

Welcome to Sioux City, Iowa, where the Missouri River winds through the heart of this vibrant city, offering a scenic backdrop to a week filled with adventure and exploration. Known for its rich history, diverse culture, and dynamic entertainment scene, Sioux City has something for everyone. From outdoor enthusiasts to art aficionados, foodies to thrill-seekers, you'll find endless opportunities to discover and indulge in the unique charm of this bustling metropolis. Get ready for a week packed with exciting activities, delicious dining experiences, and unforgettable memories in Sioux City.

Day I

3:00 pm -

Arrive in town, and head to the Downtown Sioux City Public Museum (607 4th St, Sioux City, IA)

The museum offers a rich tapestry of local history, showcasing diverse exhibits ranging from Jolly Time Popcorn to Palmer Candy and highlighting the significance of Sioux City's corn palaces and the Flight 232 crash. Visitors can explore artifacts such as the original 1901 Thorpe's Jewelers clock, 1893 maps of Sioux City, and Terra Cotta from historic downtown buildings. Extensive displays delve into the history of indigenous tribes like the Ho-Chunk, Winnebago, and Lakota, alongside the pivotal role of the stockyards in shaping Sioux City's identity as a gateway to the West. Rotating exhibits offer insights into varied subjects, from dinosaur bones to vintage Christmas toys, while free seminars provide engaging discussions on local topics such as neighborhood origins and historic grocery stores. (https://www.siouxcitymuseum.org/)

Check in at the historic Warrior Hotel (525 6th St, Sioux City, IA)

After sitting vacant for over forty years, the Warrior Hotel was purchased by a St. Louis firm who specializes in period-dating historic properties. Built in 1930, it would become and a beloved property of downtown Sioux City. Entertaining such celebrities as Elvis Presley, who enjoyed playing pool and socializing at the War Eagle Bowling Lanes. Going through a full restoration, Italian white marble and Indian pink marble were brought in to match pictures and swatches of the authentic 1930 marble used to build the Warrior Hotel ninety years ago. Hand painted ceiling tiles above the front desk, to the Woodbury's Steakhouse, the Crown Rooftop Bar, and the Two-Finches Spa, you will love your experience here. And as a Marriot Autograph property the Warrior's theme are birds to pay homage to the numerous bird species of lowa. (https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/suxak-the-warrior-hotel-autograph-collection/overview/)

6:30 pm:

Dinner options in the downtown neighborhood

- · Woodbury's Steakhouse
- Buffalo Alice
- 1008 Key Club
- Trattoria Fresco
- SoHo Kitchen & Bar
- Marto Brewing Co.
- Table 32
- · The Diving Elk

8:30 pm:

After hour drinks at a local downtown bar

- Blue Ribbon Tap
- Rebo's
- Crash Boom Bang Whiskey Hole
- Bodega 401
- Work and Church Booze Parlor
- Beer Can Alley

Day 2

8:30 am:

Breakfast options to start your day

- Woodbury's Steakhouse
- Brightside Cafe
- Jitters
- SweetWater Cafe

10:30 am:

Walk through multiple exhibits at the Sioux City Art Center (225 Nebraska St, Sioux City, IA)

Supporting local and Midwest artists, the Art Center primarily showcases collections from nearby artists. Occasionally, the center will have an exhibit that has international recognition. With rotating exhibitions, educational programs, and community events, the Art Center fosters creativity, appreciation, and dialogue within the community. An added bonus, if you have young children, there is a wonderful kids zone, full of interactive stations. Coloring and drawing, Legos, magnets, and even a "switchboard" will keep your kids engaged and learning during your visit. (https://siouxcityartcenter.org/)

12:30 pm:

Grab lunch at the iconic Milwaukee Weiner (301 Douglas St, Sioux City, IA)

Established in 1918, Milwaukee Wiener House is by far the oldest restaurant in town. After a hundred years of being the most recognized restaurant name in Sioux City, and possibly even Siouxland, Milwaukee Wiener has stayed consistently the same since the beginning. While you're there walk around and admire the historic memorabilia lining the walls, and make sure to check out the patio seating. (https://www.facebook.com/Milwaukeewiener/)

Below are <u>three</u> different itinerary options for the afternoon.

Depending on which one you decide to go to, make sure to give yourself enough time to enjoy it.

Enjoy year-round fun at Cone Park (3800 Line Dr, Sioux City, IA)

Cone Park is a year-round destination for family fun in Sioux City, lowa. In the winter, visitors can enjoy tubing down the thrilling hill, ice skating on the rink, and cozying up by the outdoor fire pit at the day lodge. As the weather warms up, the lodge transforms into a versatile event space with panoramic views and seating for up to 80 guests. The ice skating rink becomes a free splash pad for public enjoyment, and a 2-mile trail loop connects to Sertoma Park, providing additional recreational opportunities.

(https://www.coneparksiouxcity.com/)

2:30 pm:

Take your kids to enjoy an afternoon of indoor fun at LaunchPad Children's Museum (623 Pearl St, Sioux City, IA)

LaunchPAD Children's Museum in Sioux City, Iowa, is a haven for family-friendly fun and education. With interactive exhibits and programs, LaunchPAD offers children a hands-on learning experience in a playful environment. From a farmer's section and play kitchen to water toys and more, LaunchPAD is like an indoor playground where kids can explore, discover, and grow. (https://launchpadmuseum.com/)

2:30 pm:

Visit the interactive and picturesque Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center (4500 Sioux River Rd, Sioux City, IA)

The Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, nestled within the scenic Stone State Park in Sioux City, lowa, offers a captivating educational experience amidst nature's beauty. Spanning 14,000 square feet, the center houses immersive exhibits showcasing the natural history of the Loess Hills, including interactive prairie, wetland, and woodland displays. Visitors can marvel at live native reptiles and fish or indulge in birdwatching at the designated area. Outdoor enthusiasts can explore the extensive trail network leading to forest and prairie viewpoints or unwind in the butterfly and wildflower gardens. The center also boasts meeting rooms for rent and hosts various programs year-round, making it a hub of environmental education and appreciation. (https://woodburyparks.org/)

Take a walk around Bacon Creek Park (5015 Correctionville Rd, Sioux City, IA)

Bacon Creek Park in Sioux City, Iowa, sprawls across 239 acres, offering a picturesque escape with two shelters complete with picnic tables and park benches for relaxation. The park features play equipment for children and restrooms for convenience while you enjoy the 3-mile paved walking path. Additionally, nature enthusiasts can explore the off-leash area and dog park, while water enthusiasts can indulge in kayaking and canoeing activities on the serene waters.

(https://www.sioux-city.org/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/2/164)

6:30 pm:

Head to dinner at One-Eyed Jack's (3091 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City, IA)

This establishment may not be on your initial radar for places to eat, but it is by far a local favorite amongst the people of Sioux City. Home of the Cackleburger, a burger with peanut butter, jelly and a fried egg, you'll enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. And if you sit along the connecting wall to the bowling alley, you can watch the patrons play while enjoying dinner. (https://www.facebook.com/OneEyedJacksSC?mibextid=ZbWKwL)

8:30 pm:

Walk next door to Plaza Bowl and enjoy an evening of bowling with friends (3091 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City, IA)

With 24 lanes, cosmic bowling and bar food, this is the perfect place to end your night, or maybe get the party started! Plaza Bowl has been a beloved favorite for may locals, and is one of the top choices for birthdays, after prom parties, or company outings. Along with arcade games, retro vibes and modern amenities, Plaza Bowl offers family fun for bowling enthusiasts of all skill levels. (https://www.facebook.com/PlazaBowlSiouxCity/)

Day 3

8:30 am:

Start your day with breakfast

- La Morena
- Horizons
- Johnny Mars

10:30 am:

Begin your riverfront journey with the Sergeant Floyd River Museum (1000 Larsen Park Rd, Sioux City, IA)

Once a functional boat, the "Riverboat Museum" now stands as lowa's most distinctive visitor center. Located on Sioux City's scenic riverfront, it celebrates the history of the Missouri River and its influence on the tri-state area. Named after Sergeant Charles Floyd, the sole casualty of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the museum offers exhibits detailing local history and the river's evolution. Originally launched in 1932, the vessel served the Army Corps of Engineers until 1975, aiding in river maintenance. Despite technological advancements, Sioux City preserved its historical significance, converting it into a floating Bicentennial exhibit. Now dry-docked, the museum honors Floyd's legacy while educating visitors about the region's maritime past. (https://www.siouxcitymuseum.org/sergeant-floyd-river-museum)

12:00 pm:

Follow along the riverfront trail to the adjacent Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center (900 Larsen Park Rd, Sioux City, IA)

The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center offers a rich exploration of the historic journey undertaken by Lewis and Clark, providing visitors with immersive exhibits, interactive displays, and insightful narratives about their expedition. From lifelike interpretations of the explorers to engaging exhibits on Native American culture and encounters, the center provides a comprehensive understanding of this pivotal moment in American history. Visitors can also learn about the Siouxland region's significance and enjoy a short film viewing, enhancing their experience and fostering a deeper appreciation for the expedition's impact. (https://siouxcitylcic.com/)

2:00 pm:

Enjoy more scenic views during your late lunch at CRAVE American Kitchen & Sushi Bar (1100 Larsen Park Rd, Sioux City, IA)

CRAVE is a premier dining destination offering a fusion of American and Asian cuisines in a chic and vibrant atmosphere. Located along the Missouri River, CRAVE delights diners with not just panoramic vies of the Veterans Bridge and the historic riverfront, but they also boast an extensive menu featuring sushi rolls, fresh seafood, handcrafted cocktails, and innovative twists on classic comfort foods. Whether you're looking for a casual lunch, elegant dinner and social gatherings with friends and family CRAVE has the sushi, steak, or something in between. (https://craveamerica.com/)

4:00 pm:

Follow Larsen Park Road to the Flight 232 Memorial and Anderson Dance Pavilion (Larsen Park Rd, Sioux City, IA)

The Flight 232 Memorial along the Sioux City Riverfront serves as a poignant tribute to the lives lost and the heroism displayed during the tragic crash of United Airlines Flight 232 in 1989. This memorial stands as a solemn reminder of the catastrophic event and honors the courageous efforts of the crew, emergency responders, and community members who rallied together in the face of adversity. Then head over to the adjoining perfectly landscaped Anderson Dance Pavilion, and enjoy this picturesque open-air pavilion where social events, concerts, and dance performances are held throughout the year.

(https://downtownsiouxcity.com/business/anderson-dance-pavilion/)

6:00 pm:

The Greatest Escape is the best thing to do in Siouxland! (621 Floyd Blvd, Sioux City, IA)

Whether it's just you and you're spouse, or you are meeting up with a few friends, this is the perfect getaway to relieve some stress, have fun and enjoy one of Sioux City's most unique attractions. The Greatest Escape has three different escape rooms for group sizes ranging from 3 to 15. But if it's just you and your travel buddy, then try out their new Splatter Room where you can throw and splash paint onto canvases, creating your very own unique artwork. ***Just make sure to have your event booked ahead of time.*** (https://www.thegreatestescapesiouxcity.com/)

8:00 pm:

Refuel after all that hard work

- Minervas
- Jim's Burgers
- Pete's Thai on 5th

Day 4

8:30 am:

Start your morning off with Breakfast

- Hardline Coffee
- Pierce Street Coffee Works
- Kahill's Chophouse

10:00 am:

Learn more Siouxland history at the Mid American Museum of Aviation & Transportation (2600 Expedition Ct, Sioux City, IA)

Offering visitors a captivating journey through the region's rich aviation and transportation history, this museum showcases a diverse collection of vintage aircraft, automobiles, and artifacts, highlighting the area's pivotal role in aviation and transportation development. From historic aircraft models to interactive exhibits exploring the evolution of flight and travel, the Mid American Museum of Aviation & Transportation provides an educational and engaging experience for visitors of all ages. (https://www.midamericaairmuseum.org/)

11:30 am:

Work up an appetite while rock climbing at the Long Lines Family Rec Center (401 Gordon Dr, Sioux City, IA)

The Long Lines Family Rec Center provides an exhilarating climbing experience with a variety of options for climbers of all skill levels. With over 5,000 square feet of climbing surface and more than 20 routes, climbers can explore bouldering, auto-belay, top rope, and lead climbing. Long Lines also provides essential climbing gear, including shoes, harnesses, and chalk, ensuring a safe and enjoyable climbing experience for all. Visit the check-in desk on the second floor to learn more about available equipment and start your climbing adventure! (https://climblonglines.com/)

1:30 pm:

Replenish with a well-deserved lunch in North Sioux City, SD

- P's Pizza
- Bob & Ellen's
- Skyline Bar & Casino
- Tako N' Madre

3:00 pm:

Take a relaxing walk around Adams Homestead and State Nature Preserve (272 Westshore Dr, North Sioux City, SD)

Established in 1872 and spanning 1,500 acres, the Adams Homestead and State Nature Preserve offers a scenic retreat for outdoor enthusiasts. Donated to South Dakota in 1984 by Stephen Searls Adams' granddaughters, the preserve serves as a learning hub for the community. Visitors can enjoy a variety of activities, including bird watching, cross-country skiing, and hiking along the 10-mile trail network. Highlights include the Lake Loop, ideal for beginners, and the challenging 7.7-mile River Loop. The preserve also features historic structures like the original cabin and a one-room country schoolhouse. With picnic areas and a playground, it's perfect for family outings year-round.

(https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/adams-homestead-and-nature-preserve/)

5:00 pm:

Take a scenic drive through Stone State Park (5001 Talbot Rd, Sioux City, IA)

Stone State Park offers a breathtaking escape into nature. Spanning over 1,000 acres, this scenic park features lush woodlands, rugged bluffs, and picturesque overlooks of the Loess Hills. Visitors can explore miles of hiking and equestrian trails, perfect for outdoor enthusiasts seeking adventure. The park also provides opportunities for picnicking, wildlife viewing, and nature photography. (https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/lowa-State-Parks/Stone-State-Park)

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6:30 pm:

Arrive at the venue of your choice to cheer on one of our local teams

- Musketeers Hockey
- Explorers Baseball
- Bandits Football

6:30 pm:

Check out show times at our theaters

- Riverside Community Theater
- Orpheum Theater
- Lamb Arts Theatre

6:30 pm:

Enjoy live music

- The Marquee
- Jolly's on the River
- Vangarde Arts
- Old Chicago
- Ickey Nickel

One or more of those venues should have had food, but if not then choose from one of these historic and iconic locations

- Townhouse Pizza
- Bob's Drive Inn
- Sneaky's Chicken
- Bob Roe's Point After
- Tastee inn & Out

8:30 pm:

If you have already had dinner by this point, then head back to the Warrior Hotel, and venture down to the War Eagle Bowling Lanes or relax at the Crown Rooftop Bar. There are also various downtown bars to people watch and meet more locals.

Day 5

8:30 am:

Cruise on over to South Sioux City, Nebraska for breakfast

- Crystal Cafe
- The Koffie Knechtion
- Mi Rancherita

10:00 am:

Take a moment and pay your respects to our fallen soldiers at the Siouxland Freedom Park (1801 Veterans Drive, South Sioux City, NE)

Siouxland Freedom Park, situated south of South Sioux City, NE, spans 55 acres and stands as a perpetual tribute to American veterans. Its focal point, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall, echoes the solemnity of its Washington counterpart. Beyond the memorial, the park offers amenities such as a dog park, walking trails, and a towering American flag, flying at 150 feet high. Operated by a nonprofit corporation, the park serves as an educational hub and a sanctuary for reflection, honoring the sacrifices made by military personnel and providing solace to visitors year-round.

(https://siouxlandfreedompark.org/)

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This is a great place to come at night since the outdoor memorials are illuminated, so if you have time on your visit here in Siouxland, make sure to come back in the evening!



11:30 am: Continue your history tour to Riverside Park (1301 Riverside Blvd, Sioux City, IA)

Riverside Park, spanning 100 acres along the Missouri River, offers diverse recreational amenities. Families can enjoy picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports facilities like sand volleyball courts, baseball diamonds, and tennis courts. Aquatic activities are available at the swimming pool, while barbeque grills and soccer fields cater to outdoor gatherings. The park's historic Bruguier's Cabin provides insight into pioneer life, adding cultural significance to its natural beauty.

(https://www.sioux-city.org/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/79/164? npage=2)

1:30 pm:

Enjoy lunch at one of these locations

- Billy Boys
- La Juantia
- Ogawa Sushi & Asian Fusion
- Main + Abbey
- Da-Kao Restaurants
- Tikka Indian Grill
- Neveria y Antojitos Cuauhtemoc

3:00 pm: You're not in trouble, but you are going to the Woodbury County Courthouse (Fair St #206, Moville, IA)

The Woodbury County Courthouse, constructed in March 1918, stands as a testament to both architectural excellence and historical significance. Designed by the renowned Frank Lloyd Wright, it is recognized as the largest Prairie School building globally. Built in 1918, the courthouse is adorned with terra cotta reliefs and murals depicting various aspects of American life. The courthouse also boasts a stained-glass dome and displays historical documents like the Declaration of Independence. Valued between \$60 to \$100 million, it serves as a cherished landmark in Sioux City, Iowa, symbolizing both architectural brilliance and cultural heritage. (https://woodburycountyfair.com/)

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5:30 pm: or 8:30 pm:

Sunset at Sergeant Floyd Monument (2601 S Lewis Blvd, Sioux City, IA)

Depending on when sunset happens when you visit Sioux City, I would highly recommend you visiting the Sergeant Floyd Monument during the "Golden Hour" and taking in the amazing views from this scenic vantage point. Considered the first designated National Historic Landmark in the United States, this granite obelisk rises 100 feet above the bluff overlooking the Missouri River, and was dedicated in 1901, and marks the burial site of Sergeant Charles Floyd. Fun fact: Some history books mis-identify the Sergeant Floyd Monument for the Washington Monument in D.C. (https://www.nps.gov/places/sergeant-floyd-monument.htm)

5:30 pm: or 8:30 pm:

Sip and relax at one of our local breweries before dinner

- Marty's Tap
- Jackson Street
- Jefferson Beer Supply

5:30 pm or 8:30 pm:

Visit Sioux City's only winery: Oscar Carl Vineyard (1473 Buchanan Ave, Sioux City, IA)

7:00 pm:

It's your last dinner in town! And it's your pick!

Day 6

7:30 am:

Check out of the Warrior Hotel, and grab breakfast downstairs, we have a busy last day ahead of us.

9:00 am:

Walk around the grounds of Trinity Heights (2509 33rd St, Sioux City, IA)

Trinity Heights is a spiritual and cultural destination renowned for its serene atmosphere and stunning sculptures, such as the world's tallest statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Visitors can also explore tranquil gardens, serene walking paths, and peaceful reflection areas dotted throughout the expansive grounds. And once the visitor center opens at 10:00am you will have a chance to view one of only 4 life-size wood carving in the world of the Last Supper. (https://www.trinityheights.com/)

11:00 am:

Take a train ride though the Sioux City Railroad Museum (3400 Sioux River Rd, Sioux City, IA)

The Sioux City Railroad Museum, once a bustling hub for locomotive servicing, faced a bleak fate after abandonment in 1981, succumbing to neglect and the threat of demolition, but then rescued in 1995 by the Siouxland Historical Railroad Association. Despite the loss of many original buildings, the museum's roundhouse terminal stands as one of seven survivors nationwide. And its prized "Ironhorse," a 1909 steam locomotive is one of only 52 known to exist. Additionally, the museum hosts a renowned model train exhibit, once owned by William Theisen, founder of Godfather's Pizza fame, and is one of the largest in the nation. Enjoy learning as you walk through historically preserved passenger trains and an extensive Holocaust exhibit, all on a massive 32-acre complex.

(https://www.siouxcityrailroadmuseum.org/)

1:00 pm:

Enjoy your last lunch in Sioux City, North Sioux, or South Sioux. Your pick!

2:30 pm:

Shop for your last minute souvenirs from some local establishments

- · Sioux City Gifts
- Palmer Olde Tyme Candy Shope
- Jolly Time Popcorn

5:00 pm:

Have a safe drive home! Hope you had fun!

And that's how you jam pack a Sioux City itinerary! Remember, you do not have to do everything on this list, and please make adjustments depending on your comfort level. Sioux City, and the neighboring North Sioux City of South Dakota as well as South Sioux City in Nebraska encompasses hundreds of businesses and things to see. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you might have, and tag me on Instagram with your Sioux City adventures @thesiouxlandblog!

Thank You

If you have time, check out:

- 3 Rivers Art Gallery (600 4th St, Ste 195, Sioux City, IA)
- Art SUX Gallery (515 4TH St, Sioux City, IA)
- Downtown Sculpture walk (2nd St, Sioux City, IA)
- First Brides Grave (Monument, Sioux City, IA)
- Gallery 103 (600 4th St, Ste 195, Sioux City, IA)
- Hard Rock Hotel & Casino (111 3rd St, Sioux City, IA)
- Ho-Chunk Center (600 4th St, Sioux City, IA)
- IBP Ice Center (3808 Stadium Dr, Sioux City, IA)
- John Peirce Mansion (2901 Jackson St, Sioux City, IA)
- Pickled Palette (4014 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA)
- Rollerama (4500 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA)
- Sissel Gallery (504 Court St, Sioux City, IA)
- Walk the Riverfront (1280 Larsen Park Rd, Sioux City, IA)
- Walk the Skywalks (600 4th St, Sioux City, IA)
- War Eagle Monument (Historical Marker, Sioux City, IA)

Or if you are planning a trip around a certain event, here are some ideas to help you on your journey:

- NAIA Women's National Basketball Championship (3rd week in March)
- Siouxland Asian Festival (May 25th, 2024)
- Mardi Gras Festivale (June 30th, 2024)
- Saturday in the Park (July 6th, 2024)
- Greek Fest (July 26th-28th, 2024)
- Woodbury County Fair (July 31st-Aug 4th, 2024)
- Siouxland African Festival (2nd or 3rd weekend in August)
- Art Splash (Aug 31st-Sept 1st, 2024)
- Celebrate Siouxland *Largest Hispanic heritage celebration in the area* (2nd or 3rd weekend in September)
- Alley Art Festival (Last week of September)
- Sioux City International Film Festival (October 3rd-6th, 2024)
- Kingdon of Riverssance Renaissance (Oct 5th-6th, 2024)
- NAIA Women's National Volleyball Championship (Last week in November)

Re-occurring weekly seasonal events:

- Sioux City Farmers Market (Wednesday and Saturday mornings May-Oct)
- Food Truck Fridays (Every Friday June-Aug)
- Downtown Live Summer Concert Series (Every Friday night June-Aug)
- Scare Central (Sept-Nov)
- Nightmare on 4th Street (Sept-Nov)
- Downtown for the Holidays (Nov-Dec)



Check out these websites for more information of what is happening in Sioux City:

- Downtown Sioux City: https://downtownsiouxcity.com/
- Sioux City Events: https://www.sioux-city.org/community/home-again/events
- Tyson Events Center: https://www.tysoncenter.com/events
- Hard Rock Casino: https://www.hardrockcasinosiouxcity.com/events-list/
- Explore Siouxland: https://exploresiouxland.com/events/
- Siouxland Proud: https://www.siouxlandproud.com/calendar/#/