



Group friendly attractions, accommodations & dining  
Janesville, WI

Botanical gardens, history, industry, theater and arts, agriculture and themed itineraries make the Janesville area an ideal addition to your itinerary. Experience a wide selection of dining and shopping options customized for your group. Our goal is to provide you with an exceptional tour combined with warm hospitality and group-friendly details. We offer tour planning services including itinerary planning, lodging and dining assistance, FAM tours, step-on guide services, on-site assistance and welcome receptions.

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# Destination Overview

## Rotary Botanical Gardens

Enjoy a tour through 20 acres of scenic walkways that wind their way through picturesque bridges, an ornate gazebo, sculptures, unique garden art, and heavenly-scented flowers in this award-winning garden. Shop the Cottage Garden Gallery, featuring local and regional artisans. During the holiday season experience the breathtaking Holiday Light Show - walk through winter gardens filled with more than 1.5 million dazzling lights.

## Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Show

Experience edge-of-your-seat thrills as you watch a performance by the best water skiers in the world! Enjoy their astounding ski show Wednesday and Sunday evenings, Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. Special seating available for your group.

## Lincoln-Tallman Museum

Explore this historic Italianate-style mansion where Abraham Lincoln was a guest in 1859. Learn the reason behind his "extended stay." In November and December, come for the Holiday Tree Show filled with 150 beautifully adorned trees and decorations inside the historic mansion. Located on the Rock County Historical Society Campus (RCHS).

## RCHS Legacies Museum & Visitor's Center

Enjoy several permanent and rotating exhibits, including Pauline Pottery and Pickard China, and browse items in the gift shop. Located on the RCHS Campus.

## K & W Greenery

Take a behind the scenes tour of this nearly 2-acre indoor greenhouse growing operation and nursery that is widely considered one of southern Wisconsin's finest. Shop in the extensive gift shop and take something special home with you.

## MacFarlane Pheasants

Explore one of the world's largest private game bird farms. MacFarlane's has provided hunting birds for Prince Charles and served pheasant for President Obama's inaugural dinner.

## APG Printing Solutions

Tour the 54,000 square foot state-of-the-art newspaper production facility, publisher of the Janesville Gazette and many other publications.

## Skelly's Farm Market

Discover one of the largest providers of fresh produce in Southern Wisconsin that is sold directly to the consumers. Then visit the gift shop and enjoy a delicious treat from the bakery. Seasonally, experience sunflower fields and corn mazes.

## Janesville Performing Arts Center

Take in a performance in this unique and historic setting. Originally the Janesville High School, which opened in 1923, it is well known for its acoustics. The theater offers a wide variety of wonderful shows and performances.

## Milton House Museum

The hexagonal-shaped Milton House, opened in 1844 by Joseph Goodrich as a stagecoach inn, is one of the oldest standing poured grout buildings. It was a stop on the Underground Railroad, with a tunnel connecting the Milton House to a log cabin. It is now a National Historic Landmark. On the tour, guests will learn about the history of the house and how the Underground Railroad operated in Milton while they visit the various rooms of the inn, and the tunnel connecting the hexagon to the pioneer cabin.

## Sterling North Museum

Visit the childhood home of author, Sterling North. He was an Edgerton native who lived from 1906 to 1974. North wrote such classics as *So Dear to My Heart*, *The Wolfing*, and beloved children's book *Rascal*, an autobiographical story about raising a raccoon in the Edgerton area in the early 1900s. Both *Rascal* and *So Dear to My Heart* were adapted to films by Walt Disney. There is also a gift shop that features books, clothing and collectibles.

## Hotels

AmericInn

Baymont by Wyndham

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

Hampton by Hilton

Holiday Inn Express & Janesville Conference Center

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham

Motel 6

Northern Town Motel

Quality Inn

Super 8 by Wyndham

TownePlace Suites by Marriott

Tru by Hilton

## Hub and Spoke

Janesville's central location and affordable lodging and dining make it the ideal "hub" for touring the region.

- Fireside Theatre
- Dancing Horses
- Ho-Chunk Gaming
- More than 20 wineries, breweries within 40 miles
- Rosewood



### Miles

Lake Geneva, WI	- 30
Madison, WI	- 40
Milwaukee, WI	- 70
House on the Rock	- 80
WI Dells, WI	- 90
Green Bay, WI	- 150
Door County, WI	- 200
Rockford, IL	- 40
Chicago, IL	- 120
Detroit, MI	- 390