**Attractions in Milwaukee Area and SE WI**

**Listed by Distance from Embassy Suites**

**Note 1:** Listed here are many of the top attractions of the Milwaukee and SE Wisconsin areas.

**Note 2:** The information here is just to introduce you to some of the attractions. I recommend you do additional research and double-check times and fees before committing to any of the attractions that you think might be of interest to you. Coupons may be available for some of the attractions. Check the web.

**Note 3:** Estimated drive times are for non-rush hour periods. Rush hour in Milwaukee is usually between 7:00 to 9:00 AM and 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

**Note 4:** The attractions that are farther than an hour away would make good day trips if you are coming in early or staying a few days extra.

**Note 5:** More information and detailed descriptions for each attraction are below.

**Note 6:** Many of the attractions will recommend that you buy tickets in advance.

**Note 7:** Double check admission prices as they may have changed. Also check hours of operation before leaving for any attraction.

**Attractions by distance from hotel:**

1. Milwaukee Zoo (3-4 hours **– approx. tour time** - 4.5 **score on Google Reviews rating of 5.0 max**) - $13.75-$19.75 **admission** (plus a $12 zoo parking fee) – 10 to 15-minute drive **from Embassy Suites.**
2. Brewery Tours (1.5 hours – 4.5 / 4.6) – Miller Brewery - Free / Lakeside Brewery - $12-$13 - 15-minute drive / 20-minute drive
3. Brewers Baseball game (Schedule permitting) – 15-minute drive
4. ‘Barrel Yard’ for lunch / drinks inside American Family Field– NE Corner of stadium (1.5 hour – 3.5) – 15-minute drive
5. Harley Museum (2-3 hours – 4.7) - $14-$20 – 15-minute drive
6. National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum (1-2 hours – 4.5) -$5 – 15-minute drive
7. Mitchell Park Domes (1-2 hours – 4.6) - $8 – 15-minute drive
8. Pabst Mansion (1.5 hours – 4.6) - $13-$15 – 15-minute drive
9. Potawatomi Casino (??? – 4.0) - $????? – 15-minute drive
10. Downtown area (all are 15 to 20-minute drives):
	1. Milwaukee Art Museum (1-3 hours – 4.7) - $17-$22
	2. Discovery World (2-3 hours – 4.6) - $14-$20
	3. Milwaukee Public Museum (2-4 hours – 4.7) - $16-$22
	4. Milwaukee Bucks NBA game (Schedule permitting)
	5. Riverwalk & Bronze Fonz – self walking tour of riverside / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5)
	6. Boat Tours – Edelweiss / Milwaukee Boat tours (1.5 hours – 4.4 / 4.5) - $28-$35
	7. Jewish Museum Milwaukee (1-2 hours – 4.7) - $6-$9
	8. Historic Third Ward – shopping / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5)
	9. Old World 3rd Street - shopping / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5)
11. Boerner Botanical Gardens (1-2 hours – 4.4) – Free - 20-minute drive
12. North Point Lighthouse (1-2 hours – 4.6) - $5-$8 – 20-minute drive
13. Basilica of St. Josaphat (1 hour – 4.8) – Free – 20-minute drive
14. Ten Chimneys (1-3 hours – 4.3) – $28-$35 – 30-minute drive
15. Aztalan State Park (1-2 hours – 4.5) – $3-$15 per vehicle - 40- minute drive
16. Old World Wisconsin (3-4 hours – 4.7) – $14-$20 - 45-minute drive
17. Wisconsin Veterans Museum (1-2 hours – 4.6) – Free – 1+ hour drive (You could also visit the Wisconsin Capital across the street)
18. Circus World Museum (2-4 hours – 4.5) - $14-$20 – 1 ½ hour drive
19. Taliesin Preservation – Frank Lloyd Wright Estate (2 hours – 4.8) - $34-$67 – 1 ¾ hour drive
20. House on the Rock (3-6 hours – 4.5) – $16-$29 - 2-hour drive
21. Lambeau Field (1-4 hours – 4.7) - $12-$50 – 2-hour drive

**Attractions in Milwaukee Area and SE WI**

**Listed by Type of Attraction**

**Historical:**

Pabst Mansion (1.5 hours - 4.6) - $13-$15 - downtown

North Point Lighthouse (1-2 hours – 4.6) - $5-$8 – 20-minute drive

Basilica of St. Josaphat (1 hour – 4.8) – Free – 20-minute drive

Ten Chimneys (1-3 hours – 4.3) – $28-$35 – 30-minute drive

Aztalan State Park (1-2 hours – 4.5) - $3-$15 per vehicle – 40-minute drive

Old World Wisconsin (3-4 hours – 4.7) – $14-$20 – 45-minute drive

Taliesin Preservation – Frank Lloyd Wright Estate (2 hours – 4.8) - $34-$67 – 1 ¾ hour drive

**Museums:**

Milwaukee Art Museum (1-3 hours – 4.7) - $17-$22 - downtown

Milwaukee Public Museum (2-4 hours – 4.7) - $16-$22 – downtown

Harley Museum (2-3 hours – 4.7) - $14-$20 – 15-minute drive

National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum (1-2 hours – 4.5) -$5 – 15-minute drive

Jewish Museum Milwaukee (1-2 hours – 4.7) - $6-$9 – downtown

Wisconsin Veterans Museum (1-2 hours – 4.6) – Free – 1+ hour drive

Circus World Museum (2-4 hours – 4.5) - $14-$20 – 1 ½ hour drive

**Nature:**

Boerner Botanical Gardens (1-2 hours – 4.4) – Free - 20-minute drive

Mitchell Park Domes (1-2 hours – 4.6) - $8 – 15-minute drive

Milwaukee Zoo (3-4 hours – 4.6) - $13.75-$19.75 plus $12 parking – 10 to 15-minute drive

**Fun:**

Discovery World (2-3 hours – 4.6) - $14-$20 - downtown

Boat Tours – Edelweiss / Milwaukee Boat tours (1.5 hours – 4.4 / 4.5) - $28-$35 - downtown

Brewery Tours (1.5 hours – 4.5 / 4.6) – Miller Brewery - Free / Lakeside Brewery - $12-$13 – 15-minute drive / 20-minute drive

Brewers Baseball game (Schedule permitting) – 15-minute drive

Milwaukee Bucks NBA Game (Schedule permitting) – 15–20-minute drive

Potawatomi Casino (??? – 4.0) - $????? – 15-minute drive

Lambeau Field (1-4 hours – 4.7) - $12-$50 – 2-hour drive

**Shopping / Lunches:**

Riverwalk & Bronze Fonz – walking tour of riverside / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5) - downtown

Historic Third Ward – shopping / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5) - downtown

Old World 3rd Street - shopping / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5) - downtown

‘Barrel Yard’ for lunch / drinks inside American Family Field– NE Corner of stadium (1.5 hours – 3.5) – 15-minute drive

**Historical/Museum/Fun/??? (hard to Categorize):**

House on the Rock (3-6 hours – 4.5) – $30-$33 – 2-hour drive

**Attractions in Milwaukee Area and SE WI**

**Listed by Type of Attraction**

**Address / Phone Number / Hours / Comments**

**Historical:**

Pabst Mansion (1.5 hours - 4.6) - $13-$15 - downtown

 Address: 2000 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233

 Phone: (414) 931-0808

Hours: Monday – Saturday - Guided tours start at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, Sunday - Guided tours start at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00

Comments: Small parking lot on mansion grounds, larger one across the street.

North Point Lighthouse (1-2 hours – 4.6) - $5-$8 – 20-minute drive

 Address: 2650 N Wahl Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53211

 Phone: (414) 332-6754

Hours: Sat. and Sun. – 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Comments: Park on street in front of lighthouse. Notice beautiful old homes in the area. Worth a walk in the park around the lighthouse even if the visitor center isn’t open.

Basilica of St. Josaphat (1 hour – 4.8) – Free – 20-minute drive

 Address: 2333 S 6th St, Milwaukee, WI 53215

 Phone: (414) 645-5623

Hours: Mon. – Sat. – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Comments: Use parking lot behind (south) or west of church. Enter from back or front on west side of church building (Pope John-Paul II entrances)

Ten Chimneys (1-3 hours – 4.3) – $28-$35 – 30-minute drive

 Address: S43W31575 Depot Rd, Genesee Depot, WI 53127

 Phone: (262) 968-4161

Hours: Tours are available Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am-2:30 pm and Sunday, 12:00 pm-2:30 pm. Ring our reservation line for the exact tour times per day at (262) 968-4110.

Aztalan State Park (1-2 hours – 4.5) - $3-$15 per vehicle – 40-minute drive

 Address: N6200 County Rd Q, Jefferson, WI 53549

 Phone: (920) 648-8774

Hours: 6:00am – 10:00pm

Old World Wisconsin (3-4 hours – 4.7) – $14-$20 – 45-minute drive

  Address: W372S9727 Wisconsin 67, Eagle, WI 53119

 Phone: (262) 594-6301

Hours: 10 am—5 pm

Taliesin Preservation – Frank Lloyd Wright Estate (2 hours – 4.8) - $34-$67 – 1 ¾ hour drive

 Address: 5607 County Road C, Spring Green, WI 53588

 Phone: (608) 588-7900

Hours: Various tours run throughout the day

Meeting Location - Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center (Spring Green, WI)

Comments: Located in the beautiful Driftless Area of Wisconsin. The House on the Rock is 10-minute drive away.

**Museums:**

Milwaukee Art Museum (1-3 hours – 4.7) - $17-$22 - downtown

 Address: 700 N Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53202

 Phone: (414) 224-3200

Hours: Tues to Sun 10AM – 5 PM

Comments: Also drive the lakeshore neighborhood north of museum for some pretty views of grand old homes and beaches.

Milwaukee Public Museum (2-4 hours – 4.7) - $16-$22 - downtown

 Address: 800 W Wells St, Milwaukee, WI 53233

 Phone: (414) 278-2728

Hours: M-F 10:00 – 5:00, Sat. 9:00 – 5:00, Sun. 11:00 – 5:00

Harley Museum (2-3 hours – 4.7) - $14-$20 – 15-minute drive

 Address: 400 W Canal St, Milwaukee, WI 53201

 Phone: 877-436-8738

Hours: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum (1-2 hours – 4.5) -$5 – 15-minute drive

Address: 170 S. 1st Street Suite C, Second Floor Milwaukee, WI • 53204

Phone: 800-414-1482

Hours: M-F 10:00 – 6:00, Sat-Sun 10:00 – 5:00

Jewish Museum Milwaukee (1-2 hours – 4.7) - $6-$9 - downtown

Address: 1360 N Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202

 Phone: (414) 390-5730

Hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 am – 5 pm, Friday: 10 am - 3 pm, Sunday: Noon – 4 pm

Wisconsin Veterans Museum (1-2 hours – 4.6) – Free – 1+ hour drive

 Address: 30 W Mifflin St, Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608) 267-1799

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Sunday (April-September) 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Comment: After your visit, walk over to Wisconsin State Capital Building. Beautiful structure.

Circus World Museum (2-4 hours – 4.5) - $14-$20 – 1 ½ hour drive

Address: 550 Water St, Baraboo, WI 53913

 Phone: (608) 356-8341

Hours: Seven Days a week 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Comments: Located in the beautiful Driftless Area of Wisconsin near the Baraboo Range. Also near Wisconsin Dells and Devils Lake State Park.

**Nature:**

Boerner Botanical Gardens (1-2 hours – 4.4) – Free - 20-minute drive

 Address: 9400 Boerner Dr, Hales Corners, WI 53130

 Phone: (414) 525-5600

Hours: 8 a.m.–dusk, daily

Mitchell Park Domes (1-2 hours – 4.6) - $8 – 15-minute drive

 Address: 524 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53215

 Phone: (414) 257-5611

Hours: Mon through Fri.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m, Sat., Sun., and Major Holidays: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Milwaukee Zoo (3-4 hours – 4.6) - $13.75-$19.75 plus $12 parking – 10 to 15-minute drive

 Address: 10001 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53226

 Phone: (414) 256-5412

Hours: Daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Fun:**

Discovery World (2-3 hours – 4.6) - $14-$20 - downtown

 Address: 500 N Harbor Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53202

 Phone: (414) 765-9966

Hours: MONDAYS (Seasonally, March 26 – Labor Day): 9am-4pm, TUESDAY – FRIDAY: 9am-4pm, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 10am-5pm

Boat Tours – Edelweiss / Milwaukee Boat tours (1.5 hours – 4.4 / 4.5) - $28-$35 - downtown

Address: Edelweiss – 205 W Highland Ave #204, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Milwaukee Boat Tours - 101 W Michigan St, Milwaukee, WI 53203

 Phone: Edelweiss – (414) 276-7447

 Milwaukee Boat Tours - (414) 294-9450

Hours: Edelweiss - 1:00 pm/3:00 pm

 Milwaukee Boat Tours – 12:00 pm/2:00 pm/4:00 pm

Brewery Tours (1.5 hours – 4.5 / 4.6) – Miller Brewery - Free / Lakeside Brewery - $12-$13 – 15-minute drive / 20-minute drive

 Address: Miller – 4251 W State St, Milwaukee, WI 53208

 Lakeside - 1872 N. Commerce Street

 Phone: Miller – (414) 931-3880

 Lakeside - 414-372-8800 press 2 for tour information

Hours: Miller - Mon-Sat 10am - 5pm: Closed Sundays

Lakeside – Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm – Sat 11pm-8pm – Sun 12pm-4pm – reservations available

Comments: There are many other breweries in Milwaukee. These are just a couple of the more popular tours.

Brewers Baseball game (Schedule permitting) – 15-minute drive

 Address: 1 Brewers Way, Milwaukee, WI 53214

 Phone: (Tickets) - (414) 902-4000

Hours: See Descripton information

Milwaukee Bucks NBA game (Schedule permitting) – 15-20-minute drive

Address: 1111 Vel R. Phillips Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Phone: (Tickets) - (414) 227-0511

Hours: See Descripton information

Potawatomi Casino (??? – 4.0) - $????? – 15-minute drive

 Address: 1721 W Canal St, Milwaukee, WI 53233

 Phone: (414) 847-7400

Hours: Open 24 hours

Comments: Parking structure is in back of casino (free)

Lambeau Field (1-4 hours – 4.7) - $12-$50 – 2-hour drive

Address: 1265 Lombardi Ave, Green Bay, WI 54304

Phone: (920) 569-7513

Hours: Atrium - M-F 8:00 am – 10:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am – 10:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

HOF - M-S 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Pro Shop - M-F 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, Sat. 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tours - Usually 10:00 am – 5:00 pm - Check for available times

**Shopping / Lunches:**

Riverwalk & Bronze Fonz – walking tour of riverside / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5) - downtown

Address: The Beerline "B" RiverWalk makes up the northern most portion of the system.  This segment is primarily residential in character and spans from the former North Avenue Dam south to approximately Juneau Avenue.

The central segment of the RiverWalk is called the Downtown segment. This segment of the RiverWalk is a mix of residential and commercial surroundings and spans from approximately Juneau Avenue to I-794 freeway.

The Riverwalk of the Historic Third Ward is adjacent to a mix of residential and commercial businesses and spans the distance from the I-794 freeway to the Harbor entrance and makes up the southern-most portion of the Riverwalk System.

 Phone: N/A

Hours: 24 hours per day

Comments: Most restaurants are in the Downtown segment either on the Riverwalk itself or within a block or two of the walkway. Exception is the portion of the Riverwalk near N Old World 3rd Street where there are a number of restaurants one block west of the Riverwalk. The central section of the Riverwalk is on both sides of the river so you could park on one end and do a loop walking both sides of the river.

Historic Third Ward – shopping / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5) - downtown

Address: Use ‘191 N. Broadway, Milwaukee WI’ to get to approximately the middle of the Historic Third Ward neighborhood.

 Phone: N/A

Hours: 9:00 am – 2:00 am

Comments: Metered parking on the street and a parking garage is also available. Go to the address above then drive a few loops through the area before deciding where you want to park.

Old World 3rd Street - shopping / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5) - downtown

Address: Use ‘1030 N Old World 3rd St, Milwaukee, WI’ to get to the middle of Old World 3rd Street

 Phone: N/A

Hours: 9:00 am – 2:00 am

Comments: Metered parking on streets. Parking lot one block west.

‘Barrel Yard’ for lunch / drinks inside American Family Field– NE Corner of stadium (1.5 hours – 3.5) – 15-minute drive

 Address: 1 Brewers Way, Milwaukee, WI 53214

 Phone: (414) 902-4201

Hours: When Brewers are not playing – 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

 When Brewers play a night game: Lunch is available without requiring a Brewers game ticket. Requires a game ticket after about 2:00 pm.

 When Brewers play a day game: Game ticket is required for lunch. No game ticket required after game

**Historical/Museum/Fun/??? (hard to Categorize):**

House on the Rock (3-6 hours – 4.5) – $30-$33 – 2-hour drive

Address: 5754 Wisconsin 23, Spring Green, WI 53588

 Phone: 608-935-3639

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Comments: Located in the beautiful Driftless Area of Wisconsin. Do all three parts of the tour. Buy a few extra tokens. Be sure to check out the restrooms in the small cafeteria located on the tour route. Taliesin Preservation is about a 10-minute drive away. Prepare to be amazed!

**Attractions in Milwaukee Area and SE WI**

**Attraction Descriptions (by Type of Attraction)**

Note: the following descriptions were mostly copied from the web sites for the attractions

**Historical:**

Pabst Mansion (1.5 hours - 4.6) - $13-$15 - downtown

This was the opulent home of Captain Frederick Pabst, whose title came from his years piloting a steamer on Lake Michigan, and whose fortune came from founding the Pabst Brewing Company.

Pabst had this house built in 1892 on what was then Grand Avenue (now W. Wisconsin Avenue). During the nearly two decades that the Pabst family lived in it, it was the site of many a fancy party, at least one wedding, and ultimately, the funerals of Captain and Mrs. Pabst.

The exterior of the mansion was designed in the Flemish Renaissance Revival style, and the inside features details in Neo-Rococo and Neo-Renaissance styles. At the time of its construction, it had 66 rooms and 14 fireplaces. Captain Pabst’s study had 14 hidden compartments.

As the wealthy often did at that time, Captain and Mrs. Pabst filled their house with priceless pieces of art and furniture, making it a kind of art museum even as it was a residence. Their decedents sold the house in 1908 to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and it was the home of every Archbishop to follow (five in all), as well as many priests and sisters until the church sold it in 1975.

After successfully dodging demolition, the mansion was added to the National Register of Historic Places and opened to the public for tours. Preservation groups are still working on restoring the mansion, considered one of the most important landmarks in Milwaukee to its Gilded Age glory.

North Point Lighthouse (1-2 hours – 4.6) - $5-$8 – 20-minute Drive

The North Point Lighthouse has a 74-foot tower and a Queen Anne-style Keeper’s Quarters. It’s located between two ravines in Lake Park on a two-acre semi-wooded parcel. Before its decommission in 1994, the Lighthouse contributed to Milwaukee’s trade and economic growth. It’s also one of the oldest structures that stands in the now-urban area.

 Since 1855, the North Point Lighthouse stood tall, overlooking the water and beaming out its light to protect and guide ships and watercraft. Keepers and their families lived and worked at the North Point Light Station, ensuring that the bright light was broadcast through fair weather and foul. It symbolizes a time in our history when waterways were the highways between cities. Lighthouses facilitated water travel and commerce on Lake Michigan, throughout the Great Lakes and beyond.

Each year, visitors are drawn to the beauty and historical significance of Lake Park and Milwaukee’s East Side vintage neighborhoods. The park itself is a remarkable jewel that was conceived and rendered in 1893 by Frederick Law Olmsted. Olmsted, the designer of New York’s Central Park and the 1892 Chicago Exposition, was one of the 19th century’s foremost American landscape architects.

The North Point Light House has been preserved and restored to its early 20th century charm through the determined efforts of a group of committed volunteers, the North Point Lighthouse Friends, Inc., formed in 2002. Since completion of restoration in the fall of 2007, this historic site is open to the public for tours and visits.

Basilica of St. Josaphat (1 hour – 4.8) – Free – 20-minute drive

The Basilica of St. Josaphat, located in the Lincoln Village neighborhood of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States, North America, in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, is one of 82 minor basilicas found in the United States. In its grandeur and opulence it is an excellent example of the so-called Polish Cathedral style of church architecture found in the Great Lakes region of North America. Modeled after St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, it features one of the largest copper domes in the world. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated Milwaukee Landmark.

St. Josaphat's congregation was founded in 1888 by immigrant Poles on Milwaukee's (then) far south side. In 1896, when the parish church proved to be too small, Pastor Wilhelm Grutza commissioned a prominent church architect of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Erhard Brielmaier. Like a number of other Polish churches in the so-called Polish Cathedral style, such as St. Mary of the Angels in Chicago or Immaculate Heart of Mary in Pittsburgh, the architectural plans for the new edifice were intentionally modeled on St. Peter's Basilica.

As the design neared completion, Father Grutza learned that the U.S. Post Office and Customs House in Chicago was being razed. He purchased the 200,000 tons of salvage material for $20,000 and had it delivered to Milwaukee on 500 railroad flatcars, where parishioners were waiting to begin construction.

The Basilica was formally dedicated in 1901 by Archbishop Francis Xavier Katzer with 4,000 people in attendance. Once completed, it met the requirements of Milwaukee's growing Polish Catholic population by seating 2,400 members and was the city's largest church. Artist Tadeusz Żukotyński painted the first painting in the church, The Martyrdom of St. Josaphat, in 1904.

Decoration on the interior was completed in 1926 by artists Conrad Schmitt and Gonippo Raggi. Detailed oil paintings depicting biblical scenes adorned the walls and inner dome, while ornamental plasterwork finished in gold leaf set the columns, and ornate stained glass covered the windows.

In 1929, Pope Pius XI designated St. Josaphat Church as the third minor basilica in the United States, marking it as a place of pilgrimage, special devotion, and historical significance

Ten Chimneys (1.5 - 3 hours – 4.3) – $28-$35 – 30-minute drive

Ten Chimneys was the home of Broadway actors Lynn Fontanne and Alfred Lunt. The property is located in Genesee Depot in the Town of Genesee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, United States.

During their careers, Fontanne and Lunt retreated to Ten Chimneys every summer for personal and artistic rejuvenation. A host of stage and screen luminaries made pilgrimages to Genesee Depot as guests of the Lunts, including Noël Coward, Helen Hayes, Laurence Olivier, and Vivien Leigh. Carol Channing said, “If you get to go to Ten Chimneys, you must have done something right.”

Upon retirement, the Lunts returned to Ten Chimneys and spent the rest of their lives at their beloved home in Genesee Depot.

The estate takes its name from the number of chimneys on the grounds. Buildings include a large main house, a cottage, a Swedish log cabin studio, an L-shaped pool, pool house, creamery, greenhouse, barns, stables, and other outbuildings.

Full Estate Tour: $35 per person - The Full Estate Tour provides the optimum Ten Chimneys experience. This tour includes the three-story Main House, the rustic Studio, the Enchanting Cottage, the restored gardens, and the exteriors of the Poolhouse, Greenhouse, and Creamery. Guests should allow two (2) hours, including a shuttle ride to and from the estate.

Main House Only Tour: $28 per person - This tour is designed for those who may have difficulty traversing the full estate and features the fourteen rooms in the Main House. Guests should allow ninety minutes, including a shuttle ride to and from the estate.

Aztalan State Park (1-2 hours – 4.5) - $3-$15 per vehicle – 40-minute drive

This park contains one of Wisconsin's most important archaeological sites. It showcases an ancient Middle-Mississippian village and ceremonial complex that thrived between A.D. 1000 and 1300.

Archaeologists theorize that the occupants may have cultural traditions in common with Cahokia, a large Middle-Mississippian settlement near East St. Louis, Illinois. The people who settled Aztalan built large, flat-topped pyramidal mounds and a stockade around their village. They hunted, fished, and farmed on the floodplain of the Crawfish River. Portions of the stockade and two mounds have been reconstructed in the park.

The park is mostly open prairie, with 38 of its 172 acres in oak woods. It has an accessible, reservable picnic shelter; wells; and vault toilets.

You can canoe, boat, and catch northern pike, catfish, and walleye in the Crawfish River, but the park does not have a boat launch.

The park is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. A vehicle admission sticker is required.

The Aztalan Museum, operated by the Lake Mills-Aztalan Historical Society, Inc., is just north of the park. It includes two pioneer church buildings and other structures from the 19th century and displays of pioneer life. The museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays from mid-May through late September. Fees are $3 for adults, $1 for children, free for those under age 7.

The Aztalan Historical Society sponsors a festival on the museum grounds each year on the Sunday closest to July 4, celebrating Aztalan's pioneer past.

Old World Wisconsin (3-4 hours – 4.7) – $14-$20 – 45-minute drive

Old World Wisconsin is a fun way to experience the lives of immigrants to the Midwest in the late 1800s/early 1900s. Visit one of the ten working farmsteads and chat with the farmer or farm wife. Gather eggs, help in the kitchen or wood shop at the new "Life on the Farm" experience at the Koepsell Farm. Check out the 12 heirloom gardens and heritage breeds of chickens, pigs, sheep, cows, horses and oxen. Wander from farmstead to farmstead on foot or hop a tram--at a little under 600 acres you'll want to plan on at least half a day to explore everything. You can enjoy a snack or a light meal at the Clausing Barn Cafe. Old World Wisconsin is also a special place for a one-of-a-kind wedding, meeting or reunion. Or, learn even more about 19th-century life at a special workshop, day camp or school tour.

At Old World Wisconsin your day will be engaging, enriching, authentic, relevant, and fun. This means letting you encounter history by exploring sensory rich spaces, stories, and hands on exploration.

Each area at Old World Wisconsin showcases different stories from Wisconsin’s immigrant past. As you tour at your own pace, you will find buildings that let you self-explore, gardens to wander through, and costumed staff ready to help you get hands-on with history. You will travel in time from the 1840s to the 1910s, experiencing daily life as you help with chores and cooking, try your hand at crafts and trades, and play – even the grownups!

We want everyone to have a fun and engaging day filled with stories and lots of questions. Our mission is to collect, preserve, and share stories; By visiting Old World Wisconsin you become a part of Wisconsin’s story. Welcome!

Old World Wisconsin opened its doors in 1976- celebrating the 200th birthday of the United States by vividly recreating the sights, sounds and spirit of the immigrants who came to this country to build their futures.

The museum’s more than 60 historic structures range from ethnic farmsteads with furnished houses and rural outbuildings, to the 1880’s Crossroads Village with its traditional small-town institutions. The efforts of countless historians have preserved the spaces of Wisconsinites whose stories still echo the hopes, struggles, and resilience that have meaning today.

To create this museum, researchers traveled throughout Wisconsin in search of authentic historic buildings hewn by generations of Wisconsin settlers.

 From Lake Superior to the Illinois border, and from the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan, historians documented many old farmhouses, outbuildings, and small-town structures. Once the research was complete, the amazing construction process of Old World Wisconsin began.

Piece by piece, workers painstakingly dismantled the old structures. They numbered bricks, boards and logs, and moved them to the site of Old World Wisconsin. In a setting largely unchanged from the rolling prairies the first pioneers found, the buildings took shape once more, reconstructed precisely as they had once been built.

 Today, Old World Wisconsin is always growing and changing. With the addition of new structures, new gardens, new livestock, and newly uncovered stories, a visit here is a wonderful mix of history and fresh experiences – one that is sure to make a memory for every guest.

Taliesin Preservation – Frank Lloyd Wright Estate (2 hours – 4.8) - $34-$67 – 1 ¾ hour drive

Wright’s Taliesin estate is located in Spring Green, Wisconsin.

Among the most famous residences in the United States, Taliesin embodies Wright’s energy, technique and creative vision. The house stands as the longest on-going project of Wright’s career.

The Two-hour House Tour guides you through rooms that Wright imagined and built, exploring the rich canvas he worked on every day of his life. On this 2-hour walking tour, you’ll experience the:

• Landscaped grounds

• Furnishings

• Collected objects

• And, of course, the building itself

From the Taliesin courtyards and gardens, you are afforded a commanding view of the beautiful valley settled by Frank Lloyd Wright’s ancestors, while the interior portion of the tour explores Taliesin’s famed living room, the garden room, loggia, bedroom, and studio.

**Museums:**

Milwaukee Art Museum (1-3 hours – 4.7) - $17-$22 - downtown

The Milwaukee Art Museum collects and preserves art, presenting it to the community as a vital source of inspiration and education.

30,000 works of art. 400,000+ visitors a year. 125 years of collecting art. From its roots in Milwaukee’s first art gallery in 1888, the Museum has grown today to be an icon for Milwaukee and a resource for the entire state.

The 341,000-square-foot Museum includes the [War Memorial Center](https://mam.org/info/details/warMemorial.php) (1957) designed by Finnish-American architect [Eero Saarinen](https://mam.org/info/details/saarinen.php), the Kahler Building (1975) by David Kahler, and the [Quadracci Pavilion](https://mam.org/info/details/quadracci.php) (2001) created by Spanish architect [Santiago Calatrava](https://mam.org/info/details/calatrava.php) which is a Milwaukee landmark on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Central to the Museum’s mission is its role as a premier educational resource, with [educational programs](https://mam.org/learn/index.php) that are among the largest in the nation, involving classes, tours, and a full [calendar](https://mam.org/calendar/events/index.php) of events for all ages.

Milwaukee Public Museum (2-4 hours – 4.7) - $16-$22 - downtown

The Milwaukee Public Museum, one of the largest in the United States, is a museum of human and natural history providing a dynamic and stimulating environment for learning, with something to excite and challenge visitors with a diversity of interests.

Milwaukee Public Museum displays human and natural history through millions of artifacts. The museum's permanent exhibits spread over four floors and cover everything from tiniest animals to recreated natural habitats, villages and artwork from all over the world. The Wisconsin area is also well-represented with exhibits covering its geology and the natural world, as well as recreated streets of Old Milwaukee. The museum features a dome theater with 3-D projectors and digital surround system that regularly shows educational movies. You can take a tour of the skies in the museum's planetarium, the largest one in Wisconsin.

Take a small step back in time to the turn-of-the-century Streets of Old Milwaukee and European Village and to ancient Mediterranean civilizations. Or, take a giant leap back more than 65 million years to The Third Planet, see the world’s largest-known dinosaur skull and a life-sized replica of Tyrannosaurus rex. Stroll amid free-flying butterflies from around the world in The Puelicher Butterfly Wing.

Harley Museum (2-3 hours – 4.7) - $14-$20 – 15-minute drive

A walk through the Harley-Davidson Museum® is a walk through the history of America. With an unrivaled collection of Harley-Davidson® motorcycles and memorabilia, a 20-acre, park-like campus, and a calendar full of activities, the H-D Museum™ is one of Milwaukee’s top tourist destinations for visitors from around the globe. A visit to the H-D Museum™ is an experience that will stay with you for a lifetime.

* More than 450 motorcycles and artifacts, dating back to Serial Number One, the oldest known Harley-Davidson® motorcycle
* Stories of extraordinary products, people, history, and Harley-Davidson culture
* Never-before-seen Archives [you can tour](https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/museum/explore/programs-tours/behind-the-scenes-tour.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_self)
* A world-class Museum space and outlying buildings, designed by Pentagram Architects
* A 20-acre Museum campus on the Milwaukee riverfront, with views of the city skyline
* Unique Harley-Davidson Museum-inspired gifts at [The Shop](https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/museum/shop.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_self)
* Distinctive dining at [MOTOR](https://www.motorrestaurant.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) – no Museum admission required

National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum (1-2 hours – 4.5) -$5 – 15-minute drive

The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum houses the world’s largest collection of bobbleheads and features dozens of exhibits related to the history of bobbleheads, making of bobbleheads and much more. This website is the premier source for bobblehead related info including a Nationwide Bobblehead Giveaway schedule, a comprehensive listing of previous bobbleheads with pictures and additional information, aggregated bobblehead-related news, a members only discussion board for trading, tips and everything else bobblehead-related, online versions of the Hall of Fame and Museum’s exhibits, and much more!

Jewish Museum Milwaukee (1-2 hours – 4.7) - $6-$9 – downtown

The [Jewish Museum Milwaukee](http://www.jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, is dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of the Jewish people in southeastern Wisconsin and celebrating the continuum of Jewish heritage and culture.

A resource for both education and entertainment, the museum features a permanent exhibit detailing the history of Jews in Milwaukee, as well as changing exhibits such as  *Andy Warhol: Ten Portraits of Jews of the 20th Century,* *Jews Who Rock* and *[Stitching History From the Holocaust](http://www.stitchinghistory.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).*

The museum is a fascinating field trip for students of all ages. Through our docent-led tour, films, interactive displays and exhibit spaces, the Museum provides a forum for discussion about contemporary issues, including immigration, tolerance and civic involvement. To book a Museum experience, email Education Director Ellie Gettinger at 414-390-5742.

Historical records are available for researchers including [archives and collections](http://www.jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/history/collections/index.php%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), [genealogical records](https://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/archives/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), [vital statistics](https://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/archives/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) and [oral histories](http://www.jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/history/oral-histories/index.php%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

Wisconsin Veterans Museum – Madison, WI (1-2 hours – 4.6) – Free – 1+ hour drive

For over 100 years, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum has connected the past to the present by sharing the stories of Wisconsin's military veterans. Located in the heart of Madison, Wisconsin, this award-winning museum and research center chronicles the history-shaping exploits of Wisconsin's veterans from the Civil War to present day.

The **Wisconsin Veterans Museum**, located on Capitol Square in [Madison, Wisconsin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madison%2C_Wisconsin), USA, is dedicated to the soldiers of the state of Wisconsin.

The museum is composed of two award-winning galleries that chronicle the history of Wisconsin citizens who served in their nation's wars from the [American Civil War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Civil_War) to the [Persian Gulf War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_War). The Wisconsin Veterans Museum is an educational activity of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

The museum dates to 1901 when it was established as the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall in the Wisconsin Capitol.

The 19th century gallery showcases Wisconsin's involvement in the Civil War. It includes a large [diorama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diorama) depicting the [Battle of Antietam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Antietam).

In the 20th century gallery, exhibits illustrate Wisconsin veterans' roles in the [Mexican Border campaign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican_Border_campaign), the [First](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I) and [Second World Wars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II) and also the [Korean](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_War), [Vietnam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_War), Persian Gulf War and recent conflicts. Three full-scale aircraft, a [Sopwith Camel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sopwith_Camel) from World War I, a [P-51 Mustang](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P-51_Mustang%22%20%5Co%20%22P-51%20Mustang) from World War II and a [Huey helicopter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Huey_helicopter%22%20%5Co%20%22Huey%20helicopter) from the Vietnam War, are displayed in the gallery as well. New additions include Medal of Honor and War on Terror exhibits.

Located at 30 West Mifflin Street in Madison since 1993, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum is an award-winning and world-renowned museum. It has been accredited by the [American Alliance of Museums](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Alliance_of_Museums%22%20%5Co%20%22American%20Alliance%20of%20Museums) since the 1970s and became a [Smithsonian Affiliate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smithsonian_Affiliations%22%20%5Co%20%22Smithsonian%20Affiliations) in 2014.

Circus World Museum (2-4 hours – 4.5) - $14-$20 – 1 ½ hour drive

The **Circus World Museum** is a large museum complex in [Baraboo, Wisconsin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baraboo%2C_Wisconsin), devoted to [circus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Circus)-related history. The museum, which features not only circus artifacts and exhibits, but also hosts daily live circus performances throughout the summer, is owned by the [Wisconsin Historical Society](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Historical_Society) and operated by the non-profit Circus World Museum Foundation. The museum was the major participant in the [Great Circus Parade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Circus_Parade) held from 1963 to 2009.

Circus World Museum encompasses several buildings holding numerous exhibits on circus history.

**Ringlingville** consists of the remaining buildings of the original wintering grounds of the Ringling Brothers Circus, a [National Historic Landmark](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Historic_Landmark%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Historic%20Landmark). Buildings in Ringlingville include the Ring Barn, Elephant House, Animal House, Baggage Horse Barn, Winter Quarters Office, and Wardrobe Department. Tours of Ringlingville present information on the history of the Ringling Brothers Circus, as well as offering behind the scenes glimpses into the efforts taken by the circus while preparing for shows.

The **Irvin Feld Exhibit Hall** is the museum's largest building, and houses exhibits on the history of the Ringling Brothers Circus, as well as other exhibits relating to general aspects of circuses and circus history.

The **Hippodrome** is a permanent big-top which houses the museum's daily circus and magic show performances.

The **W.W. Deppe Wagon Pavilion** houses a collection of fifty restored antique circus wagons.

The **[C.P. Fox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chappie_Fox%22%20%5Co%20%22Chappie%20Fox) Wagon Restoration Center** is used by the museum to refurbish Circus Wagons, and visitors to the building can view in wagon restorations that are in progress.

The **Robert L. Parkinson Library and Research Center** is a research facility holding collections of circus-related books, photographs, archives, and periodicals. The library is open to the public at no charge while staff are present

**Nature:**

Boerner Botanical Gardens (1-2 hours – 4.4) $4.50-$6.50 – 20-minute drive

The Boerner Botanical Gardens, an internationally renowned horticultural showplace in the Milwaukee County Parks, offers gardeners, plant lovers and students the opportunity to take in the colors and scents of a variety of collections.

Boerner Botanical Gardens are [botanical gardens](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Botanical_garden) located on the grounds of Whitnall Park in the village of [Hales Corners](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hales_Corners%2C_Wisconsin%22%20%5Co%20%22Hales%20Corners%2C%20Wisconsin), [Milwaukee County](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_County), [Wisconsin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin). The gardens are named for [Alfred Boerner](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Alfred_Boerner&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Alfred Boerner (page does not exist)), who designed the original five formal gardens. The Annual, Perennial, Rock, Rose and Peony Gardens were constructed in the 1930s. Later additions included trial, herb, lily and shrub rose gardens, as well as the Bog Walk.

Part of the [Milwaukee County Park System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_County_Park_System%22%20%5Co%20%22Milwaukee%20County%20Park%20System), the gardens are maintained by professional [horticulturalists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horticulture%22%20%5Co%20%22Horticulture). Many species of plant life are cultivated and displayed. The gardens include test and display gardens for All-America Selections and is an American Hosta Society Display Garden.

Boerner Botanical Gardens is open from late April to early November, and closes for the winter.[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boerner\_Botanical\_Gardens - cite\_note-4](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boerner_Botanical_Gardens%22%20%5Cl%20%22cite_note-4)

Within the gardens and adjacent to them in Whitnall Park, and along the Root River Parkway is the arboretum, which showcases arranged groves of trees and shrubs. Nearby are the [Wehr Nature Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Wehr_Nature_Center&action=edit&redlink=1" \o "Wehr Nature Center (page does not exist)) and the historic [Trimborn Farm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trimborn_Farm%22%20%5Co%20%22Trimborn%20Farm) estate, which are also maintained by the county park system.

Mitchell Park Domes (1-2 hours – 4.6) - $8 – 15-minute drive

**Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory** (**Mitchell Park Domes** or **The Domes**) is a [conservatory](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conservatory_%28greenhouse%29) located at Mitchell Park in [Milwaukee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee%2C_Wisconsin), [Wisconsin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin), United States. It is owned and operated by the [Milwaukee County Park System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee_County_Park_System), and replaced the original *Milwaukee Conservatory* which stood from 1898 to 1955. The three domes display a large variety of plant life.

Designed by Donald L. Grieb Associates, Architect, the Conservatory is composed of three beehive-shaped glass domes that span 140 feet (43 m) in diameter and are 85 feet (26 m) high. They are properly referred to as the world's first conoidal domes. They cover 45,000 square feet (4,200 m2) of display area and were constructed in stages from 1959 to 1967.

Connecting the three domes is a central lobby area, which was extensively redesigned in the summer of 2008. A smaller service dome behind the Conservatory holds replacement plants and an [orchid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orchid%22%20%5Co%20%22Orchid) collection. This section is not open to the public.

Each of the three domes maintains a distinct climate and setting for the exposition of its contents.

**Show Dome:**

The Show Dome opened in December 1964. It hosts four seasonal shows and one holiday exhibit held annually in December for visitors to enjoy. Each show has a theme chosen based on cultural (such as [Japanese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan%22%20%5Co%20%22Japan), [German](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany) and [French](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France%22%20%5Co%20%22France)), literary ([Charles Dickens](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Dickens%22%20%5Co%20%22Charles%20Dickens) "[A Christmas Carol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Christmas_Carol)"), or historical interest ([Colonial Williamsburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonial_Williamsburg) and the History of Herb Gardening, for example). In most recent years, the Winter Show has featured an extensive [garden railway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garden_railway) display put on with the cooperation of many Wisconsin Model Railroad club members. The garden railway has become one of the most popular displays during the year and is one of the largest such indoor displays in the Midwest.

**Tropical Dome:**

The Tropical Dome opened in February 1966. The Tropical Dome features nearly 1,000 species of plants, including many nutritionally important fruit bearing plants such as [banana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banana), [papaya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Papaya), [ackee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ackee), [guava](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guava), [avocado](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avocado), and [cacao](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theobroma_cacao). One of the cacao trees is over 60 years old and was transplanted from the old Conservatory. It still sets fruit each year. Hardwoods include big-leaf, little-leaf, and African mahoganies, [ebony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ebony) and [lignum vitae](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lignum_vitae). A rare [curare](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curare) vine can also be found growing.

The dome is seasonally decorated with a wide variety of blooming plants, including a number of award-winning orchids. The center of the Dome is dominated by a large kapok tree. It is one of the tallest trees under glass. At one time, its height was up to 95 feet (29 m) high, but is now kept at a more manageable 60 feet (18 m). In addition to the plants, the Tropical Dome is home to a number of colorful birds.

**Arid Dome:**

The Arid Dome opened in November 1967. It displays a wide variety of plants from the [Americas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Americas) and [Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Africa). The American section contains a large number of plants native to the [Sonoran Desert](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonoran_Desert), including [shrubs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shrub), [trees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tree), [annuals](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annual_plant) and [bulbs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulb), as well as the familiar [cacti](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cacti). The African section has [aloes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aloe), [crassulas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crassula), [euphorbias](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euphorbia), along with the unusual [Welwitschia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Welwitschia%22%20%5Co%20%22Welwitschia) plant, which has only two continuously growing leaves and may live for over a thousand years.

Another section hosts the succulent flora of [Madagascar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madagascar%22%20%5Co%20%22Madagascar) and includes plants such as [Euphorbia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euphorbia%22%20%5Co%20%22Euphorbia), [Pachypodium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pachypodium), [Adenia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adenia), [Didierea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Didierea), [Alluaudia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alluaudia), and [Operculicarya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operculicarya%22%20%5Co%20%22Operculicarya). Many of them were grown from seed obtained in Madagascar. This area was formally dedicated on September 8, 1984 by Leon Rajaobelina, the Ambassador from Madagascar.

Milwaukee Zoo (3-4 hours – 4.5) – $13.75-$19.75 plus $12 parking – 10 to 15-minute drive

As one of the country’s finest zoological attractions, the Milwaukee County Zoo will educate, entertain and inspire you! Visit over 3,100 mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles in specialized habitats spanning 190 wooded acres. Explore educational wildlife shows, fun attractions and enticing special events.

The Zoo is a place where everyone can laugh and learn — it’s a place to be amazed and inspired — a place **where nature and wonder meet!**

**Fun:**

Discovery World (2-3 hours – 4.6) - $14-$20 - downtown

Discovery World is Milwaukee’s premier, non-profit science and technology center for the whole family.

Our 120,000 sq. ft. center offers fun and educational experiences and features interactive exhibits, the Reiman Aquarium, educational labs and programs, and other exciting activities.

Our unique, hands-on exhibits and programs focus on two areas – technology and freshwater sciences. We have eight learning labs that alone comprise of more than 10,000 sq. ft. of space! We also offer our award-winning Summer Camp, Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs, community partnership programs, and learning experiences aboard Discovery World’s tall ship (and Wisconsin’s Flagship) the Sailing Vessel (S/V) *Denis Sullivan*.

We want to light the spark of curiosity in your kids. We want to inspire them to become the next generation of engineers, designers, scientists, innovators, community leaders, and makers. We want you and your family to explore, learn, create, and have fun.

Boat Tours – Edelweiss / Milwaukee Boat tours (1.5 hours – 4.4 / 4.5) - $28-$35 – downtown

**Edelweiss:**

Travel through downtown Milwaukee underneath its bridges, see historical landmarks and get a front-row view of the Milwaukee skyline including the Milwaukee Art Museum (Calatrava), Discovery World, Summerfest grounds, and yacht clubs.  This narrated tour focuses on Milwaukee's architectural treasures, famous locals, river sculptures, and local businesses around the city.

A cash bar is available for the duration of the cruise.

The Historic Milwaukee Boat Tour will depart from our main dock located at 205 W. Highland Ave.

**Milwaukee Boat Line:**

Put simply, this is the cruise that we've built our boat line upon. Explore Milwaukee's past and present from our rivers, harbors & Lake Michigan during this 90 minute tour. Unforgettable views and a unique perspective of Milwaukee's history & architecture. Live narration is provided by experienced and entertaining tour guides & the captain. Snacks, soft drinks, beer & cocktails available on board. Lunches and catering available. \*Dog friendly. Well-behaved, leashed dogs that take care of "business" before boarding are welcome. Limit 10. First come, first served.

Brewery Tours (1.5 hours – 4.5 / 4.6) – Miller Brewery - Free / Lakeside Brewery - $12-$13 – 15-minute drive / 20-minute drive

**Miller** - The Miller Brewery Tour offers a FREE indoor/outdoor guided walking tour of Miller Valley, home to over 155 years of brewing history. Follow Fredrick Miller’s historic arrival in Milwaukee to the high-speed production lines used today. Samples available to guests 21 and older. Stop at our retail store to commemorate your experience!

**Lakeside** - All patrons on the premise must be 21 with a ***valid ID*** or under the supervision of a parent or legal guardian. Aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters are *not* legal guardians.

For non-beer drinkers, Lakefront's Golden Maple Root Beer as well as Coke products are available.

Our brewery tours last approximately 45 minutes and are geared towards adults. Kids and families are welcome on the tour but at their own discretion.

Please note that we are in production during the week and cannot go through the entire brewery on these days.

Brewers Baseball game (Schedule permitting) – 15-minute drive

Brewers are not in town the week of our reunion.

Milwaukee Bucks NBA game (Schedule permitting) – 15-20-minute drive - downtown

The 2023 schedule will be announced in August or September

Potawatomi Casino (??? – 4.0) - $????? – 15-minute drive

**Potawatomi Hotel & Casino**, formerly **Potawatomi Bingo Casino**, is a [Native American casino](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_American_casino) in [Milwaukee, Wisconsin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milwaukee%2C_Wisconsin), owned and operated by the [Forest County Potawatomi Community](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forest_County_Potawatomi_Community). It first opened its doors March 7, 1991. Located on Canal Street in the [Menomonee Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menomonee_River_Valley%2C_Milwaukee) near Downtown Milwaukee, this casino offers a variety of entertainment options, including a 20-table [poker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poker) room, four restaurants, a food court (with several vendors/small restaurants), the Northern Lights Theater, the Sky Lodge (a smoke-free casino), and a 500-seat two-tiered theater (the Northern Lights Theater) that combines entertainment and dining.

The casino underwent an expansion that was completed in the summer of 2008, expanding the number of table games to 60 and [slot machines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slot_machine) to over 3,000. The connected hotel stands eighteen stories high (numbered as nineteen due to the common exclusion [of the thirteenth floor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triskaidekaphobia)), and is the tallest habitable structure in the city west of [Interstate 94](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate_94) (with the roof of [American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miller_Park_%28Milwaukee%29) Family Field nearby standing 70 feet higher).

The Potawatomi Casino has one of the largest gaming floors in all of Wisconsin, with a bingo hall measuring 45,800 square feet (4,250 m2), which can accommodate around 2,500 players. There are more than 3,000 machines for gaming as well as 100 poker and table games.

There are many different types of table games offered at Potawatomi, including Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Baccarat, and 3-Card Poker. They also offer how-to-play videos online for the novice gambler.

The slot machines at the Potawatomi Casino range from 1¢ to $100, and include progressive slots, video poker, and multi-game machines. There are many different types of slot machines, including Cleopatra, Wolf Run, Sex and the City, The Hangover, and Treasure Cove, etc.

Lambeau Field (1-4 hours – 4.7) - $12-$50 – 2-hour drive

 One of the most revered stadiums in the country, Lambeau Field this year is hosting its 65th season of football.

A year-round destination venue enjoyed by Packers fans in a variety of ways on a daily basis, it underwent a dramatic facelift from 2000-03 that added a host of new amenities and attractions, carrying the glorious tradition and history of the Packers forward in the “like-new” Lambeau Field. Building upon that success, the venerable stadium recently completed a five-year expansion and renovation (2011-15) that saw the debut of the South End in 2013, a new section which closed the south end-zone structure and features approximately 7,000 new seats, including premium seating as well as sponsor and partner areas. Additionally, the stadium’s main premium seating areas were updated in a two-year, $55 million renovation project that was fully complete at the start of the 2017 season.

Featuring the only true “retro” look in the entire league, Lambeau Field through the redevelopment and recent expansion has maintained its heart – the original seating bowl. The same hallowed ground where many of the NFL’s greatest moments have transpired continues to exist, a setting in which current players will create incredible memories in future years. Even with the changes over the past 15 years, Lambeau maintains its nostalgic and intimate feel with totally unobstructed sightlines. Permeated by history, tradition and mystique, the view from inside can be awe-inspiring.

What was once just a football stadium that fans could use only 10 days during the season is today a Packers cultural center that can be enjoyed throughout the year. Within the five-story Lambeau Field **Atrium**, located on the stadium’s east side, is the **Packers Pro Shop**; corporate meeting and event facilities for up to 25 to 1,200 people; the **Packers Hall of Fame**; and a restaurant, **1919 Kitchen & Tap**.

Historic Lambeau Field is the longest continuously occupied stadium in the league – 19 years more than the next-closest venue, Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City at 50 years. In pro sports as a whole, only the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park (110 seasons) and the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field (108 seasons) have longer active home-field tenures

**Shopping / Lunches:**

Riverwalk & Bronze Fonz – walking tour of riverside / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5) - downtown

The 3.7-mile **[Milwaukee RiverWalk](http://www.visitmilwaukee.org/riverwalk%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)** winds through the heart of the city, tying together three distinct riverfront neighborhoods — the Historic Third Ward, Downtown, and Beerline B.

More than 20 blocks from its northernmost to southernmost points, the RiverWalk is now fully ADA accessible and is an easy and fun way to explore Milwaukee.

Here are the top eight ways to enjoy your trek along the Milwaukee RiverWalk!

**Admire Public Art**

Milwaukee's RiverWalk is home to an outdoor art gallery called **[RiverSculpture](http://www.visitmilwaukee.org/riverwalk/artwalk/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**! that includes both permanent pieces and temporary installations that change periodically. As you stroll along the RiverWalk you'll enjoy making new discoveries, from small, whimsical sculptures such as Gertie, the world's most celebrated duck, to sizable and striking abstract works.

There are currently 20 sculptures on display representing national, regional and local artists.

**Pose with the Bronze Fonz**

This piece of art deserves a mention all his own! Shooting his trademark double thumbs-up in downtown Milwaukee since 2008, the statue pays homage to Arthur Fonzarelli, aka “Fonzie,” the tough guy king of cool from “Happy Days,” the popular sitcom set in 1950s Milwaukee.

Standing 5-foot-6 (just like Henry Winkler, who portrayed the Fonz on TV) in his cool leather jacket, the Bronze Fonz is seldom seen without at least one fan wrapping their arm around him or mimicking his thumbs-up pose. Make sure to get your pic! The statue is located just south of E Wells St on the east side of the river.

**Eat on the Patio**

Dining al fresco is even better on the water! The RiverWalk is lined with **[bars and restaurants](http://www.visitmilwaukee.org/dining%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)** with riverfront patios. Take a stroll and see what looks good!

**Hop in a Kayak**

Why not see the RiverWalk from on the river? You can set off on an adventure by renting a kayak or stand-up paddle board from **[Clear Water Outdoor](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/canoeing-kayaking/clear-water-outdoor-194075)**. Their pier is located right on the RiverWalk, just across from the **[Milwaukee Public Market](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/other-specialty-foods/milwaukee-public-market-204590)**.

**Enjoy a Show at Peck Pavilion**

The **[Peck Pavilion at Marcus Center](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/performing-arts/marcus-center-for-the-performing-arts-204865)** is a gorgeous outdoor performance space located on the RiverWalk that often hosts free entertainment for the whole family throughout the summer months. Enjoy music, dance, outdoor movies and more without ever leaving the RiverWalk!

**Rock Out at River Rhythms**

On Wednesday nights throughout the summer, **[Pere Marquette Park](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/county-parks/pere-marquette-229535)** on the river hosts the free outdoor concert series **[River Rhythms](http://www.westown.org/neighborhood-events/river-rhythms-2/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**. This diverse concert series hosts local and national acts in genres ranging from reggae to salsa.

**Take a Cruise**

As a city on the water, it’s no surprise that Milwaukeeans love their boats! From the RiverWalk, you can hop on board one of **[Milwaukee Boat Line’s cruises](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/tours/milwaukee-boat-line-204838)**, including their popular sightseeing tour or evening cocktail and concert tours. A little ways up the river is where the **[Edelweiss Boat Cruises](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/tours/edelweiss-boats-milwaukee-river-cruise-line-204841)** dock. Take a skyline cruise, a brunch or dinner trip, or bring the kids on a pirate-themed ride!

**Grab a Brew**

You’re never far from beer in Brew City, and you can enjoy local brews from two of the city’s most popular breweries without ever leaving the RiverWalk! At the start of the RiverWalk you’ll find **[Lakefront Brewery](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/breweries/lakefront-brewery%2C-inc-204827)**, famous for their hilarious and irreverent tour guides. Lakefront also has a riverfront patio where you can sip in summer style after your tour.

Further down the way in the heart of the **[Historic Third Ward](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/history-heritage/historic-third-ward-225533)**, you’ll find the **[Milwaukee Ale House](https://www.travelwisconsin.com/restaurants/milwaukee-ale-house-204836)** where you can enjoy a selection of house-brewed ales and lagers, plus a variety of quality craft beers, out on the RiverWalk.

Historic Third Ward – shopping / lunch (2-3 hours – 4.5) - downtown

Take a memorable journey through the streets of a turn-of-the-century neighborhood, filled with historical ambiance and architecture.

**Welcome...**to Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward – the place to live, work, play, dine and shop. Just three blocks south of downtown, the neighborhood is now known as "Milwaukee's Arts and Fashion District" and offers the city's most dynamic array of restaurants, spas, theaters, galleries and unique shopping, all in a historic warehouse setting.

The Milwaukee River, the Lake Michigan harbor, and Downtown border the Third Ward. This accessibility to North Water, North Broadway and North Milwaukee Streets provided an ideal location for thriving wholesalers and manufacturers.

In 1892, tragedy struck the Third Ward as a fire broke out which destroyed 440 buildings and left 1,900 people, mostly Irish immigrant laborers and their families, homeless.

Soon after the fire, prominent local architects stepped in to design many of the new commercial structures. Construction continued over the next 36 years and because of this relatively short span of development, the buildings exhibit an interesting continuity that unifies the neighborhood.

In 1984, the National Register of Historic Places accepted 70 buildings spanning approximately 10 square blocks as "The Historic Third Ward District." Along with the designation came economic development and promotional efforts by the Historic Third Ward Association, attracting attention to the area. Local government, private investors and historic preservationists have all helped to bring about the ongoing progress of the district.

Most old buildings in the Historic Third Ward are massive brick structures built up to the sidewalk. The result is a uniform setback as well as a dense urban structure. The buildings are quite visually pleasing with a preponderance of neoclassical styles with window groupings between pilasters, capped by arcades and arcuated cornices. The diverse ornamentation ranges from Victorian Gothic to Sullivanesque to Art Deco in materials such as terra cotta, metal and stone. Enjoy your walk through the Historic Third Ward - a vibrant neighborhood where past and present meet.

Old World 3rd Street - shopping / lunch (2 hours – 4.5) – downtown

The heart of Old World 3rd Street is only a block long between Highland Ave to the north and State Street to the south but packs in a nice concentration of business, many in historic structures, preserving Milwaukee’s German heritage including the famous Mader’s fine German restaurant, German style beer halls, brat houses, Usinger’s sausage factory and retail outlet, a cheese shop; even the dock for the Edelwiess’ boats that serve German food while cruising the Milwaukee River, and more.

This is definitely an area along the River Walk that one should visit to get an authentic flavor of Milwaukee’s yesteryears that is still relevant today.

‘Barrel Yard’ for lunch / drinks inside American Family Field– NE Corner of stadium (1.5 hour – 3.5) – 15-minute drive

 See the inside of American Family Field without going to a Brewers game. Restaurant is situated in the left field bleacher area of the park. Tables directly overlook left field. Availability for lunch or dinner depends on Brewers game schedule. Call first.

**Historical/Museum/Fun/??? (hard to categorize):**

House on the Rock (3-6 hours – 4.5) – $30-$33 – 2-hour drive

The House on the Rock began in 1945 when a man named Alex Jordan had a towering goal: to build a retreat as awe-inspiring as the view from the rock upon which the House would eventually be built.

What took shape on and around Deer Shelter Rock is a truly remarkable achievement. The House was only the beginning. In the years that followed, Alex expanded his vision beyond the House and collected and built on a massive scale. In the end he had created the world-renowned attraction known as The House on the Rock.

Since those early days, the world Alex Jordan created has grown far beyond the original house and into an attraction with many buildings, exhibits and collections.

The House on the Rock offers different experiences depending on the time of year. The days of week, hours of operation and portions of the tour that are open vary depending on the experience.

During the Regular Season (March 10 to November 13, 2022 – check website for some closed days) the full complex is open and it is divided into 3 sections. On your self-guided Ultimate Experience tour you will explore:

 • The unique design of the Original House perched on a chimney of rock

 • The Infinity Room extending an unsupported length of 218 feet and soaring 156 feet above the valley floor

 • The World’s Largest Carousel featuring 269 handcrafted animals, 20,000 lights and 182 chandeliers

 • An enormous sea creature longer than the Statue of Liberty is tall

 • A Japanese Garden including 14 foot quadruple waterfalls cascading into a garden pond

* Spectacular architecture, unique curiosities and incredible world-famous collections.

**...and much much more!**

**20 Things You May Not Have Known About Wisconsin**

Wisconsin boasts some curious, random and downright hard-to-believe facts. For instance, did you know the state is home to a “Malibu of the Midwest”? Can you guess the county that produces nearly all of the country’s supply of ginseng? If you already thought Wisconsin was interesting, we’re just getting started! Read on:

1. The first kindergarten classes in the U.S. were held in Watertown in 1856 at the home of a German couple. Plan your visit and step back in time to an early class still in session.

2. The first ever ice cream sundae was served in Two Rivers, Wisconsin in 1881. Stop in for a sweet treat at the birthplace itself at The Washington House.

3. During the summer, the population of Door County reaches ten times the number of year-round residents. (28,000 vs. 250,000)

4. The term “cheesehead” actually started as a term the German soldiers used to insult the Dutch during World War II. These days, the term is used in a bit more endearing way to describe cheese-lovin’ Wisconsites. The first cheesehead was worn at a Brewers game, not a Packers game, and was a couch cushion with holes burned in the foam and painted yellow.

5. Celebrities rumored to be Packers fans include: Lil Wayne, Harry Styles, Larry the Cable Guy, Erin Andrews, Ryan Reynolds, David Ortiz, Shawn Johnson, Ellen DeGeneres and Justin Timberlake. Maybe you’ll spot one of them moseying around Lambeau!

6. Marathon County produces nearly all of the ginseng grown in the U.S. and about 10 percent of the world’s supply. There’s even an international festival in September to give you an up-close look at the process and a chance to taste foods and drinks incorporating the product.

7. Barbie hails from the fictional town of Willows, Wis. For the collector and doll aficionado, a day at the Fennimore Doll & Toy Museum may be in order.

8. Soviet satellite Sputnik IV fell out of orbit in 1962 and while most of it burned up on re-entry, a 20-pound piece of debris crashed to the ground in Manitowoc. The original piece of Sputnik was returned to the Soviets but the Rahr-West Art Museum has a replica of it on display and Manitowoc celebrates Sputnikfest each September.

9. Although Warrens only has 400 residents, it draws 100,000 visitors each September for the world’s largest cranberry festival (and Wisconsin produces 60 percent of the nation’s cranberries!).

10. Wisconsin’s state symbol, the badger, doesn’t refer to the animal but instead to the 1820s lead miners who traveled for work and dug tunnels to sleep in and keep warm, much like a badger. Celebrate the name on gameday with the UW-Madison Wisconsin Badgers!

11. Famous names that hail from Wisconsin include Kurtwood Smith, Harry Houdini (visit The History Museum at the Castle), Frank Lloyd Wright, Chris Farley, Georgia O’Keeffe, Orson Welles, Laura Ingalls Wilder (there’s a museum devoted to her life here!), Liberace, Mark Ruffalo, Les Paul and Frank Caliendo.

12. Wisconsin banned the sale and use of margarine from 1895 to 1967, and while the ban was lifted, some restrictions on margarine remain today. It’s still illegal for a restaurant to serve margarine as a butter substitute unless the customer specifically requests it.

13. Wisconsin’s name comes from the Wisconsin River, which was called Meskousing by the Algonquian-speaking tribes. The name was recorded in 1673 by French explorer Jacques Marquette. Over time, the word was Anglicized into Ouisconsin, Wiskonsan and finally into its current spelling and pronunciation. Linguists think the original name must have been borrowed from the Miami word “meskonsing” which translates to “it lies red” or “this stream meanders through something red”, likely referring to the sandstone formations in the Wisconsin River.

14. The Onion, arguably the most famous news satire organization, was humbly started by two University of Wisconsin-Madison students, Tim Keck and Christopher Johnson, in 1988.

15. Thirty percent of the state’s population lives in the five-county metropolitan area around Milwaukee.

16. The coldest temperature ever recorded in Wisconsin is -55 degrees Fahrenheit in Sawyer County in 1996. (That’s without wind chill, folks.)

17. The largest wooly mammoth ever excavated was found in Kenosha, and a replica can be viewed at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

18. Freshwater surfers know Sheboygan as the “Malibu of the Midwest”. Peak surf season, however, takes place between September and March…brrr!

19. The first ever Flag Day was celebrated in Ozaukee County in 1785.

20. “On, Wisconsin” was first said by Arthur MacArthur, Jr. in the Battle of Chattanooga at Missionary Ridge during the Civil War. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions there. Arthur MacArthur, Jr. was the father of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.