

# NEBRASKA'S SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION SAMPLE TOUR ITINERARY

They say we're only separated from each other by six handshakes so let's see how connected you might be to some of these famous Nebraskans, both past and present. Included on this tour are some of eastern Nebraska's greatest business leaders, entrepreneurs, authors, politicians/filmmakers, entertainers/and visionaries, and on this tour, you'll discover how their actions helped to guide and shape our state.

Explore Warren Buffett's stomping grounds around Omaha. Learn how Johnny Carson's Nebraska upbringing helped make him into a world-renowned celebrity. Walk in the footsteps of Tom Osborne at UNL Memorial Stadium where he made decisions that took the state's football team, the Cornhuskers, to multiple championships. Then tour the home of J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day one of the state's biggest visionaries who preached about the importance and sustainability of responsible environmental stewardship.

#### **Travel Day to Nebraska**

Overnight: Omaha

#### **Big Mama's Kitchen and Catering**

Dinner at this locally owned restaurant featured on "Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives" followed by presentation on what it was like being on the Food Network show.

## Day 1 Omaha

Overnight: Omaha

#### **Warren Buffett Driving Tour**

Breakfast at Warren Buffett's favorite McDonald's followed by driving tour with step on guide highlighting some of his favorite locations.

#### **Omaha Community Playhouse**

Behind the scenes tour of the playhouse, meet a couple performers who will talk about what it's like being an actor and give the group inside secrets and stories.

#### Nebraska Furniture Mart

Explore North America's largest furnishing store and afterward spend some time shopping.

#### **Gorat's Steakhouse**

Dinner at Warren Buffett's favorite steakhouse, an Omaha tradition for more than 70 years.

#### Day 2

#### Omaha • Ashland • Bancroft • Norfolk • Stanton

Overnight: Norfolk

#### **Father Flanagan's Boys Town**

Breakfast on site followed by a step-on guided tour of the campus.

#### **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum**

Guided tour of the facility followed by the opportunity to meet Clayton Anderson and talk to him about his life as an astronaut. Lunch could be at the museum or, if time permits, at a nearby restaurant like Parker's Smokehouse for a family style meal.

#### John G. Neihardt State Historic Site

Facility tour and an entertaining presenter to talk about Neihardt's life and read excerpts from his novels, such as *Black Elk Speaks*. His outdoor study will be open so groups can walk inside.

#### Johnny Carson's Boyhood Home

The owner will be on site to talk about the house and the renovations he's done. He has some videos featuring Johnny Carson to show groups. A pre-dinner cocktail hour happens downstairs.

#### The Uptown Brewery

Dinner in one of the principal filming locations for the 2012 Alexander Payne film, "Nebraska." Locals who were on set during the movie could talk about their experiences and any behind the scenes facts and trivia they'd like to share with the group.

## Day 3 Norfolk • Lincoln • Elmwood

Overnight: Lincoln

#### Johnny Carson Exhibit at Elkhorn Valley Museum

Groups will explore the museum's Johnny Carson exhibit and meet a young version of the entertainer who will talk about his life and growing up.

#### **Bess Streeter Aldrich House and Museum**

Bess Streeter Aldrich will be on site to give groups a guided tour and talk about her life and writings.

#### **Historic Haymarket District**

Lunch at one of this historic district's restaurants followed by a walking tour of the Haymarket. Groups could be offered the option of walking to the stadium or climbing back onto the motorcoach.

#### **UNL Memorial Stadium**

Behind the scenes peek inside Memorial Stadium and other areas within the Hawks Championship Center and Osborne Athletic Complex.

#### **Billy's Restaurant**

Dinner at a favorite local restaurant for Nebraska politicians.

#### Day 4

## Lincoln ● Burchard ● Nebraska City

Overnight: Nebraska City

#### **Nebraska Governor's Mansion**

Guided tour of the governor's residence. The Nebraska State Capitol is across the street which would be a good additional stop, time permitting.

#### **Harold Lloyd Home**

Visit the silent film star's home and watch one of his movies inside the house.

#### **Arbor Lodge State Historic Park**

Tour of Arbor Lodge given by costumed guides or spend an enjoyable time solving an interactive murder mystery at the mansion.

#### **Timbers Restaurant**

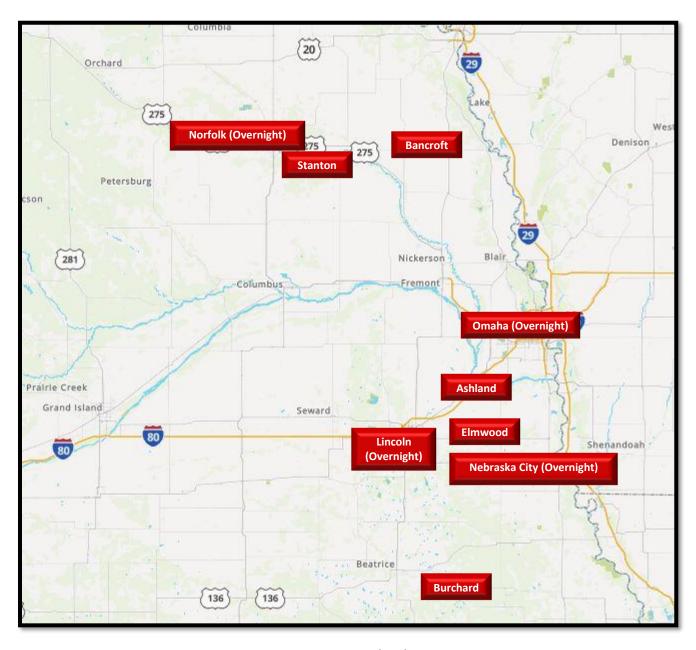
Dinner is a complete dining experience in one of Nebraska City's finest restaurants serving excellent dishes prepared using fresh ingredients straight from the farm to the table.

## Day 5 Nebraska City

#### **Arbor Day Farm**

This world-famous farm offers a variety of exciting activities for groups, including wine tastings, gnome hunts, guide farm tours, and a Discovery Ride through the farm's orchards and forest.

## **Tour Route Map**



## Driving Times and Mileage (Drive time are approximate.)

#### **Omaha-Ashland**

Drive time: 30 min.

31 miles

#### **Ashland-Bancroft**

Drive time: 1 hr. 30 min.

86 miles

#### **Bancroft-Norfolk**

Drive time: 50 min.

45 miles

#### Norfolk-Lincoln

Drive time: 2 hrs. 122 miles

## Lincoln-Burchard

Drive time: 1 hr. 15 min.

70 miles

#### **Burchard-Nebraska City**

Drive time: 1 hr. 5 min.

63 miles

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