



NEBRASKA'S MISSOURI RIVER VALLEY & CAPITAL CITY SAMPLE TOUR ITINERARY

Forming Nebraska's eastern border, the Missouri River is one of the nation's great rivers and has helped shape and grow the Great Plains region over the years. On this itinerary, we'll follow this mighty river from Brownville to Nebraska City, through Omaha and the Winnebago Nation before finishing near the Siouxland region of South Sioux City. We'll enjoy delicious homemade fare, unique cultural immersions, top notch entertainment, an insightful look into our nation's national security, and examples of responsible environmental stewardship.

Day 1

Brownville • Nebraska City

Overnight: Nebraska City

Spirit of Brownville

Start this tour with lunch and an unforgettable experience aboard a historic riverboat cruising down the scenic Missouri River. Once back on shore, explore Brownville's charming historic downtown's eclectic shops.

Whiskey Run Creek Vineyard & Winery

Stop for a tasting of delicious Nebraska wines and distilled spirits within a cozy 110-year old barn setting.

Prairie City Chophouse

Enjoy a traditional family steakhouse and tasty made-from-scratch dishes in this Nebraska City favorite.

Day 2

Nebraska City • Papillion

Overnight: Omaha

Arbor Day Farm

Explore this 260-acre working farm orchard and forest, which also is a National Historic Landmark with an experienced nature interpreter. Visit the 50-foot-high Tree Adventure treehouse for an amazing view of the farm and take home a tree seedling from the Lied Greenhouse.

Arbor Lodge State Historical Park

Wander the rooms of the beautiful estate of J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day. Built in 1855, this four-room frame house was remodeled over the years to become the magnificent 52-room mansion it is today. The mansion's rooms are filled with authentic furnishings and displays that capture the life and times of this great Nebraska visionary.

Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard

This working orchard and vineyard is the best destination for fresh, locally grown produce and other homegrown Nebraska products.

Polish Heritage Center

Enjoy a traditional Polish dinner and entertainment.

Day 3

Bellevue • Omaha

Overnight: Omaha

Offutt Air Force Base

Visit Bellevue and the headquarters of the U. S. Strategic Command, Air Force Weather Agency, and the 55th Wing of the Air Combat Command.

Fontenelle Forest Nature Center

Learn about the facility's dedication to help injured birds of prey through their Raptor Rescue Program and the Raptor Woodland Refuge where owls, hawks, falcons, and other species that no longer can survive in the wild live within "homes" designed to fit their natural habitats.

St. John Greek Orthodox Church

Feast on a traditional Greek lunch followed by lessons in Greek dancing and culture. *Yasou!*

Hot Shops Art Center

Located in downtown Omaha, this 92,000 square-foot hands-on art centers features more than 80 artists, from glass blowing and pottery to bronze casting and blacksmithing.

Historic Old Market District

Wind down the day in this turn-of-the-century marketplace of brick streets and buildings with a variety of quaint restaurants and shops.

Day 4

Omaha • Lincoln

Overnight: Omaha

Lithuanian Bakery

Start the morning with a delicious Lithuanian torte or specialty bread while the bakery's owner recount the story of how their parents decided to call Omaha home in the 1960s.

Father Flanagan's Boys Town

An experienced guide will give an insider's view of life in the Village and recount the many inspiring stories of Father Flanagan and his vision to help wayward boys.

Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum

This 3,000 sq. ft. museum features aircraft from various world conflicts, and an onsite restoration hanger gives a glimpse into how these magnificent machines are being restored. After lunch take a turn in the museum's FS-VC "dual system" flight simulator and be immersed into the realism of flight through state-of-the-art motion control and high-performance visuals and sounds.

Nebraska State Capitol

At 15 stories and 400 feet tall, it is the second-tallest statehouse in the country and offers a spectacular view of the city from the 14th floor observation deck.

International Quilt Study Center

Explore this wonderful museums that houses the world's largest publicly held quilt collection. Tour its high-tech storage facility and quilt exhibitions before going "behind the scenes" to view quilts that are hundreds of years old.

Screamers Dining & Cabaret

Be entertained while dining on delicious fare in Lincoln's Historic Haymarket District. Afterward, explore the district's lively section of downtown full of unique shops, bars, restaurants, and other entertainment.

Day 5

Fort Calhoun • Tekamah • Winnebago Nation • South Sioux City

Fort Atkinson State Historical Park

This was the first U.S. fort west of the Missouri River and played a major role in the nation's western expansion and fur trade. It also is noted to be the site of the first council between the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Otoe-Missouri Tribe. The "First Council Sculpture" commemorates this historic event.

Master's Hand Candle Company & Gift Shop

Known locally as "every woman's dream store," this unique gift shop has everything from excellent lunches, jewelry, candles, home décor, and chocolates to hands-on learning classes where you can make your own candle or flower arrangement to take home. Make sure to check out the "work of art" restroom.

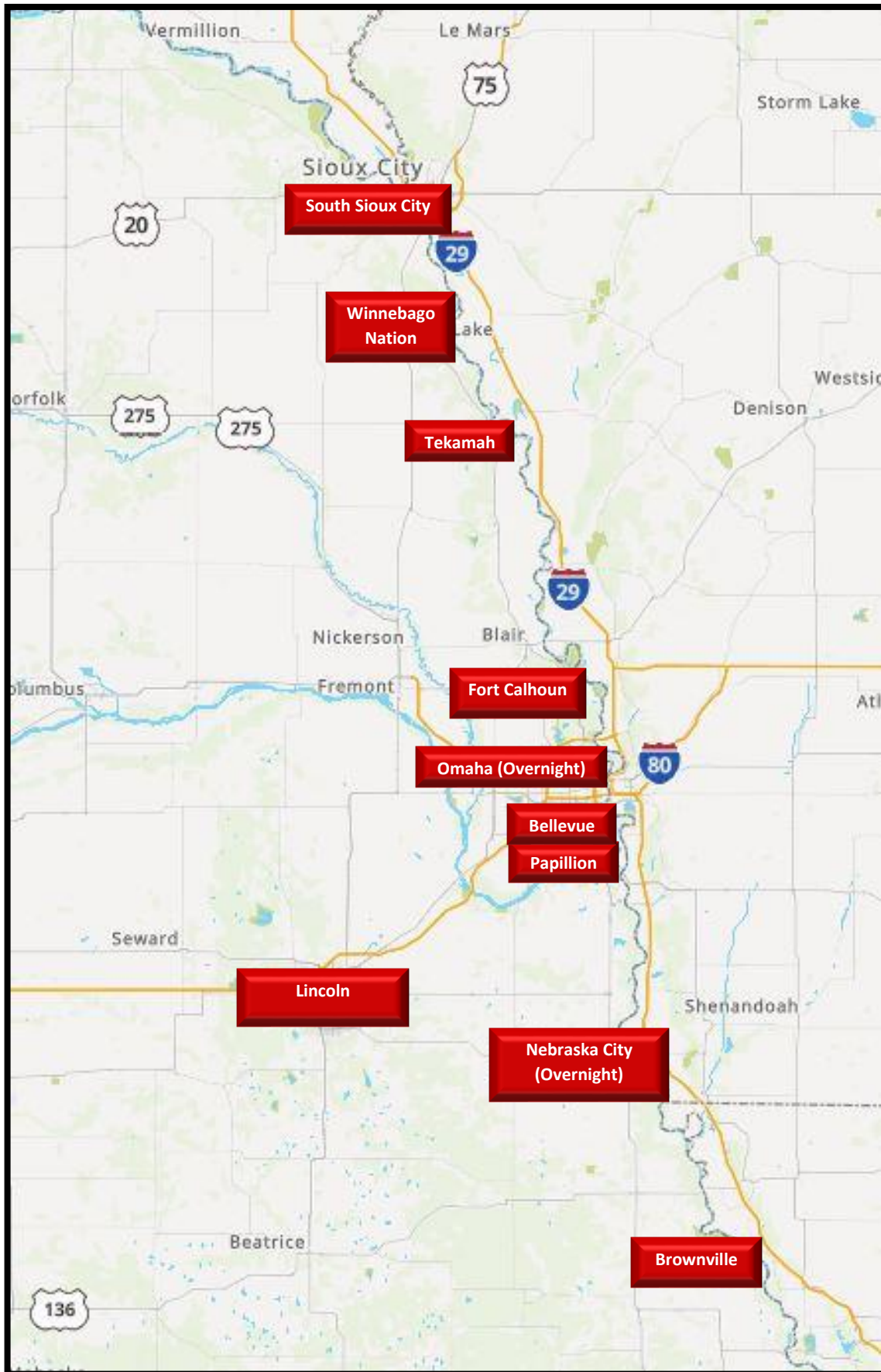
Angel DeCora Museum & Research Center

Located on the Little Priest Tribal College campus on the Winnebago Nation, this interesting museum displays artifacts and exhibits of the Winnebago Nation, one of Nebraska's four Native American tribes.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

Located in South Sioux City, the Gateway to Northeast Nebraska, Freedom Park pays tribute to our nation's fallen soldiers.

Tour Route Map



Driving Times and Mileage
(Drive time are approximate.)

Nebraska City-Omaha

Drive time: 45 min.
45 miles

Omaha-Lincoln

Drive time: 1 hr.
60 miles

Omaha-Fort Calhoun

Drive time: 30 min.
16 miles

Fort Calhoun-Tekamah

Drive time: 35 min.
27 miles

Tekamah-Winnebago

Drive time: 40 min.
36 miles

Winnebago-South Sioux City

Drive time: 20 min.
18 miles

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