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CITYSCAPE: OMAHA

Nebraska's River City

Untrammelled grazing land drew homesteaders across the Missouri River 150 years ago, and Omaha, Nebraska, arose as a capital for westward growth. Today the city celebrates its pioneer past and 21st century business success. —Amy S. Eckert

KARL BODMER (SWISS, 1809-1893). VIEW ON THE MISSOURI, BLACKBIRD'S GRAVE. 1831. WATERCOLOR ON PAPER. JOSLYN ART MUSEUM, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. GIFT OF THE ENRON ART FOUNDATION, 1986.49.373



Images of unspoiled landscapes form the centerpiece of the Joslyn Art Museum's American West Collection. Swiss artist Karl Bodmer's *View on the Missouri, Blackbird's Grave* exemplifies one of the finest such U.S. collections.



At the Hot Shops Art Center, 70 artists turn out glass, pottery and sculpture inside a former mattress factory.

Omaha's TD Ameritrade Park is the home each June of the College World Series, in which baseball stars from schools across the country vie for the college championship of America's pastime.



At Lauritzen Gardens, 100 acres of landscaped terraces tumble riverward, with 2,000 roses and an expansive



20,000-square-foot conservatory offering year-round blooms.

African animals are top draws at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. This lemur is in the "Expedition Madagascar" exhibit, and exotic birds and plants inhabit the vast indoor rain forest. Native animals roam the zoo's drive-through Wildlife Safari Park.



Where's the beef?
... in Omaha.



THE GREY PLUME ▲
Order a steak in Omaha—it's a long-standing tradition. This inventive restaurant's steak four ways (fillet, sausage, shank and tartare) uses only grass-fed Nebraska beef (thegreyplume.com).

LE BOUILLON
Local ingredients, such as Midwest pork, meet rural France here along the cobbled streets of the Old Market district (bouillonomaha.com).

THE DROVER
The classic Nebraska approach to steak is represented here by sirloins, rib-eyes and filets, all marinated in whiskey and broiled (droverrestaurant.com).

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- The city is home to five Fortune 500 companies.
- The College World Series has been played in Omaha since 1950.