



DES MOINES. THE Ss ARE SILENT. OUR CITY SAYS “WELCOME!”

When you come to Greater Des Moines, you’ll notice the buzz. Our restaurants are sizzling, and our attractions are electric! Below you’ll find some of the top places and things that make us Des Best, all conveniently located within a quick drive. Enjoy your visit!



THINGS TO DO

▶ ADVENTURELAND PARK

An amusement park, water park, and underrated beer destination all-in-one. Thrill rides and chill vibes abound.



▶ BLANK PARK ZOO

This 49-acre zoo on the south side of the city includes exhibits such as tigers, seals, lions, giraffes, lemurs, red pandas, and rhinos. The fun is almost unbearable.



▶ DOWNTOWN FARMERS’ MARKET

Every Saturday morning from May to October, more than 25,000 people gather on Court Avenue to enjoy food, music, murals, and more than 300 vendors. It’s a Des Moines bucket list item.



▶ IOWA STATE CAPITOL

The only five-domed capitol in the country includes 100 rooms of amazing history, including the magnificent law library, the most photographed room in the state. Free self-guided tours available.



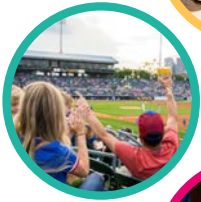
▶ JOHN AND MARY PAPPAJOHNS SCULPTURE PARK

4.4 acres of awe-inspiring art and countless selfie opportunities abound in the crown jewel of downtown. More than 30 works of art make this the perfect place to unwind and get in touch with your artsy side.



▶ LAURIDSEN SKATEPARK

Nestled along the Des Moines Riverwalk is the newly opened Lauridsen Skatepark, which at 88,000 square feet, is the largest in the country. Even if you don’t skate, it’s fun to take in all the rad sights, including a skatable WOW sculpture.



▶ PRINCIPAL PARK

Catch a rising star, or a hot dog, at the AAA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, located at beautiful Principal Park along the river. Go Cubs Go!



▶ RAYGUN

Pick up a souvenir at RAYGUN, an irreverent t-shirt store and the self-proclaimed “Greatest Store in the Universe.”



▶ SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA

Head to the Science Center of Iowa, where learning is REAL fun. Located in the heart of downtown, SCI includes permanent exhibits like Why the Sky? (space), Brick by Brick (LEGO), and What on Earth (zoology/geology), along with a host of cool traveling exhibits.



▶ SMASH PARK

A one-of-a-kind social entertainment and events venue with American street style eats and hand-crafted cocktails. Featuring Iowa’s largest patio and 70+ HD TVs, plus don’t forget games: Smash Park is equipped with six pickleball courts, a full arcade, shuffleboard, bocce ball, ping pong, cornhole, and more!



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