

Nebraska Group Tour Sample Itineraries



Buffett, Birds and Beef: The Great Platte River Road 6 Days/5 Nights

We start our tour in Omaha, Nebraska's largest city and home to Warren Buffett (the Oracle of Omaha), where we'll visit many of this business magnate, investor, and philanthropist's favorite points of interest and hangouts. The birding part of our tour takes us to Lincoln and then the Central Flyway where we come face-to-face with more than 600,000 sandhill cranes who roost in this part of the Platte River during their annual spring migration. A guided sunset tour and sunrise tour give us two different perspectives of these unique birds, also known as living dinosaurs.

We spend time in southwest Nebraska where we watch up-close as male prairie chickens compete for dominance and mating rights with female hens on a *lek* in the open prairie. Their unique booming call and stomping makes it worth getting up before sunrise to see. As far as the beef portion of the tour goes, we venture to North Platte to learn where our beef comes from and how it's processed, followed by a full meal consisting of five cuts of delicious Nebraska beef.

Best time to tour is mid-February to end of April • Cities: Omaha, Bellevue, Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte, McCook

Tour Highlights

Warren Buffet Omaha Driving Tour • Gorat's Steakhouse • Fontenelle Forest Nature Center • Omaha Community Theatre • Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center • Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center • Studio K Gallery • Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer • The Archway • Rowe Sanctuary • Buffalo Bill State Historic Park • Golden Spike Tower & Visitor Center • "Here's the Beef" Tour • Prairie Chicken Dance Trail



Nebraska's Six Degrees of Separation 5 Days/4 Nights

They say we're only separated from each other by six handshakes so let's see how connected you might be to some of these famous Nebraskans, both past and present. Included on this tour are some of eastern Nebraska's greatest business leaders, entrepreneurs, authors, politicians/filmmakers, entertainers/and visionaries, and on this tour, you'll discover how their actions helped to guide and shape our state.

Explore Warren Buffett's stomping grounds around Omaha. Learn how Johnny Carson's Nebraska upbringing helped make him into a world-renowned celebrity. Walk in the footsteps of Tom Osborne at UNL Memorial Stadium where he made decisions that took the state's football team, the Cornhuskers, to multiple championships. Then tour the home of J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day one of the state's biggest visionaries who preached about the importance and sustainability of responsible environmental stewardship.

Best time to tour is spring, summer, fall • Cities: Omaha, Nebraska City, Burchard, Elmwood, Lincoln, Ashland, Norfolk, Bancroft

Tour Highlights

Big Mama's Kitchen & Catering • Warren Buffet Omaha Driving Tour • Omaha Community Playhouse • Nebraska Furniture Mart • Father Flanagan's Boys Town • Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum • John G. Neihardt Center • Johnny Carson's Boyhood Home • The Uptown Brewery • Johnny Carson Exhibit • Bess Streeter Aldrich House • Memorial Stadium • Nebraska Governor's Mansion • Harold Lloyd's Birthplace • Arbor Day Farm • Arbor Lodge



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Buffalo, Bones and Books: Traveling the Fossil Freeway **5 Days/4 Nights**

The Fossil Freeway (Highway 71) is an enjoyable and scenic drive between Denver and Colorado's Front Range to South Dakota's Black Hills through western Nebraska. While exploring this one-of-a-kind highway corridor connecting the region's rich fossil history, we hand-feed bison and learn more about these sentinels of the Great Plains, explore a natural shortgrass prairies setting, and take in a stunning view of the Oregon Trail and North Platte River Valley from an elevation of more than 800 feet.



Our trip also takes us to a remote part of the state, the windswept High Plains region and Oglala National Grasslands of northwest Nebraska where we explore one of the world's most significant Miocene Epoch mammal fossil sites and gain a greater understanding of the area's Native American culture and livelihood. And we hear the many stories and tales of early pioneer and settler life in this often-hostile landscape where hearty adventurers, fur trappers, and others carved out a living.

Best time to tour is spring, summer, fall • Cities: Kimball, Gering, Scottsbluff, Harrison, Crawford, Chadron

Tour Highlights

EJE Ranch • Rocky Hollow Buffalo Company • Potter Community Theatre • Double L Country Store • Oregon Trail Cookout • Scotts Bluff National Monument • Legacy of the Plains • Wildcat Hills Nature Center • Agate Fossil Beds National Monument • Fort Robinson State Historical Park • Hudson-Meng Education & Research Center • High Plains Homestead • Museum of the Fur Trade • Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center • Eleanor Barbour Cook Museum of Geology



Spiritual Escapes **6 Days/5 Nights**

Nebraska has a long history of religious and spiritual devotion among its residents and has always enjoyed a sort of tolerance of different belief systems and rituals. This tour itinerary takes us on a journey to many of eastern Nebraska's religious and spiritual destinations in a fun and educational way meant to inspire and encourage reflection and peace.



We explore the tenants and guiding principles found in many of today's religions, such as Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Reform Judaism, Islam, and Mormonism. We visit a Seventh Day Adventist Church's impressive stained-glass collection, follow along the Stations of the Cross, go behind the scenes to view centuries old quilts, and try our hand at Greek dancing. We can place prayers in a reproduction of Jerusalem's Western Wall and learn how the Mennonite community carved out a living in Nebraska's Great Plains landscape. A relaxing airboat ride down the Platte River reminds us that we are all one with nature.

Best time to tour is spring, summer, fall • Cities: Omaha, Papillion, Bellevue, Gretna, Ashland, Greenwood, Lincoln, York County, Seward, Schuyler, Cedar Bluffs

Tour Highlights

Mormon Trail Center • St. John Greek Orthodox Church • St. Cecilia's Cathedral • Hindu Temple • Father Flanagan's Boys Town • Tri-Faith Initiative • Holy Family Shrine • Riekes Museum • Offutt AFB • Cloisters on the Platte • International Quilt Study Center • Art Glass Creative Studio • Union College Seventh Day Adventist Church • Vibration Sound Association • Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park • Clayton Museum of Ancient History • Linh Quang Buddhist Center • The Center for Liturgical Art • Saint Benedict Center • River Life Airboat Tours