# Iowa BUCKET LIST

*Rolling farmlands, friendly communities, rich history, & memories that last a lifetime.*




DES MOINES SKYLINE


AMANA COLONIES


HOGBACK BRIDGE


STATE CAPITOL BUILDING


CORN FIELDS


RURAL IOWA

## MUST-SEE PLACES

- ☐ Visit the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines
- ☐ Explore the Amana Colonies
- ☐ Walk across the High Trestle Trail Bridge
- ☐ See the Field of Dreams Movie Site
- ☐ Visit the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
- ☐ Explore Effigy Mounds National Monument

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- ☐ Hike at Pikes Peak State Park
- ☐ Bike the High Trestle Trail
- ☐ Kayak or canoe on the Iowa River
- ☐ Go fishing at Clear Lake
- ☐ Explore Ledges State Park
- ☐ Camp under the stars in an Iowa state park

## SCENIC DRIVES

- ☐ Drive the Loess Hills Scenic Byway
- ☐ Take the Great River Road along the Mississippi
- ☐ Explore the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway
- ☐ Drive through the Driftless Area in northeast Iowa
- ☐ Enjoy a fall foliage drive through the countryside

## LOCAL FOOD & DRINK

- ☐ Try a famous Iowa pork tenderloin sandwich
- ☐ Enjoy a sweet corn on the cob (in season)
- ☐ Visit a local farmers' market
- ☐ Try a slice of pie (Iowa loves pie!)
- ☐ Sip local craft beer or Iowa wine

## FUN EXTRAS

- ☐ Attend the Iowa State Fair (in Des Moines)
- ☐ Visit the Living History Farms near Urbandale
- ☐ Tour a covered bridge (like Hogback Bridge)
- ☐ Explore the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch
- ☐ Go upside hunting at Rock Creek

## BEST TIME TO VISIT

- Spring (Mar – May) Blooming flowers, mild temps
- Summer (Jun – Aug) Warm days, perfect for festivals & fairs
- Fall (Sep – Nov) Beautiful foliage, harvest season
- Winter (Dec – Feb) Quiet, cozy, & great for indoor activities

## BEST PHOTO SPOTS

- ☐ Iowa State Capitol at sunrise
- ☐ High Trestle Trail Bridge
- ☐ Cornfields at sunset
- ☐ Hogback Covered Bridge
- ☐ Field of Dreams baseball field

## DON'T FORGET!

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Sunscreen & bug spray
- ☐ Layers (weather can change quickly)
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
- ☐ Camera!

## GOOD TO KNOW!

Iowa is known as the "Heartland" of America and leads the nation in corn production!

## IOWA REMINDER

Slow down, enjoy the simple things, and experience the warm Midwestern hospitality that makes Iowa so special.

## BUCKET LIST GOALS

- ☐ Visit all 99 counties
- ☐ Watch a sunset over the Mississippi River
- ☐ Attend the Iowa State Fair
- ☐ Take a photo in a cornfield
- ☐ Make memories that last a lifet me