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Historical Attractions and Museums

USS Alabama Battleship Park Mobile, Alabama

The USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park opened to the public on January 9, 1965. It is a must-see for any history buff. It is among Alabama's top 10 attractions for motorcoach tours and group travel.Located in Mobile, Alabama, it is minutes away from downtown Mobile, local restaurants and hotels.

The park has two National Historic Landmarks: the USS Alabama and the USS Drum. The centerpiece, of course, is the USS Alabama herself, earning nine battle stars during WWII. Across from the Alabama is the USS Drum, which earned 12 battle stars. The USS Alabama and USS Drum are not the only exhibits visitors can explore. The Medal of Honor Aircraft Pavilion houses an array of aircraft, historic vehicles, war artifacts and a memorial wall that pays tribute to Alabama's Medal of Honor recipients. A B-25 Mitchell Bomber, an A-12 spy plane and a Grumman Goose are just three of the more than 30 aircraft displayed in the pavilion and around the park.

The Battleship Memorial Park has memorials that honor men and women who wore this country's uniform in all conflicts. You will see, among others, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, complete with a standing POW bracelet, and the Fallen Guardian Memorial, honoring those whose lives were lost in service to the U.S. Coast Guard.

After touring, stop by the gift shop to bring memories home with you.

All tours are self-guided, allowing visitors to tour at their desired pace. Buses receive free parking.

Group rate discounts are available for parties larger than 10. Reservations are required for all group tour reservations. For more information on group tours contact Genavese Harris at gharris@ussalabama.com.

The park is open every day except Christmas Day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The ticket office and gift shop close at 4 p.m.

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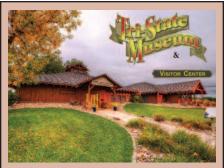
Visit ussalabama.com or contact (251) 433-2703 to learn more about *USS Alabama* Battleship Memorial Park.

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Beautiful Crawford County is home to endless activities and diverse amenities. Crawford County, part of the Great Lakes Region, borders Ohio and is conveniently located right off Pennsylvania Interstate 79, 30 minutes north of I-80 or 30 minutes south of I-90. Enjoy a great multiday trip, approved by the locals.

Day One

Start your day off in Linesville "Where Ducks Walk on the Fish" at Pymatuning State Park's "The Spillway." Throw bread and watch the frenzy of thousands of carp and ducks fight for the bread. Enjoy the picturesque state park and swing into town for



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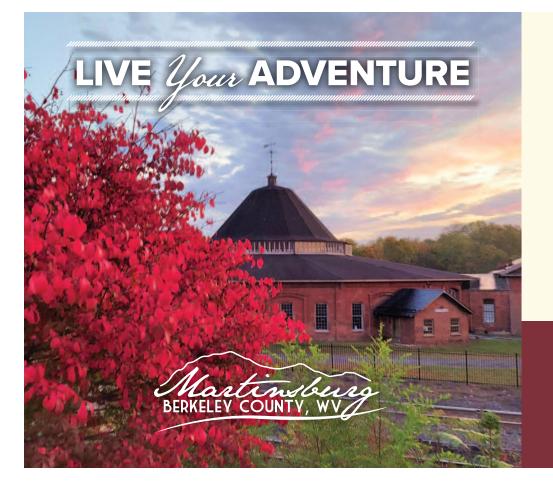
lower enclosed room to view Pennsylvania's largest glacial lake.



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Day Two

Ride the historic Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad across "the Valley that Changed the World." Enjoy fun murder mystery din-



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After the three-hour train ride, enjoy all that Titusville has to offer.

Day Three

Visit historic Meadville Market House built in 1870, This structure is the oldest, continuously-operated market in Pennsylvania featuring many local vendors.

Tour the Baldwin Reynolds House Museum, built in 1843. The mansion was the quintessential Southern home – located in northwestern Pennsylvania with a huge national history impact. Enjoy daily tours, dinner theaters, lectures, music and more.

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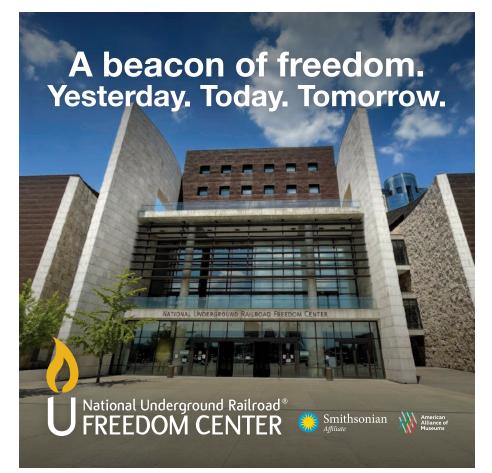
Georgetown. The Kaminski House Museum is a wonderful stop for any group tour, a historic home offering insight into society over the past 200 years. Built in 1769, this Georgian Style Antebellum home offers one hour docent-led tours for the special group price of \$10 per person with free admission for the tour operator and bus driver.

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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Waco, Texas

"One riot, one ranger," is a phrase made famous by Texas Ranger Captain W.J. McDonald in the very early 1900s. McDonald was called upon by a mayor to stop a forbidden prize fight and ease an angry mob. When stepping off the train by himself, the puzzled mayor asked, "Where are the others?" To that McDonald replied, "Hell, ain't I enough? There's only one riot, isn't there?"

It was the reputation of McDonald and early Texas Rangers that personified an icon of rugged individualism, courage, honesty and virtue. They have created an image that criminals fear and children idolize.

The legendary Texas Rangers are the oldest state law enforcement agency. They celebrated their 200th anniversary in 2023. Tracing its lineage back to 1823, Rangers have served through three centuries under five flags – Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the State of Texas, Confederate Texas and the U.S. again.

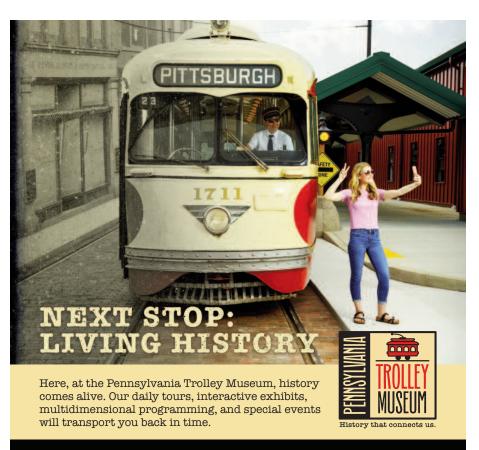
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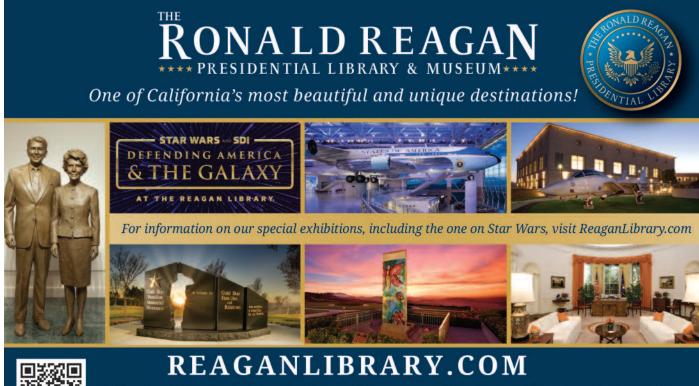


The official Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum is conveniently located off Interstate 35 at the Brazos River in Waco, Texas. Visitors learn about the history of the Texas Rangers through exhibits, which include badges, firearms, photographs and other artifacts on display. In addition, children will enjoy a bandit hunt. The Texas Rangers, with their cowboy hats and silver stars on their shirt pockets, remain an important part of heritage.

Sponsored by the City of Waco, more than four million persons have visited its museum, hall of fame, research library, Ranger headquarters building and banquet facilities. *Texas Highways* magazine readers ranked it one of the Best Texas Museums, *USA Today* called it one of the nation's outstanding Halls of Fame and *True West Magazine* titled it the Best Western History Museum in Texas.



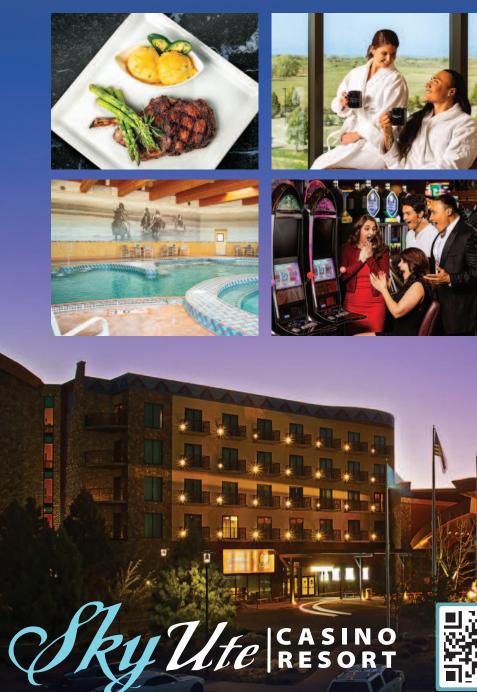
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National Watch & Clock Museum Columbia, Pennsylvania

The National Watch & Clock Museum is home to North America's largest collection of unique and exquisite timepieces. It opened to the public in 1977 with approximately 1,000 artifacts on display. Today, the museum has more than 13,000 items.

Visitors can explore the history and methods of timekeeping from early mechanical clocks and watches to the precision of atomic clocks. Learn what makes a clock tick and how watches moved from pockets to wrists. Explore the history, art and science of timepieces from around the <image>



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world: tall case clocks, cuckoo clocks, pocket watches, wristwatches, musical clocks and so much more.

Special exhibits highlight the watchmaking history of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from small start-ups to the world-renowned Hamilton Watch Co. The exhibits are continually refreshed and new ones added to engage visitors in the stories told by clocks and watches. Discover the history, art and technology of timekeeping as told by the largest collection on the continent.

Located across the street from the museum, the School of Horology offers hands-on workshops for clock and watch repair, training on machining technology for horology and instruction for decorative techniques such as stenciling and under-glass painting. Classes are aimed at variety of skill levels, from beginner to professional.

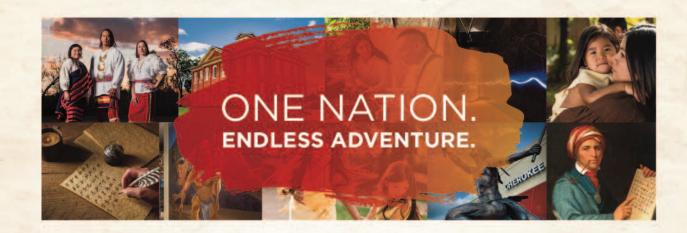
Also on the museum's campus is the Library and Research Center. It has more than 30,000 horological books, catalogs and periodicals, and the subjects range from the repair of clocks and watches to the philosophy of time. Library staff are available to assist members of the public with research requests for a nominal fee.

The National Watch & Clock Museum is proud of its role in preserving horological artifacts for the next generation. The museum strives to foster a wide appreciation for the craftsmanship of clocks



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and watches and the stories they tell. Visit the museum to learn about the rich history and exciting future of horology.

Buses and tour groups are welcomed. The huge parking lot, accessible building, plentiful restrooms and group rates make bus trips easy and stress-free.

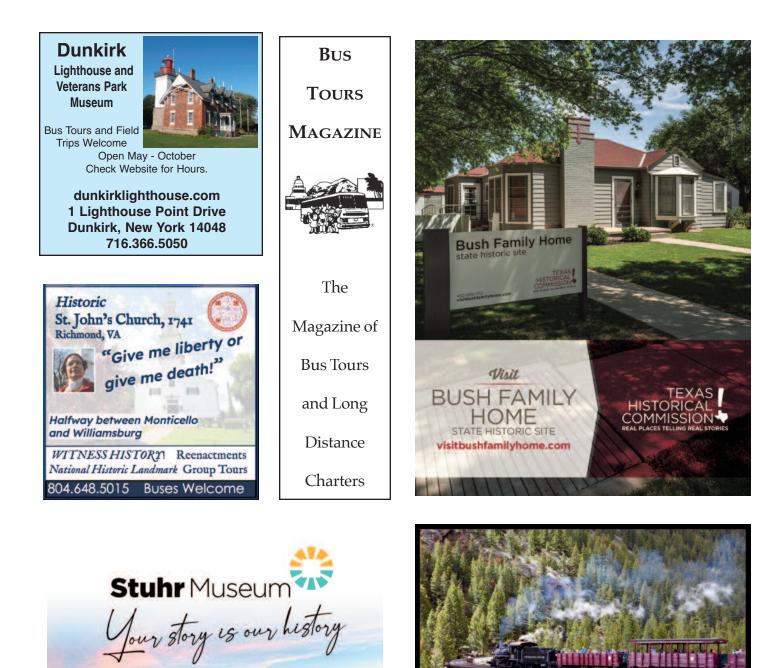
Grissom Air Museum Peru, Indiana

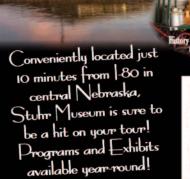
The Grissom Air Museum was created by seven volunteers who wanted to tell the story about the base and those who served. The base was started during WWII as Bunker Hill Naval Air station. They trained pilots to fly missions protecting our nation. While there were many service members that came through the base, Ted Williams of Baseball fame, got his start here.

About 1954, the U.S. Air Force asked to take over the base and changed the name to Bunker Hill Air Force Base. Fast forward to 1968, the base had changed its name to honor a Hoosier native and hero to Grissom



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Air Force Base after the death of Lt. Col. Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom.

The Grissom Air Museum tells the history of the Bunker Hill Naval Air Station, Bunker Hill Air Force Base and Grissom Air Force and Reserve Base. Their stories as well as the aircraft that were flown and maintained are talked about.

While there were many aircraft that were stationed on base, one such incredible aircraft that served was the B-58 Hustler. This aircraft set multiple records, some of which remain unbroken today. Two such stories tell us about Captain Manuel "Rocky" Cervantes who died in a Broken Arrow during an alert training exercise. Another pilot who died in a training exercise over McKinney, Kenticky was Major Dick Blakslee. Both stories, while tragic, told us about the dedication and passion that they held for our nation.

Museum visitors can see more than 28 military aircraft on the grounds, such as a Boeing B-47 Stratojet. Introduced in 1947, B-47s were the world's first strategic swept-wing bombers. Another popular plane is the museum's Republic-Fairchild A10 Thunderbolt, which was built to destroy Soviet-armored columns. Introduced during the early 1970s, Thunderbolts are still used in combat.

The museum's paved wheelchair- and stroller-friendly sidewalks lead you past the other airplanes in the airpark.



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Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation Carey, Ohio

Since 1875, countless pilgrims have journeyed to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio to offer prayers of thanks and to confide their needs to the Mother of God, Mary – Consoler of the Afflicted.

A statue of Mary enshrined in a small chapel in Luxembourg was attributed with giving many authenticated favors to visiting pilgrims. Father Joseph Peter Gloden, a 19th century pastor, commissioned a statue identical to this one for his church in Carey, Ohio.

The statue first arrived in Frenchtown, a parish about seven miles from Carey. The

events surrounding the statue's transfer would prove to be the beginning of its miraculous history.

In May 1875, rain clouds gathered and let loose the night before and the day of the procession to move the statue to Carey. According to Gloden's own account, "As soon as the statue was brought out of the church, the sun pierced the clouds and was shining on the whole line of the procession all the way," to within a mile of Carey. The rain, Gloden said, did not fall until the statue was safely inside its new home.

From that time, the church, now a minor basilica, has attracted hundreds of thousands of pilgrims. Many have claimed miraculous cures and have left crutches, stretchers and casts as witnessed proof of the powerful intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Consolation.

Visitors may attend daily mass in the Basilica or just enjoy some time for private prayer in the Original Shrine Church. The 30acre Shrine Park with its shaded walkways and beautiful landscaping provides a natural setting for the Stations of the Cross. The Shrine Gift Shop offers religious books, rosaries and gifts and is open six days a week, but closed on Mondays. The Shrine also has a cafeteria available for scheduled groups.

Our Lady of Consolation offers a number of special events throughout the year. All visitors are welcome at any time on their journey to faith, hope and healing. For more information, phone (419) 396-7107 or visit olcshrine.com.

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LaGrange, Georgia

In LaGrange, Georgia, an hour south of Atlanta, a new historical restoration project is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2025. A major initiative aimed at revitalizing and preserving the Mulberry Street Cemetery and highlighting its historical significance, this project honors and recognizes the unmarked graves in the cemetery, incorporates comprehensive public education elements, showcases regional and local history and creates a vibrant public space for shared community engagement. The Mulberry Street Cemetery includes the installation of a public boardwalk, landscaping enhancements and the preservation of existing historical markers.

Dating back to 1863, the Mulberry Street Cemetery has been the final resting place for individuals from diverse backgrounds, including soldiers from all 13 states of the Confederacy, and enslaved individuals who played vital roles as orderlies during the Civil War.

Through meticulous research and collaborative efforts among Visit LaGrange, the City of LaGrange and the Troup County Archives, 1,005 unmarked graves have been identified, shedding light on the lives of those who have been laid to rest there. Those in the unmarked graves are believed to be African Americans who were buried between 1863 and the early 1900s, and each will be honored with a stone marker.

The cemetery is home to the gravesite of Horace King, a renowned 19th-century bridge builder and legislator who became one of the most respected builders in the South. Born into slavery, King's legacy includes the construction of at least 125 bridges.

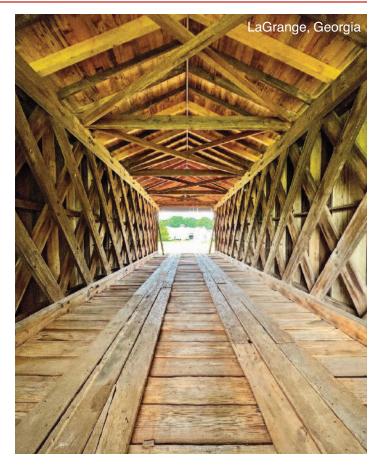
One major project was the Wehadkee Covered Bridge, built by King in Troup County in 1873. Destroyed by a flood in 1886, King's son George reconstructed it, and the bridge was relocated to Callaway Gardens in 1965. In 2021, the bridge was returned to Troup County and installed at the Mulberry Street Cemetery. Horace King's legacy, along with that of his son Marshal, is immortalized at the Mulberry Street Cemetery, marked by a distinguished granite monument.

The revitalization of the Mulberry Street Cemetery exemplifies the City of LaGrange's dedication to preserving its rich history and creating inclusive spaces for visitors and all members of the community to gather, reflect and learn.

Visit visitlagrange.com for moreinformation.

Billy Graham Library Charlotte, North Carolina

Warm weather in the Carolinas is a time when families plan family excursions and vacations, and teachers look for activities to keep their students engaged. If you are local to North Carolina or are planning to visit the Charlotte area, add the Billy Graham Library to your list of must-see destinations. Consistently ranked the #1 thing to do



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The Shrine Gift Shop is stocked with hundreds of items. The Gift Shop is open seven days a week, and extended hours are offered to accommodate groups if needed.





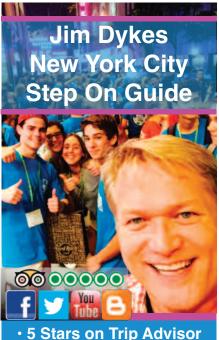
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in Charlotte on TripAdvisor, the Billy Graham Library offers an opportunity to discover the inspiring life and ministry of world-renowned evangelist Billy Graham.

Growing up on a dairy farm outside of Charlotte, North Carolina, Billy Graham could not have imagined how he would be used to share a message of God's love with millions around the world. For more than 80 years, Graham preached the Gospel to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history - more than 215 million people in live audiences across 185 countries and territories. Hundreds of millions more have been reached through television, video, film and the Internet. Since 2007, more than 1.9 million people have heard the same message of hope that Billy Graham preached around the world, still shared through the ongoing Crusade of the Billy Graham Library.

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A recent guest commented, "What an unexpected treasure. Not so much a library as the story of God weaving his story across generations and nations. It was a really well-created multimedia experience that took you right back to the farm Billy Graham grew up on and out into the nations."

Come journey through history with one of the most influential voices of the 20th century at the Billy Graham Library as you retrace the steps of Billy Graham's journey of faith. More information, as well as special event information and group booking details, is available at BillyGrahamLibrary.org.



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Both cruises will be packed with educational content including two dynamic speakers, an emphasis on the history of the region and related guided tours ashore. Beginning and ending in Kingston, Ontario, these four-night, five-day voyages will have overnight stops in the 1000 Islands, Brockville, Morrisburg and Gananoque.

These cruises are perfect for travellers who wish to deepen their knowledge of the area and culture of the 1000 Islands and the St. Lawrence River. They were designed in response to comments from passengers asking for additional educational opportunities to delve into the St. Lawrence River's storied past. Passengers can expect a warm, relaxing ambiance on board, and the calm waters of the region make these trips perfect for first-time cruisers.

The 32 riverboat staterooms all have windows facing the river so passengers can enjoy the gorgeous view anytime. Cruising the St. Lawrence River in the spring and in the fall are very different experiences. In the spring, passengers become very aware of the flora and fauna of the river coming to life. While in the fall, the Eastern Ontario region is famous for the changing colors of autumn leaves and gorgeous sunsets.

The spring cruise (May 12-16) costs \$2,096 per person; the fall cruise (October 15-19) is \$2,327, based on double occupancy. Fares include stateroom, meals, ship's reserve wine and domestic beer during meals, evening entertainment and daily shore excursions.

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York, Nebraska, "Crossroads of the Midwest," is located at the intersection of Interstate 80 and U.S. Highway 81. It is conveniently situated halfway between Lincoln and Grand Island, at one of the busiest intersections in the nation. A variety of services is offered to both groups and meeting planners alike when searching for that ideal location to host your event or a day of tours. York County is a full-service CVB offering welcome/visitor bags, name badges, registration assistance, entertainment/speaker ideas/ tour suggestions/assistance for groups.

York County is home to Fed Niblo, prolific silent-film director and one of the six founding members of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Academy Awards; the Clayton Museum of Ancient History, a world-class collection tracing man's history from 3,000 B.C. through the Roman Soldier period; Wessels Living History Farm, a unique working 1920s era educational farm; Lee's Marble Museum, which is, as far as we know, the world's largest, privatelyowned playing marble museum – a million dollar collection with in

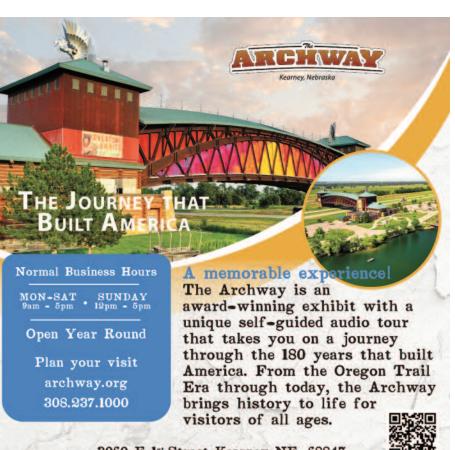


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excess of more than a million marbles; Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park tracing this Mennonite community's history and heritage back to its founding in the late 1800s and the Chances 'R' Restaurant & Lounge, that enjoys a national reputation for fine cuisine at modest prices and hosts more motorcoach tours than any other restaurant in the state of Nebraska. Prime rib, pan-fried chicken and carrot cake are their specialties. It is an entire day of history of fun, facts and food in York County.

Whether you are here on business, a stopover or attending a convention, meeting, reunion, group tour or any other special occasion, you are invited to "Experience York" and the beauty, relaxing atmosphere and unique qualities that the York County area has to offer.

York County Visitors Bureau is conveniently located in downtown York at 601 North Lincoln Avenue, or by contacting Bob Sautter at yorkcountyvisitors@gmail.com or phoning (402) 362-4575.



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Tupelo, Mississippi

Tupelo, Mississippi, is the birthplace of an international icon and the headquarters of one of the most visited national parks in the country. While these one-of-a-kind attractions bring visitors from all over the world to the city where anything is possible, Tupelo's unique culinary scene and many distinct shopping districts keep visitors coming back. Tupelo is easily accessible on US Highway 45, Interstate 22 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, making it the perfect destination for groups of all sizes to explore.

The Birthplace of Elvis Presley – groups can visit the home where he was born, a museum that chronicles his life and the church he attended where he was deeply influenced by gospel music. With many other free exhibits on the grounds of the Birthplace, visitors can spend several hours walking in the footsteps of Tupelo's favorite native son. Delve deeper into his story by exploring the Elvis' Tupelo Driving Tour which includes 14 places that were an important part of his childhood in Tupelo.

Tupelo has more than 2,000 accommodating hotel rooms offering a restful night's sleep after a day full of fun. Hotel Tupelo, the city's newest boutique hotel, has a restaurant and bar on-site and is walkable to Downtown Tupelo's many restaurants, local boutiques, art galleries and entertainment venues. Two new hotels, Home2Suites and TRU by Hilton, are near the Barnes Crossing District, offering access to the city's largest shopping district.

A culinary hotspot in the South, Tupelo's foodie scene is diverse and delicious. With more than 200 restaurants, the city's eateries truly offer something for everyone. Visit tupelo.net/food-drink/ to explore all of the delectable options. Groups interested in a unique culinary experience should look no further than Queen's Reward Meadery. Mississippi's first and only meadery, Queen's Reward makes award-winning mead with a sip of Southern hospitality. Enjoy a tour and tasting in the meadery's West Tupelo tasting room and take home a bottle of your favorite variety.

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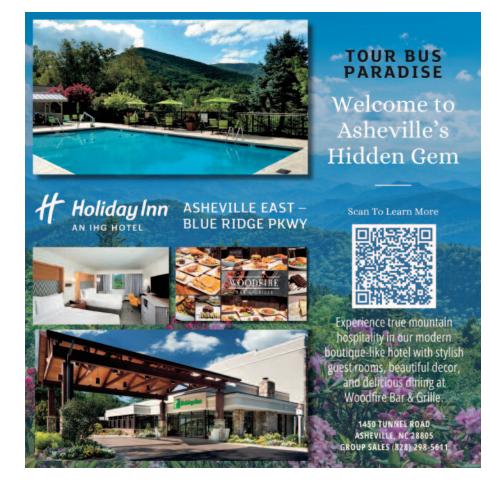
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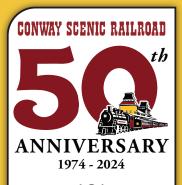
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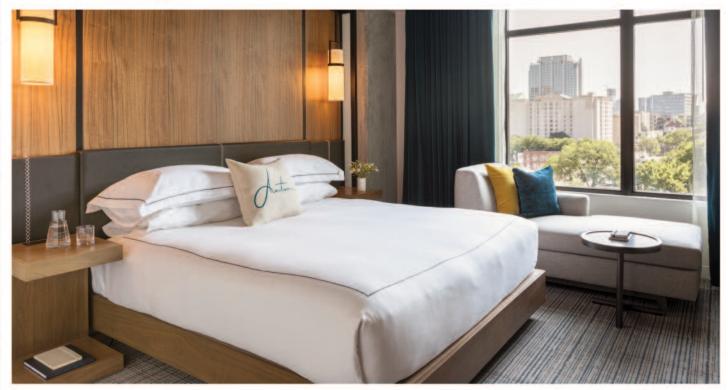
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