



Overnight Sample Itinerary Greater Burlington

10:15 a.m.

Arrive in Greater Burlington

10:30

Pick up guide (\$15/hour) at The Port of Burlington Welcome Center, 400 N. Front St., Burlington. (Coffee, cookies, and restrooms will be available)

Port of Burlington Welcome Center. The beautiful Mississippi River provides a scenic backdrop for this historic building. Dedicated in 1928, the building enabled barges to be loaded with coal by means of an overhead conveyer. The Port of Burlington is now home to a State of Iowa Welcome Center. Restrooms, information on statewide attractions, souvenirs, and a video of local attractions combine with historic displays to make this an ideal point to begin your trip to Burlington.

10:35 a.m.

Drive through **Heritage Hill National Historic District**. Named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, Heritage Hill lines the northern sector of downtown. Nearly 160 structures reflect many architectural periods and styles. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the Mississippi River from **Mosquito Park**, named for its size, this park provides a bluff-top look at the massive river.

11:15 a.m.

Then make your next stop at the **Phelps House Museum (\$2/person)**, which was home to three generations of the Phelps family. Located at the top of Snake Alley, this Victorian house features furnishings dating from 1774. Take some time viewing priceless antiques and everyday items the family used over the years.

12:00 noon

Snake Alley, perhaps Burlington's most famous landmark, *Ripley's Believe It Or Not* dubbed Snake Alley the "crookedest street in the world." The Alley consists of five half curves and two-quarter curves and drops 58 feet over a distance of 275. The brave are invited to walk down, the motor coach will pick up walkers at the bottom of the hill.

12:15 a.m.

Enjoy lunch at one of Burlington's many restaurants. Assistance with reservations is available.

1:30 p.m.

Shopping in Downtown Burlington, which is lined with beautiful buildings, trees, shrubs and benches. The walk leads to stores of many varieties: antiques, clothing, jewelry, florists, plus medical, financial and legal offices. Jefferson Street was renovated with historic lighting and plantings during the summer of 1998.

2:15 p.m.

A driving tour of Burlington: The tour will include **Crapo Park National Arboretum**, opened in 1895, this park covers more than 100 acres of the west bank of the Mississippi River, and is a sight you should not miss. The scenic overlook on the bluff provides a breathtaking view of the Mississippi.

2:45 p.m.

Hope you are hungry again as the next stop is for coffee and desserts at the **Schramm House Bed & Breakfast (\$6.00/person)**. The Schramm House is one of Greater Burlington's unique Bed & Breakfast dating back to 1864. The house is completely furnished in Victorian furniture. An extensive collection of appointed art by regional artist can be viewed throughout the home. One room has been dedicated to a famous conversationalist Aldo Leopold who grew up in Burlington, Iowa.

3:30 p.m.

Experience acres of beauty at **Bangert Gardens**. On this guided tour you will be able to view over 200 different trees and dozens of varieties of flowers and plants. Each garden is uniquely designed and many times has a story behind it. Plenty of shade trees make for a relaxing experience. If gardens are not for everyone in the group an impressive collection of antique tractors could keep ones time occupied for hours.

5:00 p.m.

Hotel Time Free Time – back to the hotel for relaxation.

6:00 p.m.

Several options are available to groups.

Option #1 – **Burlington Bees' Baseball Game at Community Field**. Catch the excitement of Minor League Baseball at the newly renovated Community Field. Group Rates and space locations are available. A baseball style picnic supper can be served.

Option #2 – An evening at Catfish Bend Casino. This new completed land base casino complex has something to offer everyone in the group. The casino features over 700 slot machines, 18 table games, and luxurious poker room and VIP lounge. In addition to the casino several restaurants are available on site along with bars, a bowling alley, upscale billiards area, and much more. There are two hotels connected to this venue.

Overnight accommodations can be arranged at one of our many quality hotel properties. Group rates are available.

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