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9:45 AM  Unload bus at the Jewel Box Bank
Unload bus, restroom break

10:00 AM  Tour of the Jewel Box Bank
Mayor Gordon Canfield will explain how world-renowned architect Louis Sullivan wound up building a bank in Grinnell, Iowa. The “jewel box bank” is a National Historic Landmark and is celebrating its centennial this year. It is the cornerstone of the downtown district and the inspiration for the city’s “Jewel of the Prairie” theme.

10:45 am  Load bus and depart for Historical Museum
We will loop through the Grinnell College campus and your step-on guide will point out some of the significant buildings.

11:00 PM  Tour of Grinnell Historical Museum
We will end our day with a tour of Grinnell Historical Museum. The museum is located in a late-Victorian 10-room residence and filled to the brim with Victorian era collections far larger and more significant than most community museums. Thousands of items have been lovingly and thoughtfully arranged throughout the home to recreate an authentic atmosphere of Victorian family living. Among them are an organ, a Duncan Phyfe sofa, the founder of Grinnell’s Wooten desk from 1877, and the desk from Grinnell’s old Monroe Hotel. The Victorian home was constructed in 1895-96 by a local clothing merchant and has had only three owners, and surprisingly no children have ever lived there.

12:00 PM  Load bus and depart for lunch

12:15 PM  Lunch at Relish
We will savor a delicious lunch at Relish, an independent restaurant in downtown Grinnell. Their menu is filled with fresh, local foods with global flavor inspired by the Midwest and the Middle East, and nearly everywhere in between. We will feel right at home in their cozy restaurant, which is located in a Victorian home on the edge of Central Park.

1:30 PM  Load bus and depart for ASI Signs

1:45 PM  Industry tour at ASI Signs
During our industry tour, we will get an insider’s look inside ASI Signage Innovations’ Grinnell
location. As the owners will tell you, if way finding signs are doing their job you don’t even notice them. Sign design is truly an art. A Grinnell family owns ASI's Midwest locations, and they manufacture traditional and digital signs for companies across the globe, specializing in corporate, healthcare, hospitality, and education signage.

2:45 PM  Load bus and depart for Grinnell College

3:00 PM  Arrive at Grinnell College Museum of Art
Unload bus, restroom break

3:15 PM  Tour of Grinnell College Museum of Art
Grinnell College’s stunning art gallery attracts thousands of visitors from across the Midwest for their regional, national and international rotating art exhibitions. Their 7,420 square feet of state-of-the-art exhibition space at the heart of the Bucksbaum Center for the Arts along with the Exhibitions in the Print and Drawing Study Room and Burling Gallery bring beautiful and thought provoking exhibitions to central Iowa.

4:00 PM  Load bus and depart for home