

MEDIA ADVISORY

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EPIC IOWA ROAD TRIP RIDE ALONG OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT:

The Central Iowa Tourism Region, Eastern Iowa Tourism Association and Western Iowa Tourism Region, in partnership with the Iowa Tourism Office, have planned an Epic Iowa Road Trip. The nine-day effort will highlight more than 60 tourism destinations in 32 counties and 43 communities across the state.

Opportunities to ride along in the Epic Iowa Road Trip motorcoach are available. Writers must provide their own transportation to Des Moines. The Iowa Tourism Office will provide transportation to and from Des Moines and the motorcoach. Contact Jessica O'Riley, Tourism Communications Manager, 515.725.3085 or traveliowa@iowa.gov to make arrangements.

WHEN:

May 2-10, 2014

WHERE:

Friday, May 2

Ottumwa: Market on Main

Eldon: American Gothic House Center

Chariton: Piper's Candy

Winterset: Bridges of Madison County, Northside Café, Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting

Des Moines: Blank Park Zoo

Altoona: Overnight at Prairie Meadows Hotel

Saturday, May 3

Newton: Maytag Dairy Farms, Iowa Speedway

Pella: Tulip Time Festival

Knoxville: Slideways Go-Karts, Peace Tree Brewing Company, National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum, Knoxville Raceway

Burlington: Overnight at Comfort Suites Hotel & Conference Center

Sunday, May 4

Burlington: Pzazz!, Snake Alley

Riverside: Riverside Golf, Casino, and Culinary Classic

Mount Vernon: Chalk the Walk Festival

Cedar Rapids: NewBo City Market

Marengo: Fireside Winery

Iowa City: Overnight at Sheraton Iowa City

Monday, May 5

Iowa City/Coralville: Herky on Parade
Walcott: Iowa 80 Trucking Museum, World's Largest Truck Stop
Dubuque: Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Sky Tours at YMCA Union Park Camp
Dyersville: Field of Dreams
Decorah: Eagle's Nest, overnight at Hotel Winneshiek

Tuesday, May 6

Decorah: Seed Savers
Vinton: Paradise Sky Dive
Waterloo: Lost Island Waterpark
Hudson: Hansen's Farm Fresh Dairy Farm
Cedar Falls: biking/trails, Scratch Cupcakery
Nashua: Little Brown Church
Charles City: Overnight at Sleep Inn

Wednesday, May 7

Charles City: Whitewater at Riverfront Park, Aromas
Iowa Falls: Scenic City Empress Boat Club, Historic Met Theatre
Webster City: Briggs Woods Park
Madrid: High Trestle Trail Bridge
Granger: Jester Park
Perry: Overnight at Hotel Pattee

Thursday, May 8

West Bend: Grotto of the Redemption
Emmetsburg: Wild Rose Casino, Dunnigan's Irish Pub
Okoboji: Arnolds Park
Cherokee: Hot Dog Days
Lake View: Overnight at Boulders Inn & Suites

Friday, May 9

Manning: German Hausbarn
Hamlin: Darrell's Place
Elk Horn: Danish Windmill Welcome Center Elk Horn, Viking Hjem
Avoca: Farmall-Land-USA Museum
Council Bluffs: Bar B Q Contest & Street Dance, overnight at Holiday Inn Express

Saturday, May 10

Council Bluffs: Union Pacific Railroad Museum
Beebeetown: Lunch at Twisted Tail
Missouri Valley: Harrison County Museum and Welcome Center
Sioux City: The Sioux City Railroad Museum, McCarthy & Bailey's