



Grinnell Itinerary

9:00 Tour Jewel Box Bank

Learn 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.

9:40 Load Bus

Drive to Grinnell College’s Museum of Art

10:00 Grinnell College Museum of Art Tour

Grinnell College’s stunning art gallery attracts thousands of visitors from across the Midwest for their regional, national and international rotating art exhibitions. The gallery’s director will give us the grand tour of their current exhibit titled “Start by Asking Questions.” How does a collector decide what to buy? Why would a collector buy something challenging or puzzling? Asking questions is fundamental to the collecting process and to understanding art, particularly contemporary art.

10:45 Load Bus

11:00 Grinnell Historical Museum Tour

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.

Noon Load Bus, Driving Tour Of Grinnell College Campus

Your step-on tour guide will tell you about Grinnell College’s history as the first college located west of the Mississippi River. You’ll also learn about its diverse student body (students come from 50 states and 50 countries) and how it has gained a reputation as the “Harvard of the Midwest”. The campus includes buildings of a variety of architectural styles.

12:15 Lunch at the Peppertree at Depot Crossing

Enjoy a delicious meal at the Peppertree at Depot Crossing, located in Grinnell’s historic train station.

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