THE WORLD’S BREADBASKET: AN AGRICULTURAL TOUR THROUGH NEBRASKA
SAMPLE TOUR ITINERARY

Even though Nebraska boasts two major urban metropolitan areas, it remains a true agricultural and rural state. Center-pivot irrigation was invented in Nebraska, and this unique type of irrigation system provides the much-needed moisture to the state’s hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland, helping to make Nebraska the Breadbasket to the world. Nebraska’s agricultural roots run deep and on this itinerary, we’ll cross the state from Omaha to Kimball, visiting many of its agricultural businesses, attractions, and farm-to-table restaurants.

DAY 1
Omaha • Waverly
Overnight: Lincoln

Farm to Table Lunch
Omaha is on the forefront of the fresh food movement where chefs use fresh locally produced ingredients for their culinary dishes.

Florence Mill
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the mill began as the gristmill for Mormon Winter Quarters in 1846 built under the supervision of Brigham Young. Today, it and grain elevator are a cultural attraction housing a museum, art gallery, and farmers market.

CLAAS
Enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the North American headquarters for CLAAS of America, a German combine manufacturer, where hundreds of LEXION combines are assembled each year in this state-of-the-art facility.

Lakehouse Farm
Tour this sustainable farm near Lincoln then enjoy a delicious dinner prepared using season and locally grown ingredients at Prairie Plate Restaurant.

DAY 2
Lincoln • Nebraska City
Overnight: Lincoln

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.

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

DAY 3
Lincoln • York County
Overnight: Grand Island

Larsen Tractor Test Museum
This unique museum is the only tractor testing museum and tractor test laboratory in the world. Its exhibits include more than 25 tractors highlighting the advancements in tractor testing technology, which established power and performance standards and solved agricultural problems worldwide.

International Quilt Study Center
Visit the world’s largest publicly held quilt collection, and tour its high-tech storage facility and quilt exhibitions before going “behind the scenes” to view quilts hundreds of years old.

UNL Dairy Store
Stop for a tasty post-lunch or afternoon ice cream treat and learn how the on-site plant produces delicious ice creams, cheeses, and meats.

Wessels Living History Farm
Learn first-hand how farm life and agriculture have changed from the 1920s to modern day farming techniques and technologies at this interactive and educational working farm.

Mennonite Heritage Park
Listen to costumed storytellers tell about stories about the Henderson Mennonites and explain how this group is connected to the Amish and Old-Mennonites in Pennsylvania and how these Germans from Russia immigrated to Nebraska.

DAY 4
Grand Island • Hastings • Kearney
Overnight: North Platte

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer
Noted as one of the top ten living history museums in the country, the museum complex transports visitors back to the early pioneer and settlement days of Nebraska. Explore Fonner Rotunda which boasts one of the state’s finest collections of cowboy and Native American art and artifacts.

Raising Nebraska
Explore this interactive 25,000 sq. ft. museum that connects consumers with farmers who raise their food by explaining the steps from “farm to fork.” Experience a virtual combine harvest experience, full-sized pivot irrigation system, grain bin video theater, a 50-foot-long interactive floor map of Nebraska, and an interactive dinner table.

Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor and Agricultural Learning
At this unique interactive agricultural center, gain a deeper understanding of agriculture and how it connects people to the land and their food.
Archerway
Wander through this three-floor interactive museum commemorating the nation’s westward expansion. At a height of 310 feet, the Archway is the only tourist attraction in the country to span a federal interstate highway.

DAY 5
North Platte
Overnight: North Platte

Golden Spike Tower & Visitor Center
Enjoy a catered breakfast while taking in a bird’s eye view of the world’s largest railroad classification yard from atop the 7th floor open air observation deck or the 8th floor enclosed deck.

Buffalo Bill State Historical Park
Tour the home of Colonel William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody and his wife and hear more about their lives and their interesting adventures.

Lincoln County Historical Museum
Hop aboard a wagon from the park to the museum for a deliciously prepared Dutch oven lunch and a guided tour of the museum grounds, including an authentic recreated Old West town and learn more about the story of the famous World War II North Platte Canteen.

“Here’s the Beef” Tour
Listen to educators from the West Central Research and Extension Office and a local chef as they explain the steps needed to raise and process beef from pasture to the table. Dinner will be a full meal including five cuts of beef.

DAY 6
Ogallala • Potter
Overnight: Kimball

Note: Groups enter Mountain Time Zone (lose one hour) between North Platte and Ogallala.

Lake McConaughy Visitors Center and Water Interpretive Center
Perched on a bluff near Lake McConaughy, the state’s largest lake, the visitor center features interactive educational exhibits on the Platte River and High Plains Aquifer, and shows how important water conservation and stewardship are to helping Nebraska become an agricultural center.

Front Street and Cowboy Museum
Explore this authentic recreation of an Old West 1880s Main Street in Ogallala, the “town too tough for Texas.” The Crystal Palace Revue is a rootin’ tootin’ western shootout complete with cowboys and showgirls and takes place from June to mid-August.

Petrified Wood and Art Gallery
Explore Native American artifacts and delicate works of art and carvings formed from pieces of ancient petrified wood from around the world.

Mansion on the Hill
See how Ogallala’s upper class residents lived in this fully furnished Victorian-style mansion. A catered meal on site is possible.

Potter Sundry
No trip to Potter is complete without a famous Tin Roof Sundae (vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup, chocolate ice cream, marshmallow cream, and nuts.)
Potter’s Historic Duckpin Bowling Alley
Step back in time to the 1920s in this restored three-lane bowling alley. It’s definitely a one-of-a-kind bowling experience.

DAY 7
Kimball • Gering

EJE Ranch
Learn about the High Plains Region’s short grass prairie on this working ranch and the unique opportunity of venturing into the prairie to learn more about this fragile ecosystem first hand.

Rocky Hollow Buffalo Company
This working ranch raises grass fed bison and gives groups the unique opportunity to hand feed them hay biscuits and learn more about how these majestic animals exist and thrive in western Nebraska’s High Plains region.

Double L Country Store and Café
This quaint restaurant/gift shop where fresh ingredients, mouthwatering pies, excellent daily specials, and great gift ideas make this hilltop spot a “must stop at.”

Legacy of the Plains
Learn about the lives and stories of the people who explored and settled the High Plains of Nebraska. Exhibits focus on the archeology of Native American and Westward expansions, the lives of pioneering settlers, the establishment of irrigation, the diversity of cultures on the High Plains, and the innovative technologies and cultural practices of raising animals and crops in a semi-arid environment.
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