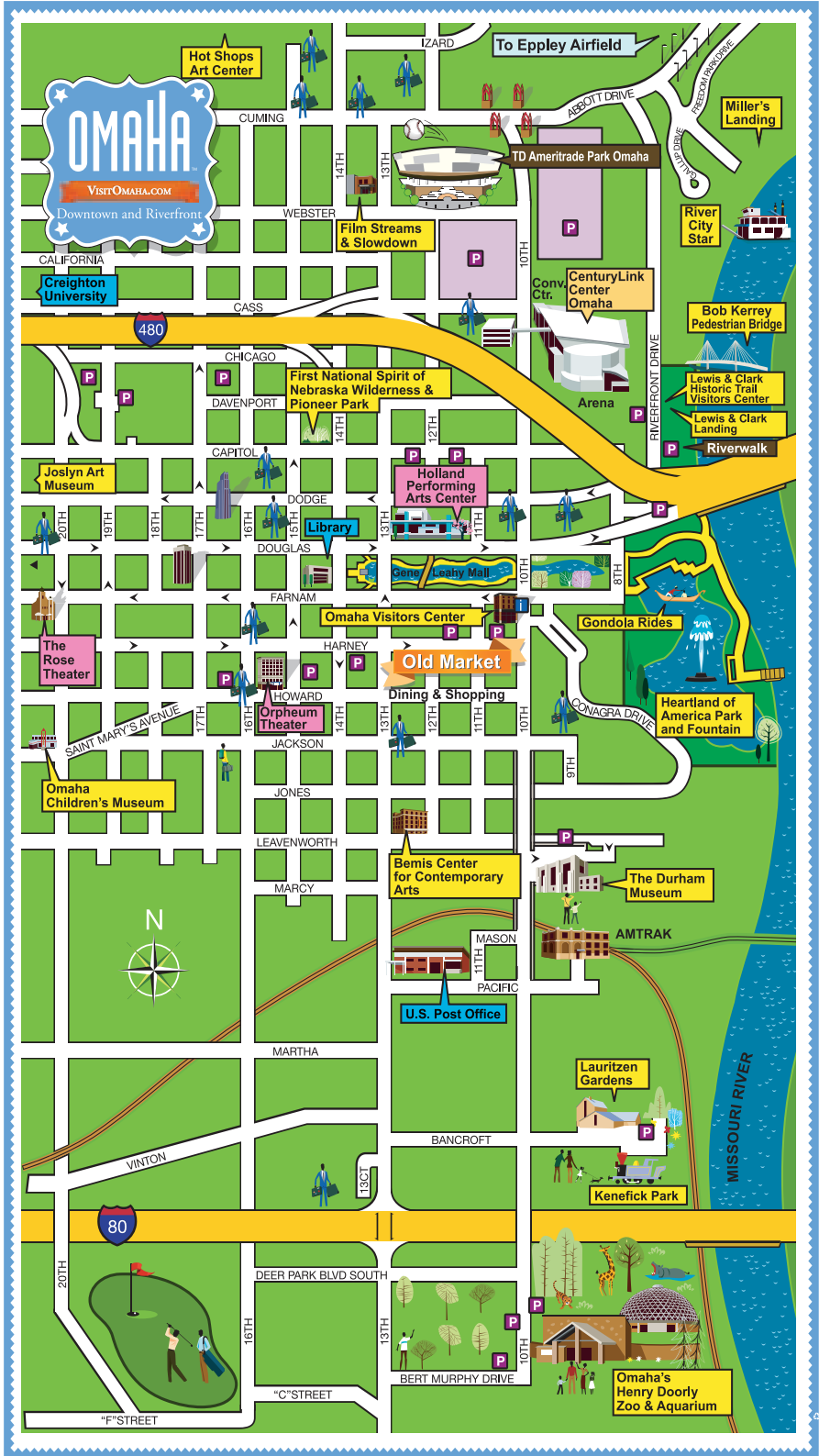
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Map of Downtown



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The Book of Mormon

2016 Performances

The *Book of Mormon* is enjoying rave reviews and it's one of the many award-winning productions to enjoy in Omaha this year. From *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Cinderella* and *The Producers* to great performances from Jane Lynch, Engelbert Humperdinck and the Moscow Ballet, Omaha is an entertainment hotspot in 2016.

Russian Music Festival

January 22-23, 2016
[Holland Performing Arts Center](#)

The Omaha Symphony impresses with glittering masterpieces of music.

The Lightning Thief

January 22-31, 2016
[The Rose Theater](#)

Based on the wildly popular novel, step inside the world of Greek Mythology in this pop-rock musical.

Love, Loss and What I Wore

January 22-February 14, 2016
[Omaha Community Playhouse](#)

Nora and Delia Ephron's play comes to life on Hawks Mainstage as women share tales of life's struggles and celebrations, and of course, what they wore through it all.

Moscow Festival Ballet

January 23, 2016
[Orpheum Theater](#)

View Tchaikovsky's beautiful ballet *The Sleeping Beauty* and be transported to an otherworldly land of princesses, witches, and a true love's kiss.

Frost/Nixon

February 4-28, 2016
[Blue Barn Theatre](#)

Former President Richard M. Nixon and talk show host David Frost independently vie for the public's redemption through a series of in-depth interviews.

Newsies

February 16-21, 2016
[Orpheum Theater](#)

Disney presents a fresh version of the Tony Award®-winning musical that highlights the newsboys strike of 1899.



Jane Lynch

February 28, 2016
[Holland Performing Arts Center](#)

The Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award winner will offer an evening of musical comedy that will have you laughing until you cry.

For a complete list of performances go to [VisitOmaha.com](#)



Cinderella

March 15-20, 2016
Orpheum Theater
 A Tony Award®-winning Broadway musical that is a contemporary take on the classic tale.

Momentum: Go West!

April 1, 2016
Joslyn Art Museum
 Be enchanted by Ballet Nebraska's new ballet inspired by the western frontier. In partnership with Joslyn Art Museum's featured *Go West!* exhibition.

Calendar Girls

April 15-May 8, 2016
Omaha Community Playhouse
 The true story about a group of friends "of a certain age" who come together after tragedy to raise money in a risqué way.



The Phantom of the Opera

April 20-May 1, 2016
Orpheum Theater
 A new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's thrilling classic. It's been hailed by critics as being "bigger and better than ever before."

Wild Kratts – Live!

May 5, 2016
Orpheum Theater
 Sure to please animal lovers, catch the infectious excitement in a brand new stage show based on the hit PBS animated television series.

Music of Whitney Houston

May 7, 2016
Holland Performing Arts Center
 Broadway crooner Rashidra Scott celebrates legendary songstress Whitney Houston with a host of the icon's biggest hits.



Engelbert Humperdinck

May 12, 2016
Holland Performing Arts Center
 The consummate entertainer will treat audiences with music spanning his illustrious career.

Heathers – The Musical

May 19-June 19, 2016
Blue Barn Theatre
 Fans of the quintessential 1980s movie will enjoy this story told through the eyes of the unique talents at the Blue Barn.

The Producers

May 27-June 26, 2016
Omaha Community Playhouse
 Mel Brooks' hilarious comedy that follows two producers on their quest to become filthy rich.

The Book of Mormon

May 31-June 5, 2016
Orpheum Theater
 A sensational musical comedy, and winner of 9 Tony Awards®, that follows the mishaps of a mismatched pair of missionaries on a trip across the world.

Disney's The Little Mermaid

June 3-19, 2016
The Rose Theater
 Go "Under the Sea" in this Disney favorite complete with beloved songs and colorful characters.



Trip Tip:

A quick and easy way to find tickets to Omaha performances is by visiting TicketOmaha.com



Big Events

Enjoy a variety of national sporting events, from baseball and swimming to volleyball and horse jumping. With heavy-hitting favorites like the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials and NCAA College World Series, Omaha is every sports fan's destination for 2016.

For more details and a complete list of events go to VisitOmaha.com

Asics Presidents' Day Classic

February 13-15, 2016
CenturyLink Center Omaha & Nebraska Elite Sports and Fitness Complex

Experience one of the largest volleyball events in the U.S. Nearly 400 of the best Junior Olympic athletes from across the country will compete.

The International Omaha

May 5-7, 2016
CenturyLink Center Omaha

The Midwest's largest equestrian event. A world-class indoor competition featuring horse jumping and dressage. This event is all about speed, execution and competitive spirit.

Big Ten Baseball Tournament

May 25-29, 2016
TD Ameritrade Park Omaha

It's baseball season in Omaha! Take in the legendary Big Ten and its historic rivalries as teams compete to return to Omaha in June for the NCAA College World Series.

NCAA College World Series

June 18-28/29, 2016
TD Ameritrade Park Omaha

A cherished baseball tradition that is a bucket-list must. Tailgate with fans from across the country, watch the best in college baseball, and check out Fanfest, all while creating lasting memories with your friends and family. 2016 marks the 67th year of the CWS in Omaha.



U.S. Olympic Swim Trials



The International Omaha



NCAA Men's College World Series

U.S. Olympic Swim Trials

June 26-July 3, 2016

CenturyLink Center Omaha

The nation's largest domestic swimming competition. Watch as Michael Phelps and 1,400 other athletes compete for a spot on the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team. This spectacular event is filled with patriotic pyrotechnics and heart-pounding emotions.

USA Triathlon's Age Group National Championships

August 13-14, 2016

Various Locations

One of the largest triathlons in the country. Watch athletes swim, bike and run their way to victory in the Olympic-Distance and Sprint National Championships.

AKSARBEN Stock Show & Rodeo

September 22-25, 2016

CenturyLink Center Omaha

Omaha's Official Community Celebration includes a 4-H Stock Show, Agricultural Education, Rodeo and Heritage Parade.

Annual Events

Omaha loves a good celebration, and its 2016 calendar is sprinkled with plenty of them. Have fun filling your trip itineraries to the brim with Omaha's many cultural, food, craft beer, fashion, historical and performance events and festivals throughout the year.

Omaha Beer Week

February

Various Locations

Ten beer-packed days celebrating Omaha's craft beer scene with bars, retailers and breweries across the city hosting a variety of unique events.

Omaha Fashion Week

March & August

Omaha Design Center

Too fabulous for just one week! The August show is one of the largest fashion weeks in the country featuring more than 40 designers, 400 models and hundreds of creations.

Cinco de Mayo

May

Historic South 24th Street

This vibrant family-friendly fiesta is filled with authentic food, live music, colorful costumes, a Race of the Bulls, and a huge parade filled with dancers, floats, marching bands and culture.

Shakespeare on the Green

June-July

Elmwood Park/60th

Experience the power and beauty of classical theater in a relaxing outdoor setting with food options, activities and preshow entertainment. This year's productions are *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Macbeth*. Free admission.

Tempo of Twilight

June-August

Lauritz Gardens

Enjoy music among nature. Bring chairs, food and the family and enjoy live music in a unique outdoor atmosphere. Select Tuesdays throughout the summer.



Cinco de Mayo



Jazz on the Green



Omaha Fashion Week

Railroad Days

July 16-17, 2016

Various Locations

All aboard for a fun-filled weekend that's all about train and track, and Omaha's rich railroad heritage. Five area cultural attractions celebrate by offering activities and hands-on experiences at one special discounted price.

Jazz on the Green

Thursdays, July-August

Turner Park at

Midtown Crossing

The ultimate outdoor jam session featuring national, regional and local jazz musicians. Bring your own picnic or indulge in Midtown Crossing's array of restaurants.

Fort Omaha

Intertribal Powwow

September

Fort Omaha Campus

An outdoor celebration featuring a traditional intertribal powwow and Native American music, dancing, crafts and food.

Omaha Restaurant Week

September 16-25, 2016

Various Locations

A celebration of local cuisine and Omaha's chefs where more than 60 participating restaurants offer exclusive specials that feature three-course meals at a fixed price.



Kenefick Park



Salt 88

Holiday Lights Festival

Thanksgiving through the

1st week in January

Various Locations

This five-week festival kicks off on Thanksgiving with the traditional lighting of more than 40 blocks of dazzling lights, and continues through December with live music performances, special events, ice skating and dancing Santas. To ring in the New Year, the sky over Heartland of America Park illuminates with spectacular fireworks.



For more details and a complete list of events go to VisitOmaha.com

2016 Exhibits



Sheila Hicks: *Threads of Time*

African Grasslands at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium may be Omaha's most highly anticipated exhibit in 2016, while exhibitions with super heroes, Buffalo Bill mementos, fiber art, intricate glass sculptures and more will guarantee there's something special traveling through Omaha for everyone this year.

Go West! Art of the American Frontier from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West

Through April 17, 2016
Joslyn Art Museum

View 90 paintings, sculptures and American Indian artifacts dating from 1830 to 1930 from the West's earliest visual history to the materialization of its romantic (and often exaggerated violent) legacy.

Super Powers

Through April 17, 2016
Omaha Children's Museum
 Kaboom! Bam! Pow! Kids are invited to uncover their inner heroes and put their super powers to the test at this emPOWERing exhibit. Explore the super power training ground and scale a real-life comic book city. Complete missions and gear up with gadgets and gizmos. Super heroes can't leave without essential super hero supplies like a comic, cape and mask at one of several creation workstations.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West

January 30-May 1, 2016
The Durham Museum

Explore the wild history of Buffalo Bill's Wild West, which debuted in Omaha in 1883. The groundbreaking variety show introduced the Old West to the world. Learn more about the show and the larger-than-life personalities – William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody and Annie Oakley – that made it so popular.

Pirates and Mermaids: Voyage to Creature Cove

May 28-September 4, 2016
Omaha Children's Museum

Get swept away in a high seas imagination playground that is the swashbuckling world of pirates and mermaids. Explore a wooden pirate ship, walk the plank, keep a lookout for approaching pirates, and find hidden treasure. Don't miss the animatronic sea creatures and hands-on encounters.

For more details and a complete list of exhibits go to VisitOmaha.com

Buffalo Bill's Wild West



African Grasslands

Opening Summer 2016
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium

Be one of the first to experience this groundbreaking 28-acre African wildlife experience. Set your sights on panoramic views and long vistas filled with giraffes, white rhinos, cheetahs, lions and elephants.

Sheila Hicks: Threads of Time

June 5-September 4, 2016
Joslyn Art Museum

Marvel at large hanging installations, weavings and sculptures spanning Nebraska native Sheila Hicks' career. Hicks creates thought-provoking fiber-based works so rich in color and texture that you'll be tempted to reach out and touch them.

The Glass Art of Craig Mitchell Smith

February 1-May 8, 2016
Lauritzen Gardens

More than thirty colorful sculptures by acclaimed glass artist Craig Mitchell Smith will grace the landscapes of the Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory and the floral display hall. Designed and curated especially for Lauritzen Gardens, works like a giant dandelion puff and a collection of 100 raindrops will be on display in an environment where, if real, they could naturally exist.

The Glass Art of Craig Mitchell Smith



American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition

September 24, 2016-
 January 29, 2017

The Durham Museum

Prohibition comes vividly to life in this world-premiere exhibition, the first comprehensive one documenting this colorful chapter of U.S. history. Journey back to the time of gangsters, flappers, bootleggers and suffragists. View rare artifacts, a replica speakeasy, and plentiful exhibits documenting this animated time; just don't forget that it's 2016!



Go West! Art of the American Frontier

2016 Festivals

With festivals celebrating everything from food, beer and wine to art, fashion and film, you'll find plenty of reasons to visit Omaha any (and every) time of the year.

Omaha Film Festival

March 8-13, 2016

Explore innovative new films and past masterworks of cinema. Voted by *MovieMaker Magazine* as one of the "25 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee."

Taste of Omaha

June 3-5, 2016

A food festival featuring Omaha's favorite restaurant dishes in the beautiful Heartland of America Park and Lewis & Clark Landing.



Taste of Omaha



Omaha Crush Festival



Maha Music Festival

Omaha Summer Arts Festival

June 10-12, 2016

Featuring 135 of the nation's finest artists showcasing their work midst live music and great food.

Santa Lucia Festival

June 9-12, 2016

A four-day carnival featuring everything Italian, including authentic fare, a cannoli eating contest, live music and the coronation of the festival queen.

Omaha Beer Fest

June 10-11, 2016

Sample over 200 craft beers, ciders and meads, put brew masters to the test, and attend "Beer Academy" classes.

Omaha Crush art+wine+food Festival

August 6, 2016

Uncork the fun at this arty event where you can enjoy great wine, beautiful art, and delicious food.

Nebraska Balloon & Wine Festival

August 12-13, 2016

Toast to award-winning Nebraska wines and enjoy the spectacular hot air balloon launch and glow.

Greek Festival

August

OPA! Immerse yourself in Greek culture with authentic Greek music, folk dancing, cuisine and boutique.

Maha Music Festival

August 20, 2016

Enjoy Omaha's indie rock music festival featuring some of the industry's hottest acts.

Sweet Corn Festival

August 13-14, 2016

Nothing says summer like fresh-picked sweet corn. Celebrate this backyard favorite and Nebraska's agricultural jewel.

Oktoberfest

September 16-17, 2016

Celebrate the German way with authentic food, folk dancing, music and the traditional "Tapping of the Keg."

Japanese Ambience Festival

October 1-2, 2016

Celebrate autumn and traditions of Japanese culture, like calligraphy, origami, food and more.

For more details and a complete list of festivals go to VisitOmaha.com



Oktoberfest



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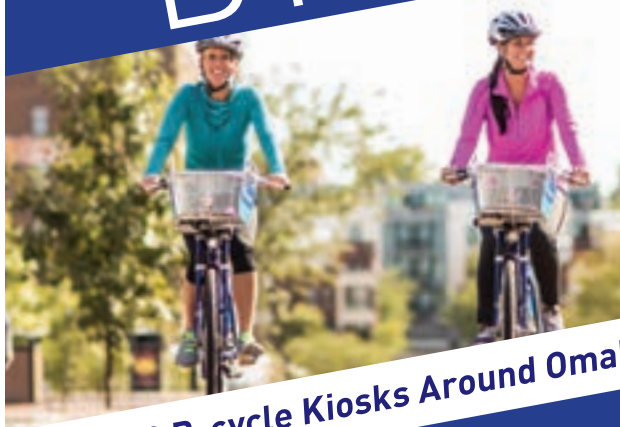
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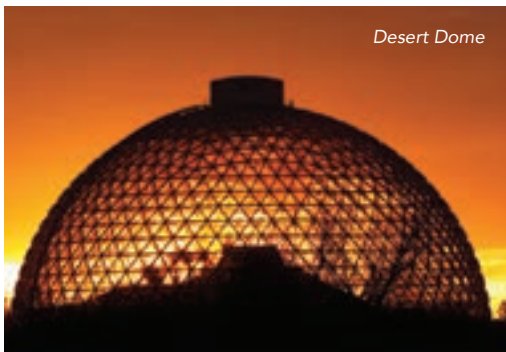
CONSISTENTLY RANKED AT THE TOP OF THE "WORLD'S BEST ZOO" LISTS, OMAHA'S HENRY DOORLY ZOO AND AQUARIUM IS A WHOLE DIFFERENT KIND OF ANIMAL, AND IN 2016 IT GETS BIGGER, BETTER AND EVEN MORE FUN TO EXPLORE.

AFRICAN GRASSLANDS

A large portion of the new 28-acre African Grasslands is set to open in the summer of 2016. Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views and long vistas teeming with African wildlife such as white rhinos, cheetahs, lions and elephants (think *Lion King* comes to life). The elephant barn, the largest in North America, features interactive guest and keeper areas including a splash pool and elephant training area. The new giraffe herd rooms and feeding platforms provide an eye-to-eye view and up-close experience. Kids will love the new African pygmy goat petting area.

LIED JUNGLE

Hike through the largest indoor rainforest in the country and listen to the roar of the waterfalls and the call of the gibbons. More than 90 animal species can be found at all levels, from the forest floor to the highest jungle canopy. Take a picture from lookout peak with a full view of silvery leaf monkeys, ebony langurs, spotted-neck otters and pygmy hippos. Walking on the swinging rope bridge is a must-do. It provides a great place to sneak a peek at animals in their natural habitat.



Desert Dome



Expedition Madagascar

DESERT DOME

It's the world's largest indoor desert under the world's largest glazed geodesic dome. The Desert Dome stands 13 stories tall and features plant and animal life from three deserts around the world: the Namib Desert of southern Africa, the Red Center of Australia, and the Sonoran Desert of the southwest United States. Climbing among cliffs are rock hyraxes, klipspringers and meerkats. Within the desert caves live 21 reptile species from Africa and Australia, including venomous snakes such as death adders, a cape cobra and the world's most venomous land snake - the inland taipan.

KINGDOMS OF THE NIGHT

Located under the Dome is the world's largest nocturnal exhibit filled with creatures that only come out after dark. *Hint for kids:* The underground swamp is a great place to scare Mom and Dad – once the albino alligator has their attention, quickly grab their arms and see what happens (just don't tell them where you got the idea).



Kingdoms of the Night

SUZANNE & WALTER SCOTT AQUARIUM

Walk on the bottom of the ocean and come nose-to-nose with sea turtles as large sand tiger sharks, zebra sharks and stingray sharks circle above. The 70-foot shark tunnel inside the Scott Aquarium provides a mesmerizing underwater experience.



Suzanne & Walter Scott Aquarium

From the ocean depths to the frigid cold, the aquarium also features ocean birds, including more than 85 penguins ranging from king penguins (as tall as five-year-old children), to gentoo penguins, a macaroni penguin, and little rockhopper penguins. This exhibit is capable of producing 20 tons of man-made snow per day using four snow machines.

OTHER EXHIBITS:

- Expedition Madagascar
- Grewcock Butterfly and Insect Pavillion
- Hubbard Gorilla Valley
- Hubbard Orangutan Forest
- Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Pavillion
- Lozier IMAX Theater
- Simmons Aviary
- Stingray Beach

RIDES:

SKYFARI:

An open-air chairlift ride providing spectacular tree-top views of the zoo.

TRAIN:

A steam locomotive ride featuring 11 open-air coaches and a caboose.

TRAM:

An easy way to travel through the zoo - 50 seats, 4 stops.

CAMEL RIDES:

Saddle up humpback style aboard dromedary camels.

SUE'S WILDLIFE CAROUSEL:

30 animals covered in brilliant enamel add to the charm of this nostalgic beauty.



Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge

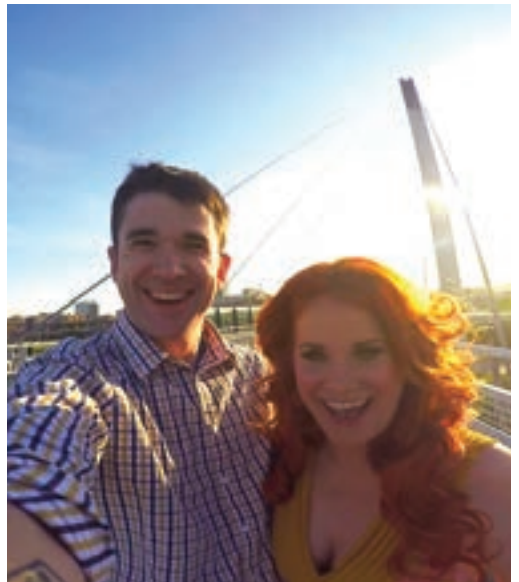
Bob the Bridge

HI, I'M BOB. I'M A BRIDGE. WELL, "BRIDGE" DOESN'T REALLY CAPTURE MY MYSTIQUE AND MISSES THE MAGIC THAT FOLKS CALL THE "BOB-FACTOR." GET TO KNOW ME A BIT, AND FIND OUT WHY I'M THE HOTTEST THING ON TWO TOWERS.

My full name is the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, but my friends call me Bob. I don't mean to brag, but I'm kind of a big deal. At first glance, I'm a pedestrian bridge welcoming everyone on foot, paw and wheel. An outdoor enthusiast's dream come true, and a fitbit user's path to a successful 10,000 steps. But above all things, I'm actually a 3,000 ft. magic trick – majestically floating over water by mere cables which allow me to softly sway over the Missouri River. No joke, you can actually feel me floating in the wind while you walk over water. Sure, I've got two 210 ft. tall towers that keep me grounded, but seriously, I'm all MAGIC!

The magic continues when you reach the middle and "POOF" you're standing in two states at the same time. Striking a pose and taking a pic while standing in two states at once – it's called "Bobbing" and it's about to go viral. So strike, snap and share!

Sharing is caring, my friends. Tag your best Bobbing pics with #ItHappensOnBob. It's a great way for me to remember our special time together.



WHAT TO SEE & DO

Consider this an open invitation to visit me and stay a while. I offer a wide variety of entertainment. The fellas love me because I'm a cheap date (don't worry ladies, I'll literally have you floating on air). I'm always making new four-legged friends with plenty of space for walking, sniffing and networking. Runners enjoy giving me a great massage, and I connect 150 miles of trails (so all roads lead back to me). You're going to work up an appetite from all the running/walking/biking/Bobbing, and you'll find more than 80 restaurants close by in the surrounding downtown area.

I've got to be honest, folks tend to go on and on about my curves – they're attractive and give visitors several great views of the Omaha skyline. You know the Golden Gate Bridge? Yeah...she digs me. I'm a ladies' bridge.

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to build

but I'm worth every penny

FLOATS 60 FEET
above the Missouri River

Some people say, they can feel me sway

named after former Nebraska U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey

connects **150**
miles of trails

C'mon baby light my fire

FIRST & LONGEST
pedestrian bridge to link two states

2 TOWERS
light up the sky and the Missouri River

summertime free concert series
BRIDGE BEATS

Rock Out with me!

Learn all about me and find my vlog (video blog) at www.bobthebridge.com or see how I hang every day on Twitter and Instagram (@BobTBridge)





The Durham Museum

CLIMB ABOARD HISTORY AT THIS BREATHTAKING ART DECO MUSEUM COMPLETE WITH TRAIN CARS, HISTORIC COINS AND AN OLD FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN.

The Durham Museum is housed in Omaha's former Union Station. Regarded as one of the finest examples of art deco architecture in the country, The Durham's terra cotta exterior overlay gives way to a 124,000 sq. ft. space complete with temporary and permanent exhibits.

Upon your entrance, step into the Great Hall and enjoy the same grandeur that millions of rail travelers did during the train station's operation from 1931-1971. From its terrazzo tile flooring to the ceiling's \$10,000 gold-leaf decoration, the lobby is a sight to behold. Don't be startled if a stranger strikes up conversation; statues, ranging from couples to military men to children, are known to share their travel stories.

Make your way downstairs for a multitude of exhibits, displays and hands-on activities for children and adults alike. Notably, hop on board historic passenger train cars for

a true taste of rail travel. View one of the world's rarest coin collections in the Byron Reed Gallery, which boasts an impressive array of rare books, manuscripts, autographs and coins, like the 1804 dollar. Between the extensive model train display, old-fashioned bus and a one-room cabin, there's plenty more to explore.



THERE'S SO MUCH TO TAKE IN AT THE DURHAM; PLAN ON CLEARING YOUR DAY'S SCHEDULE.

View a piece of Omaha native Warren Buffett's history with a trip to the Buffett Grocery Store. The space is a replica of the Buffett and Son grocery operated by three generations of Buffetts from 1869 to 1969 and where Mr. Buffett gleaned much of his business savvy. The store features items that could be found in the original establishment, including a sliding ladder, scales and a meat cleaver.



Byron Reed Gallery

Back upstairs, satisfy your hunger at the station's original Soda Fountain. Enjoy a sandwich and an old-fashioned phosphate (ice cream optional). Grab retro candy to go from the Candy Shop; Necco Wafers, anyone?

A magical way to experience the holiday season in Omaha is with Christmas at Union Station. In November and December, marvel at the area's largest indoor Christmas tree and enjoy special events like the tree lighting ceremony, ethnic holiday trees display, a concert series, family nights with Santa, and more.



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



Blast from the Past

FROM EAST TO WEST, NORTH TO SOUTH, THERE'S HISTORY AT VIRTUALLY EVERY CORNER IN OMAHA. THE CITY'S UNIQUE HISTORY WILL IMPRESS EVEN THE MOST SEASONED OF TRAVELERS.

World-renowned Boys Town, a National Historic Landmark district, features chapels, statues and gardens, Hall of History, Father Flanagan's House* and Visitors Center – home to, at over 600 lbs., the world's largest ball of stamps. Take the QR code tour using your smartphone to scan codes throughout campus.

Soak up jazz's rich heritage at Love's Jazz and Arts Center, the region's only African American-based art exhibit, performance and education center. Check out Love's calendar for a schedule of live performances throughout the year.



World's Largest Ball of Stamps



Father Flanagan's House

At Mormon Trail Center at Historic Winter Quarters, learn of the triumphs and tribulations of the great Mormon exodus of the 1800s. Experience their journey firsthand: tour a makeshift cabin, pull a handcart, and “travel” by covered wagon. Optional guided tours; free admission.

OMAHA IS HOME TO A NUMBER OF PLACES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

Get a glimpse into nineteenth century life at General Crook House Museum*. This living history museum is Omaha’s only authentic Italianate house. View period costumes, furnishings, and decorative arts, and stroll the heirloom garden. Audio tours available.

Located in history-rich, culturally-diverse South Omaha, El Museo Latino* is one of only 11 Latino art and history museums in the nation. This intimate museum offers temporary and permanent exhibits along with educational programming.

Gerald R. Ford Birthsite and Gardens features presidential mementos, a kiosk with information, and a rose garden complete with a colonnade in honor of former First Lady Betty Ford.

Another notable Omaha birthsite is that of Malcolm X*. The 14-acre developing memorial features a plaza with a historical marker commemorating where Malcolm X first lived with his family.

Head to nearby Council Bluffs for hands-on fun at the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, housed in a former Carnegie library. Learn of the development of the transcontinental railroad, enjoy a passenger train experience in a virtual reality time travel chamber, ride in a locomotive simulator, and build your own railroad with the first-ever Kinect game. Free admission.

*Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Mormon Trail Center



Union Pacific Railroad Museum



Omaha Children's Museum

WELCOME TO OMAHA'S IMAGINATION STATION WHERE CHILDREN CAN UNLEASH THEIR CREATIVITY AND BECOME INNOVATORS IN A WORLD BUILT JUST FOR THEM.

Omaha Children's Museum is more than 45,000 sq. ft. of hands-on learning specifically designed with kids in mind. Open year-round with a variety of exhibits, kids are encouraged to explore, play and learn.

A fan favorite is the enormous Super Gravitron ball machine where fun flies. Families love to drop in a ball, guess where it will land, and track its path. Kids then choose a path they want the ball to take, and parents help them try to make it happen!



THINGS TO KNOW

- Children of all ages will enjoy the old fashioned carousel.
- Families will find an accessible microwave in the dining area and the Rainbow Café offering kid-friendly snacks on the second floor.
- The Museum gift shop offers science kits, games and more to keep up learning at home.
- A family resting room with tables, chairs and couches is available for quiet resting time.

RANKED ONE OF THE TOP CHILDREN’S MUSEUMS IN THE COUNTRY, OMAHA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM MAKES LEARNING AN ADVENTURE.

Parents and kids enjoy regular science demonstrations including The Amazing Bubble Show and the Whiz Bang Super Science Show. Hear the fizzle, pop and BANG as soda explodes, and marvel at massive bubbles dancing in the air.

Imaginations need a good workout. The museum transports children to a land far, far away with a beautiful singing princess leading sing-alongs and dance parties in the museum. This Fairytale Land whisks little ones into their own adventure when the bravest kid is called upon to grab a sword and save the trapped princess from her castle. Children will test their courage while battling dragons. Before leaving Fairytale Land, families use magic coins at the wishing well to wish for their own “happily ever after.”

TIPS FOR PARENTS WITH TODDLERS

- Make sure kids are wearing comfortable clothes. They will be climbing, playing and exploring.
- Plan for at least 3 hours to see the whole museum. Older kids might need more time. There is so much to see and do – don’t rush!
- When needing to nurse, give a bottle, or simply have some calm time, visit the museum’s family room.
- Bring exact cash for the train and the carousel! Tickets can be purchased downstairs or at the kiosk.
- When potty training, the bathroom on the first floor has small potties with handles to flush (instead of the auto flush that can scare little ones). The front desk offers diapers in a variety of sizes.

Tips provided by Stephanie Adams who writes the *Moments That Take My Breath Away* blog.

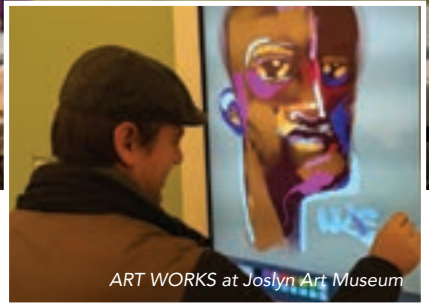
PERMANENT EXHIBITS

- Imagination Playground*
- Creative Arts Center*
- Charlie Campbell Science and Technology Center*
- OCM Zooland*
- Sandy’s Splish Splash Garden*
- Fantastic Future Me*
- Walker Tire and Auto Service Center*
- Maker-Space*





Gene Leahy Pedestrian Mall



ART WORKS at Joslyn Art Museum

Free Things to Do

BUDGET SAVVY TRAVELERS WILL FIND THAT A WEEKEND GETAWAY TO OMAHA IS A WALLET'S BEST FRIEND WITH FREE THINGS TO DO THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

- Visit the Joslyn Art Museum, where admission is free year-round. Come face-to-face with more than 11,000 works of art from Monet, Renoir, Pollock and more.
- Explore First National's Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness and Pioneer Courage Park. More than 100 larger-than-life bronze sculptures tell the story of the pioneers' westward journey. The art stretches six blocks and features a wagon train, flying geese and bison stampeding through buildings of downtown Omaha.
- Stop at the ever-changing and always-impressive art exhibitions found at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts and KANEKO.
- Stroll through Heartland of America Park and marvel at one of the world's largest shooting fountains. Catch the spectacular evening light show during spring, summer, and fall.
- Walk on Bob, the first and longest pedestrian bridge to link two states. This 3,000 ft. long cable-stay bridge s-curves its way across the Missouri River and connects more than 150 miles of trails. In the summer, enjoy the free Bridge Beats concert series.
- Interact with Omaha's public art displays throughout the city. Pose with larger-than-life jugglers in front of Omaha's downtown convention center, nearby see one of the country's largest public murals, and check out the "mouthy" sculpture at Gene Leahy Mall.

Find more things to do at VisitOmaha.com

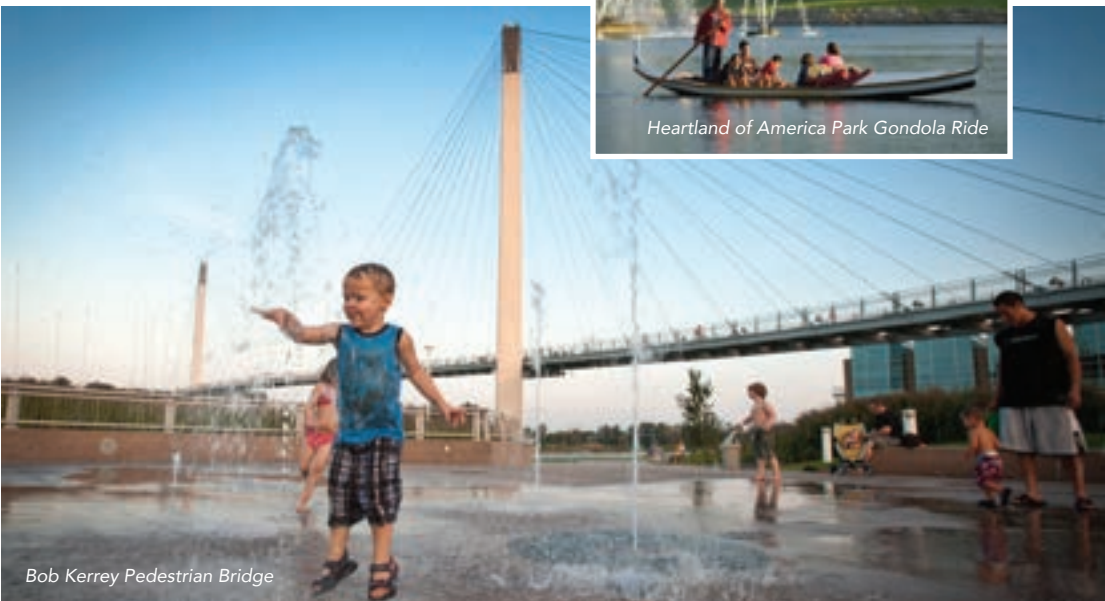
10 Things to Do with Kids

OMAHA IS A PRIME FAMILY GETAWAY DESTINATION. HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS ON HOW TO ENTERTAIN LITTLE (OR BIG) ONES FOR THE WEEKEND.

1. Visit Joslyn Art Museum's Art Works, a 1,500 sq. ft. interactive space filled with nine activity stations to pique curiosity, stimulate creativity, and allow interaction with priceless works of art.
2. Go Bobbing on the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. Bobbing is taking a picture while standing in two states at once. Share photos with #ItHappensOnBob.
3. While visiting "Bob," get froggy at the splash park located on the Omaha side. The circular plaza features water sprays shooting into the air – offering a great way to cool off and have fun.
4. Float down the Elkhorn River with Tubing & Adventures. Not just for adults, kids will enjoy cruising down the river taking in the sights and sounds.
5. Check out the Model Railroad Garden at Lauritzen Gardens. A favorite among lil' engineers, see G-scale model trains travel twiggy trestles.
6. Walk up to Kenefick Park and visit the Centennial No. 6900 and Big Boy No. 4023 – two of the most powerful locomotives ever built.
7. Catch a kid-friendly show at the Rose Theater. This fully-restored 1927 vaudeville palace is now a beautiful children's theater showcasing childhood favorites.
8. Rent Heartland B-cycles and go for a family ride through an Omaha city park (for ages 12 and up).
9. Visit the world's largest ball of stamps at Boys Town and pick out stamps to take home from the "penny bin."
10. Visit Heartland of America Park and go for a gondola ride similar to those found in Venice, Italy.



Heartland of America Park Gondola Ride



Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge



Joslyn Art Museum

A PINK MARBLE MASTERPIECE FILLED WITH MORE THAN 11,000 WORKS OF ART INSIDE AND OUT.

One of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation, Joslyn Art Museum is a masterpiece in itself. Its pink marble façade is comprised of 38 marbles from around the world.

Inside, admire the colorful Chihuly sculpture on your way to the permanent collections with art ranging from ancient times to the present. View works by art heavy-hitters like Rembrandt, Monet, Degas, Pollack, Renoir and more. Major temporary exhibitions are displayed throughout the year.

Unleash your little (and inner) artist at ART WORKS, a 1,500 sq. ft. interactive space with nine work stations where you can create your own masterpieces. Make your way outdoors to the garden galleries, notably the kid-friendly Discovery Garden complete with 20 artworks.

Joslyn offers mobile and guided tours. Don't forget to enjoy lunch or a snack at the Café Durham, located in the Joslyn's atrium. Before you leave check out the Hitchcock Museum shop offering an array of distinctive gifts and souvenirs.





Storz Fountain Court



Chihuly: Inside & Out

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

ANCIENT

Objects from Egypt, Greece and Rome, including Greek pottery

AMERICAN

Paintings and furniture accompanied by sculpture and decorative arts

AMERICAN INDIAN

Historic works of art by the native peoples of North America

AMERICAN WEST

Includes watercolors, paintings and sculpture

ASIAN

A 4,000-year overview of Asian civilization highlighting the cultures of China, Japan, Korea, India, Tibet, and Southeast Asia

EUROPEAN

Nineteenth-century works of European art

LATIN AMERICA

Work reflecting the influence of Spanish missionaries on indigenous artists

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY

Major works by leading figures of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries

MASTERPIECES

CHIHULY: INSIDE & OUT BY DAVE CHIHULY

The artist's monumental colored glass sculpture commissioned and installed in 2000

GALAXY BY JACKSON POLLOCK

The artists' amazing 1947 canvas, centerpiece of the Modern and Contemporary Collection

LITTLE DANCER, FOURTEEN YEARS OLD BY EDGAR DEGAS

Two plaster versions of Degas' famed sculpture

THE MEADOW BY CLAUDE MONET

A prime example of Impressionism art

PORTRAIT OF DIRCK VAN OS BY REMBRANDT VAN RIJN

Portrait of the prominent Dutch citizen; newly conserved painting and reintroduced

YOUNG GIRLS AT THE PIANO BY PIERRE AUGUSTE RENOIR

Selected for a government commission in 1892

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Hot Shops Art Center

Artful Adventures

FROM WORLD-CLASS CREATIVE SPACES TO INNOVATIVE PUBLIC ART DISPLAYS, OMAHA IS AN ART DESTINATION.

Omaha boasts an impressive concentration of public art and art-based centers – most of which are free and open to the public.

For a space with a major creative, open and urban feel, check out KANEKO. This cultural space housed in three downtown warehouses was founded by renowned artist Jun Kaneko and wife Ree. The venue operates its progressive programming with an “open space for your mind” theme by hosting innovative artists, exhibitions, performances and events which explore the creative process in a unique way.

The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts is another art heavy-hitter. Founded by artists for artists, the Center provides residency for creatives from around the globe. Visitors will find inspiration in the ever-changing contemporary art exhibitions featuring work from new and seasoned artists alike.



Hot Shops Art Center



Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts

Find out more info at VisitOmaha.com

WHAT TO SEE & DO

For an art experience unlike any other, visit Hot Shops Art Center – aptly named for “hot shops” featuring glass blowing, pottery and bronze casting. Over 80 studio artists welcome you to visit, explore and view this massive 92,000 sq. ft. warehouse with displays that run the art form gamut. Even try your hand at making your own masterpieces. Four art galleries host evolving exhibitions. Their lively bi-annual open houses are a can’t-miss.

Lace up your walking shoes and discover Omaha’s public art on foot. Pioneer Courage Park and Spirit of Nebraska’s Wilderness Park, one of the world’s largest collections of bronze and stainless steel, spans six city blocks downtown and feature installations depicting Omaha’s pioneer history. Just a walk away is the 32,000 sq. ft. mural Fertile Ground, one of the largest public murals in the country. Head east to see Monument to Labor, the second largest labor monument in the United States. With more than 350 public art displays in Omaha, we haven’t even begun to scratch the surface of Omaha’s art scene.

**To start your own tour
go to PublicArtOmaha.org
on your mobile device**



Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness Park



Fertile Ground



Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory



Rose Garden

Lauritzen Gardens

100-ACRES OF BOTANICAL BEAUTY – AN URBAN OASIS NESTLED IN THE HILLS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER.

Walk through 20 themed gardens and experience nature in vivid, living color – rose gardens, English gardens, herb gardens, wildflowers, Victorian gardens – it’s a hidden sanctuary filled with aromatic plant life.

Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory

The 20,000 sq. ft. garden under glass is a four-season must-see when you visit Omaha. From tropical gardens with soaring palms and vibrant flowers, to temperate gardens with moss-covered oak trees and blooming azaleas, the conservatory is an ever-changing gallery of magnificent floral displays. One cool feature is the gradual 20-foot rise in elevation; it provides surprises around every corner, including a 10-foot waterfall, a large pool with water lilies, and at the top an

overlook of the Missouri River Valley with the entrance to the garden’s century-old bur oak forest.

Model Railroad Garden

Enter a world of miniatures where G-scale trains travel on twiggy trestles. This meticulously handcrafted garden is made of all natural materials such as leaves, twigs, bark, berries, pinecones and cinnamon sticks. It includes stunning reproductions of natural landscapes and Omaha landmarks.

The Real Thing

Lauritzen Gardens is home to two of the most powerful locomotives ever built. Union Pacific Railroad’s Centennial No. 6900 and Big Boy 4023 are on grand display. Perched on a hill overlooking Interstate 80, they serve as a giant welcome to visitors to Omaha.



Model Railroad Garden



THEMED GARDENS:

- Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary*
- Children's Garden*
- Conservation Discovery Garden*
- English Perennial Border*
- Festival Garden*
- Founders' Garden*
- Garden in the Glen*
- Garden of Memories*
- Herb Garden*
- Rose Garden*
- Song of the Lark Meadow*
- Spring Flowering Walk*
- Tree Peony Garden*
- Victorian Garden*
- Woodland Trail*
- Woodland Waterfall*
- Japanese Garden*



Fontenelle Forest



Outdoor Recreation

OMAHA IS AN OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST'S PLAYGROUND.

Tree-lined walking and biking trails wind through the city, five area lakes and two rivers provide a variety of boating and fishing opportunities, and the city's vast array of parks and gardens each offer their own unique fresh-air experience.

FORGET THE BOAT

Check out Driftwood Paddleboard Adventures and its sunset paddleboard tours, which are a fun way to explore Omaha lakes in a more active way. Or try tubing and tanking down the Elkhorn River for a more leisurely float. In order to figure out which to choose, tubing or tanking, first determine how wet you're willing to get. Tanking entails riding in an 8-ft. diameter stock tank complete with

custom made picnic tables, while tubing is more of an all-in experience involving sitting in commercial grade inner tubes and floating in the river.

BIRDING

Located along the wooded Missouri River Valley and along a main migratory path, Omaha is a birding hotspot. Spring and fall are peak birding seasons, but because the area offers diverse birding habitat – lakes, prairies, woodlands and riverbanks – a variety of bird species can be found most any time of year. Fontenelle Forest and Omaha's many lakes are great places to bring the binoculars and start birding.

GOLF

Rolling hills and tree lined fairways, water hazards and sand traps, each course has its own character filled with competitive challenges. From executive style to championship courses, you'll enjoy playing Omaha's unique golf landscape.

For more golf info go to VisitOmaha.com



Indian Creek Golf Course

18-HOLE GOLF COURSES

- BENSON PARK
PAR 72
- ELMWOOD PARK
PAR 68
- JOHNNY GOODMAN
PAR 72
- KNOLLS
PAR 71
- MIRACLE HILLS
PAR 70
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Central Omaha is the cool, hip kid with a creative flair. From the Benson neighborhood and its indie rock clubs to the Dundee District known for its culinary delights, this part of the city fuses old and new. And one of the newest is Midtown Crossing, a playground for the taste buds with a variety of restaurant options mixed with live outdoor entertainment during the summer. Close by is the historic Blackstone District, an emerging neighborhood known as the birthplace of the Reuben sandwich. Further west is Aksarben Village, filled with live entertainment throughout the year.



Heartland of America Park

North Omaha is the history buff who loves digging into the past. Home to Omaha's oldest community, Florence, this area pays tribute to the city's pioneer days and the Mormon migration of the 1800s. North Omaha is also the place to catch the heritage of jazz; where Duke Ellington, Count Basie and other great jazz artists once played.

South Omaha is the explorer interested in new experiences. Visit in and around South 24th Street and feel the multi-cultural influence. From colorful murals that paint a picture of history, to the intricately tiled sidewalks and authentic cuisine, South Omaha is filled with distinct flavor.



Midtown Crossing



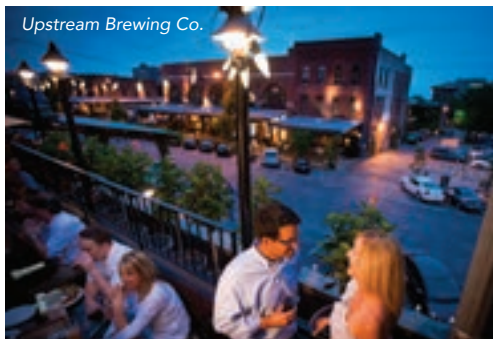
The Old Market

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Back in the 1880s, Omaha was railroad central and served as the gateway from the settled East to the wild, wide-open West. The Old Market and its red-brick warehouses and cobblestone streets were the epicenter of activity, bustling with produce dealers, buyers and traders. All of that changed in the late 1950s when the area was threatened with building condemnation. But Sam Mercer,

the son of a prominent physician and landowner, wanted to renovate the old buildings for new uses. At the time, Mercer's idea was said to be foolish; today he is considered a visionary. See a true merging of old and new, like a brew pub inside the 1903 firehouse and a contemporary art center inside a former grocery warehouse. This lively 20-square block area is uniquely Omaha and filled with nostalgia and innovation.





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The fun doesn't stop at food. Sip wine while creating art at Village Canvas and Cabernet. Enjoy a local or nationally brewed beer or wine at the bar before catching the latest flick at Aksarben Cinema. Drop into Spirit World for that rare wine (and maybe a gourmet sandwich or glass of whisky).

Adjacent to Aksarben Village is Stinson Park, which offers an array of live entertainment events throughout the year. Just north of the retail area is the Omaha Farmers Market from May through October. Active folks may be tempted to hop on a B-Cycle bicycle to explore the nearby trails.



Omaha Crush Festival

Take a breather from dining, shopping and fun and indulge in some area history. Aksarben Village stands where the bustling Ak-Sar-Ben Race Track (1919-1995) and Coliseum once did. Its celebrated history is punctuated in Stinson Park with a bronze figure marking the grave of Omaha, the 1935 Triple Crown winner.

Stay close by – Courtyard by Marriott and Residence Inn are located just a walk away from Aksarben Village.



Maha Music Festival

Saturdays at Stinson



STOPS IN THE VILLAGE

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Benson

WELCOME TO BENSON, THE OLD MARKET'S QUIRKY COUSIN. A HOT NIGHTLIFE DISTRICT KNOWN FOR FROSTY BEER, GOOD MUSIC AND ZOMBIES...YES...ZOMBIES.

Don't miss this trendy, historic neighborhood always buzzing with activity...especially at night. Each year, Benson's streets fill with thriller-style zombies marching in an (almost) lively parade. Professional makeup artists are on hand to enhance the terror and all are welcome to "ghoulify" and walk for free. The rest of the year, Benson is a not-so-mild mannered entertainment district with live music pouring out of The Waiting Room – a nationally recognized indie rock club. Benson's cool vibe is mirrored inside the club as it hosts national, regional and local artists in an intimate setting.

The cool atmosphere, cold beer and hot music make every night out in Benson one to remember.

Krug Park will spice up the night with a dozen Bloody Mary concoctions and an array of craft cocktails. Not to be outdone by its craft brew neighbors, Krug has been listed in *Draft Magazine's* 100 Best Beer Bars in America three years running.

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- The Sydney Bar & Lounge:
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Krug Park



Zombie Walk

BENSON MUST-SEES

- Shooter, the Benson bar cat, can be seen sauntering in and out of the neighborhood bars greeting patrons and nuzzling bartenders.
- Benson's other party animal is Sam, the beloved party dog of Burke's Pub. The friendly Great Dane entertains patrons and adds to the bar's care-free vibe.
- The streets light up during Benson First Fridays. Artists and art enthusiasts enjoy live music, spoken word, street performances, visual art and more.
- Benson's boutiques and shops range from classic vintage and local art, to health and wellness.
- Beercade is every fanboy's dream come true. Enjoy craft beer and wall-to-wall classic arcade games such as Skee-ball, Pac-Man and Mortal Combat.

For more a complete list of Benson must-sees go to VisitOmaha.com

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Midtown Crossing

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Dining is a must in this entertaining neighborhood, with options ranging from upscale Mexican food at Cantina Laredo and contemporary cuisine at Crave, to fast-casual at Chicago Dawg House and food for the furry at Three Dog Bakery.

Enjoy the farm-to-table freshness of The Grey Plume, one of the greenest restaurants in the country. Find Grey's house-made charcuterie, jams and more at Provisions by The Grey Plume. After shopping for your new fresh food favorites, stay for a Provisions cooking class. Classes range from basic knife skills and Artisan bread baking to chocolate production and soup making. Take your culinary creations home to enjoy them later!



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Grane

The Blackstone District

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Omaha's Blackstone District has some serious bragging rights as the home of the Reuben sandwich. Yes, the sandwich was created in the Blackstone District back in the 1920s, and visitors can taste the original recipe at Crescent Moon. Consistently ranked one of the top beer bars in the country by *DRAFT* magazine, "The Moon" is located above Huber Haus, an authentic German beer hall serving up beer, brats and the famous Das Boot! Both are friendly neighbors to Beertopia, Omaha's premier beer emporium offering nearly 600 international specialty beers.



WHERE TO PLAY

Along with its rich history, Blackstone District offers some of the newest local favorites. Two new craft breweries, Farnam House Brewing and Scriptown Brewery, have added to Omaha's growing reputation as a craft beer city, and each offer a unique experience.

Nite Owl is the quirky, cool craft cocktail bar with a late night food menu featuring thick burgers, salty fries, and fresh salads until 2am. A couple doors down is Mula, Blackstone's ultra trendy Mexican restaurant and certified tequileria. A block away, Noli's Pizzeria serves up New York style pizza and Italian desserts. Nightlife options, unique shops, and friendly locals make Blackstone an Omaha weekend hot spot.



Noli's Pizzeria



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For soul food, check out Big Mama's Kitchen and order up a pig ear sandwich and sweet potato pie ice cream. Big Mama's has become a television culinary staple, featured on Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*, Sundance Channel's *Ludo Bites America* and Travel Channel's *101 Tastiest Places to Chow Down* (ranked #56).



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Dozens of family-owned restaurants line the intricately tiled sidewalks, each offering their own distinct and authentic flavor. Enjoy savory slow-cooked chicken enchiladas, fiery roasted jalapeños and carne asada (thinly sliced steak, marinated and grilled; it will melt in your mouth). Don't forget about margaritas; El Alamo, Gauca Maya and Howard's Charro Café are known for serving up the delicious cocktail.



WHERE TO PLAY



Tree of Life on South 24th St.

South Omaha also serves up old-world family recipes such as Czechoslovakian kolaches at The Bohemian Café, and Lithuanian tortes at Lithuanian Bakery. A local favorite is the Ethnic Sandwich Shop, which features homemade Italian food fast. Don't let the hole-in-the-wall ambience fool you; the meatball sub and Italian sausage sandwich will have you coming back for more.

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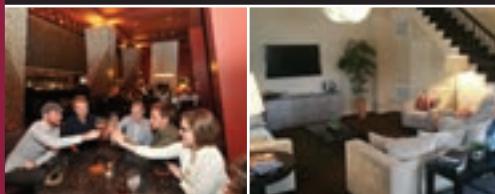
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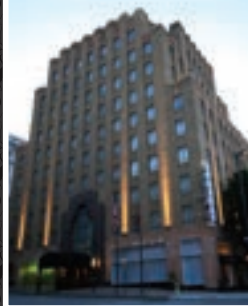
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Cradled in the heart of the Benson neighborhood, this cozy pub is known for two ales: the Benson Blonde, an easy drinking and approachable ale, and Karha-T, a spiced mild English ale. Check out the menu as well – customers rave about the Seitan Vegan Wings (you can't tell it's not chicken).

BRICKWAY BREWERY

This combination brewery/distillery is all about honoring the grit and old-school craftsmanship that the city was built upon – great beer and stiff whiskey. Check out the Borgata Oatmeal Cream Stout, proof that not all dark beers are created equal.

FARNAM HOUSE BREWERY

Started by two home brewers who spent years perfecting their craft, Tony and Phil are now brewing a spectacular line-up of artisan farmhouse ales, experimental barrel-aged brews and American Sour ales. Farnam House is also known for its great menu, made up of locally-sourced ingredients and beer-infused creations.

INFUSION BREWING CO.

Using a classic seven-barrel pub brewing system, Infusion serves up their craft beers year-round while changing up the seasonal brews almost weekly. A local fav is the Vanilla Bean Blonde, made with Madagascar Vanilla Beans which give it a unique flavor.



LUCKY BUCKET BREWERY

In the days before kegs and bottles, the only way to get beer was to take a bucket to the local brewery. Lucky Bucket is all about paying homage to the great beer traditions of the past with a new twist. With a focus on barrel-aged beers, Lucky Bucket brews five beers year-round and new seasonal beers throughout the year.

NEBRASKA BREWING COMPANY

Established as a Midwest innovator of quality craft beer and artisanal barrel-aged product, Nebraska Brewing is always pushing the envelope. Try the Cardinal Pale Ale, a deep golden beer with a floral/citrus aroma.

SCRIPTOWN BREWING COMPANY

A session-beer driven microbrewery offering a variety of seasonal beers, Scriptown is all about easy drinking in a rustic atmosphere. A session-beer has relatively low-alcohol content in comparison to regular beer. Try the Muddy Mo Amber Ale, a Scriptown favorite.

SOARING WINGS VINEYARD & BREWING

Located on a hill overlooking the Platte River Valley, it's part brewery, part winery, and 100% pure relaxation. Longtime winemaker and brewer Jim Shaw began his craft at 13 years old, secretly fermenting mulberry wine in his closet. Today his hill-top winery/brewery, nestled among corn fields and grape vines, is an oasis on the plains. Enjoy live outdoor music throughout the season.

UPSTREAM BREWING COMPANY

Located in the old historic firehouse in downtown Omaha's Old Market Entertainment District, Upstream serves 12 fresh-brewed draught beers plus cask-conditioned and barrel-aged beers. The full menu of new American Pub fare is also awesome – favorites include the Smoked Gouda & Beer Cheese soup, and Beer-braised Pot Roast.



MAP YOUR TOUR

Go to OmahaCraftBrew.com on your mobile phone to access a list of breweries, locations, featured beer, details and directions.





Raising Reuben

OMAHA CALLS TO ALL TRUE FOODIES – THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ALWAYS TRAVEL FOR THE ORIGINAL. THESE WISE DINERS ARE INVITED TO OMAHA FOR THE ORIGINAL REUBEN SANDWICH.

The story of how and where the Reuben sandwich began had been debated throughout the years – but the truth is, the sandwich was created at Omaha’s Blackstone Hotel. During a late-night poker game, a local grocer was asked to “ante up” and create a new dish. The result is now an American menu staple. How do you create a national treasure? You start with two pieces of grilled marble rye and stuff it with slow cooked corned beef topped with sauerkraut, bubbly Swiss cheese, and creamy Russian or Thousand Island dressing. Each Omaha Reuben hot spot adds a unique spin to the classic.

REUBEN HOT SPOTS

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Across the street from the Blackstone Hotel is the Crescent Moon, a current hotspot for the culinary favorite.



The Reuben has been a menu staple at the Dundee Dell since 1934. Choose from corned beef or turkey, and taste test their super secret sauce.

HERE'S A FEW TASTY TAKES ON THIS OMAHA CLASSIC:

- **BRAZEN HEAD IRISH PUB'S** Rachel Reuben is made with tender smoked turkey, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing and Havarti cheese all between the traditional marble rye.
- **BARRETT'S BARLEYCORN PUB & GRILL** takes the classic approach of corned beef, swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and Thousand Island dressing on grilled rye.
- **GOLDBERGS IN DUNDEE'S** Montana Reuben uses oven roasted turkey topped with Swiss cheese and creamy coleslaw as a fun twist.

Hungry for more? Check out the Now Serving Omaha videos online



Legendary Steak

WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY A MOUTHWATERING STEAK (OR TWO, OR THREE) IN A CITY THAT TAKES ITS REPUTATION AS A BEEF DESTINATION SERIOUSLY.

If expertise is derived from experience, then Omaha's got a leg up on steak. With an industry dating back to the 1880s, steak is a large part of Omaha's DNA – and it's evident in the passion and loyal following of the city's many established steakhouses.

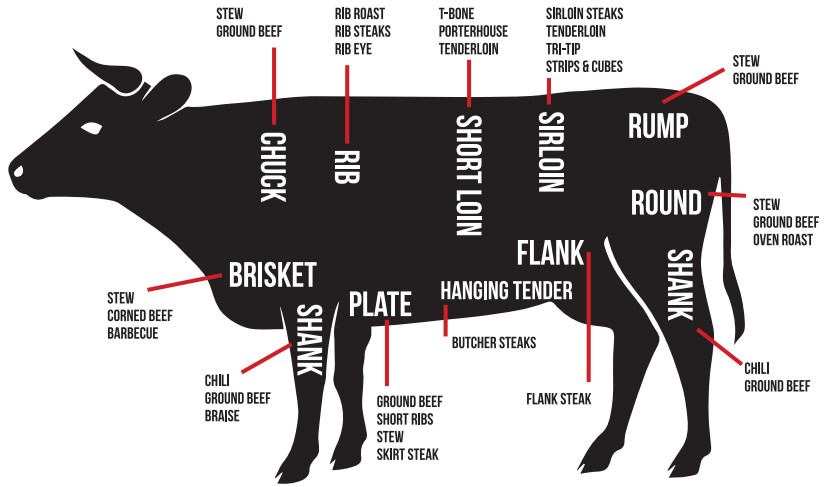
It's tempting to believe steak is inherently delicious, but there's more to a cut of meat than just the quality. Preparation is key, and this city takes it seriously. Omaha has adopted various methods in order to cook the perfect steak: flame broiled, whiskey doused, and wood fire-grilled – all delicious, with each catering to a certain type of steak eater. Grill times and temperatures matter too. Well-done and medium are options, but pure carnivores (or simply steak connoisseurs) may dare to go medium-rare or rare.

The Great Omaha Steak Debate was born out of Omaha's reputation as a steak city, thanks to plentiful restaurants offering a



WHERE DOES YOUR MEAT COME FROM?

All cuts of beef are not created equal. Learn your beef with the diagram at right, and see where not only your t-bone or sirloin steak originate, but ground beef, short ribs and skirt steak too.



succulent variety of the beloved meat. Visitors are invited to seek out the city’s variety of delectable options – and pick their favorite.

The Drover is a landmark chophouse and home to whisky-marinated Certified Angus Beef steak. After enjoying bourbon at the bar, savor your meal in the cozy dining area complete with candlelight and fireplace.

Omaha Prime is one of the few restaurants in the country to serve only the best USDA Prime Steaks and chops selected based on marbling, quality and flavor. Steak and red wine are fine culinary complements; enhance dinner with a glass of vino from their impressive selection.

It’s only appropriate that Warren Buffett is a steak-eater. At Gorat’s, an Omaha institution of more than seventy years, look to a neighboring table and you may just see the Omaha billionaire savoring a steak too.

At Anthony’s Steakhouse, each in-house cut and prepared Premium Black Angus Beef steak is aged for at least twenty-one days, guaranteeing tender and flavorful perfection.

So who serves up the best Omaha steak? It’s your pilgrimage to make.

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USING FRESH, LOCALLY-PRODUCED INGREDIENTS IS MORE THAN A TREND - IT'S A MOVEMENT THAT'S INSPIRING TRAVEL AND PUTTING OMAHA ON THE "FOODIE MAP."

When thinking about Omaha's agricultural background and central location, it makes sense that the city would be on the forefront of a fresh food movement. New and classic Omaha restaurants have dedicated their kitchens and menus to showcasing the best meat and produce from local farms.

A leader in freshness can be found at The Grey Plume. Featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Midwest Living* and *Parade*, The Grey Plume is considered one of the greenest restaurants in America, serving with "local sustainable and delicious" in mind. Award-winning chef and owner Clayton Chapman maintains the vision of a fine dining

experience where food is art filled with rich and decadent flavors – even the plates are created by local artists.

The Boiler Room, located in a refurbished industrial space in Omaha's Old Market Entertainment District, features farm-fresh foods in a unique presentation that makes for a distinct culinary experience. Modern Love inspires vegans from across the country to plan their foodie excursions to Omaha. Popular vegan cooking personality Isa Chandra Moskowitz leads with the focus of providing "swanky vegan comfort food" made with local ingredients. Enjoy Mac & Shews, a vegan/gluten free spin on a classic, or a variety of vegan desserts.

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LOT 2

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1319 S 50th St

THE GREY PLUME

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FRESH FORK FACTS

Dante Ristorante Pizzeria serves farm-to-table rustic Italian cuisine.

Dining at Lot 2 is an international culinary journey using produce from Omaha farms.

Kitchen Table's daily specials mean a rotating menu bursting with local flavor.

Block 16 serves up a craveable burger and fries combo with a side of secret sauce. Taste the freshness of tomatoes picked from the owner's garden.

Omaha Farmers Markets offer farm-fresh produce and everything from cooking demonstrations to pet-friendly treats.



Kitchen Table



Lot 2



California Tacos and More

Quick & Quirky

OMAHA'S CULINARY LANDSCAPE CELEBRATES A WIDE VARIETY OF FOODIE FAVORITES INCLUDING SOME NEW OUT-OF-BOX CREATIONS.

Get ready to dig in and experience food that takes taste buds outside their comfort zone. California Tacos and More is one of those places. Featured on the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives*, "Cali" Taco is known for its signature tacos and unique Mexican flair. Housemade fried, puffy taco shells are stuffed (and we mean stuffed) with meat, lettuce and cheese. Head over to the toppings bar to add more of your favorites – pico de gallo, jalapenos, onions, etc.

Share your quick and quirky Omaha faves with #OmahaWeekend



Runza

Foodies with an itch for history will enjoy a culinary tour back to the late 1800s, when Jewish immigrants introduced a meat brined and cured for days with salts, sugars and pickling spices. Today that special recipe is used to create Brewburger's signature sandwich – a mouth-watering smoked brisket. Brewburger's was also featured on *Diners, Drive-ins & Dives*.

Big Mama's Kitchen is another *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives* alumni and was featured on the Travel Channel's *101 Tastiest Places to Chow Down*. Omaha's soul food queen, Big Mama, is known for her signature dishes like the Afro Burger, Pig Ear Sandwich, oven-fried chicken and sweet potato pie ice cream.

OMAHA FOOD TRUCKS ARE SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF CASUAL AND PORTABLE EATS TO KEEP YOU FUELED AND ENERGIZED.

Quick and convenient is great, but some dishes need to be savored or even...conquered. The Stellanator, weighing in at 4.5 lbs. and 4,900 calories includes six burger patties, six fried eggs, six pieces of cheese, 12 pieces of bacon, lettuce, tomato, fried onions, pickles, jalapeños and peanut butter. Stella's has only seen 19 successful takedowns (280 have lost). The record finishing time is 3 min. 40 sec. Bring on the meat sweats!

A less challenging but equally delicious meal can be found at the Surfside Club. Here's the menu: fried chicken, fried catfish and corn fritters. Yes, this cozy, quirky joint specializes in three items and fans go crazy for them. Located on the banks of the Missouri River, Surfside offers fun fried food in a chill atmosphere.

Stop for a cozy and portable runza, aka "a meal in a bunza" at Runza. A local favorite, the runza is a pocket of dough filled with beef, cabbage, seasonings and sometimes cheese. So popular, out-of-towners order them by the case, freeze them and take them home.

Bronco's, another Omaha fast-food tradition, opened more than 50 years ago, back when "fast food" was still a new concept. Known for its 100% ground beef burgers, Bronco's still makes its French fries daily from fresh whole potatoes – yum!



Stella's



The Cordial Cherry

Sweet Tooth

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Chocolate lovers will fall for delectable chocolate art at The Cordial Cherry, a whimsical shop stocked with homemade, hand-decorated chocolate covered cherry cordials. Old Market Candy Shop whips up a multitude of chocolate candy confections, including fudge made with housemade cream and butter; don't leave without their deceptively-named mud balls and chicken legs. Hollywood Candy will satisfy the kid at heart with retro candies, homemade fudge and chocolates, an authentic soda fountain, and savory-sweet goodies like chocolate-covered bacon and potato chips.

Whether summer or winter, ice cream beckons in Omaha. Ted & Wally's boasts super-premium made from scratch ice cream with 18% butterfat and all-natural ingredients.



Hollywood Candy



Ted & Wally's

With its selection of slow-churned fresh flavors made daily, like Peanut Butter Pumpkin Pie, Puppy chow and New York Vanilla, this ice cream parlor is the real deal. In Dundee, trendy eCreamery serves sixteen staple flavors of specialty ice cream, gelato and dairy-free sorbet. Create your own flavor after your visit at eCreamery.com.

Cake fans must sink their teeth into a cupcake, cake or cheesecake from Jones Bros. Cupcakes, featured on *Cupcake Wars*. Sweet & Salty, Turtle Brownie or Strawberry Lemonade cupcake, anyone? For ultimate textural satisfaction, Lithuanian Bakery's Napoleon torte – eight wafer layers with buttercreams of vanilla and lemon extracts with a hint of apricot in the center – is a local favorite.

OMAHA SIGNATURE DESSERTS

KOLACHES

The Bohemian Café

CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRIES

The Cordial Cherry

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Art lovers and antique collectors can bring home a piece of Omaha with unique works from Omaha's local galleries. Mangelsen

Images of Nature Gallery is filled with exquisite limited edition photographs, and Old Market Artists Gallery features work by over a dozen artists. Antiquers will happily get lost in The Imaginarium and Joe's Collectibles, among many others.

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- City Limits is stocked with funky paper products and gifts, and even has a corner dedicated to bacon-inspired items.
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