



## SPENDING THE NIGHT?

We can help secure rooms for your group. Avoid metro traffic and take advantage of quality affordable lodging in charming Owatonna.

Prices of tours vary from \$5-12/person. Group rates available. Call the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for pricing.

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## Make your Owatonna Getaway a Mystery Tour!

Keep the destination and activities a secret and add excitement back into your trips. Let us know your desired dates, attractions, and activities and we will help you put together a custom itinerary!

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# MYSTERY TOURS & ATTRACTIONS



**Minnesota State Public School Orphanage Museum:** Glimpse into the lives of the children who called the State School their home.

**Village of Yesteryear:** Experience what life was like in Owatonna during the late 19th century.

**Steele County History Center:** View rotating exhibits about the history of the region.

**Reptile and Amphibian Discovery (RAD) Zoo:** Experience a diverse collection of more than 150 kinds of snakes, turtles, crocodilians, frogs, and salamanders.

**National Farmer's Bank:** Walk around the most beautiful bank in the world and learn about the unlikely friendship that built it.

**Historic Downtown Walking Tour:** Stroll back in time and gaze upon the historical and beautiful architecture of downtown.

**Owatonna Public Utilities:** Experience the history that remains of the old Power Plant and hear the powerful stories - and the energy future.



**Ghost Tours of Downtown:** A walking tour with a twist; this tour is full of characters, ghosts and stories of four downtown pubs and their buildings.

**Russell Stover:** Pick up famous chocolate, brittle, caramel gifts and ice cream.

**Cybox International:** Experience the state of the art manufacturing plant that produces premium commercial fitness equipment.

**Owatonna Arts Center:** Spend an afternoon enjoying the current art exhibit at the Owatonna Art Center and the diverse group of works by local and regional artists.

**Steele County Free Fair:** In August, visit the Largest Free Fair in Minnesota. The fair has offered a variety of events and attractions for over 100 years.



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# STEP BACK IN TIME

## Planned Group Tours



Book your  
Step Back in  
Time Tour!  
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Spend a full day with your group on the **Step Back in Time** tour. Tour features include: the Orphanage Museum, Village of Yesteryear, Steele County History Center, and the National Farmers' Bank and the newly renovated Owatonna Public Utilities Building.

- **Group Rate:** \$37/person, lunch included!
- **Complimentary Tour & Lunch** for Bus Driver & Tour Coordinator.
- **FREE Welcome Bags:** includes more than \$50 in area coupons.
- Can accommodate groups ranging from **10-60 people** per day.
- Please allow **6 hours** for tours and lunch.
- Optional **happy hour** at the beautiful history center.
- Tour may be **customized** to fit your needs. Complete itinerary details can be found at: [visitowatonna.org](http://visitowatonna.org)
- ADA Accessible

# DINING



**Old Town Bagels:** Voted “Minnesota’s Best Bagel Shop,” by *Minneapolis WCCO News*.\*

**The Kitchen:** Enjoy a home-cooked meal at this local favorite.

**Torey’s Restaurant and Bar:** Try a Raspberry Truffle Martini at their new location downtown.\*

**Chill-Aqui:** Try their Nitro Brew Coffee and fish tacos.

**Pupuseria La Paz:** Try hand-crafted pupusas and more El Salvadorian cuisine.

**Coastas’ Candies and Restaurant:** Taste their hand-crafted candies and Greek style food.

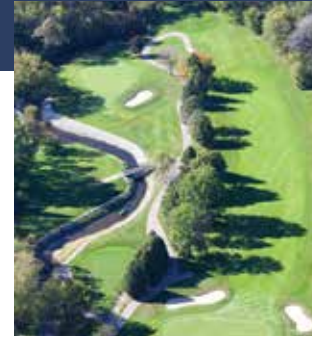
**Central Park Coffee:** Start the morning off right with gourmet waffles and hand-crafted espresso drinks.

**SpareTime Restaurant & Bar:** Experience delicious culinary creations while playing a round of laser tag or bowling for an evening activity.\*

\* Denotes catering available

Find more local flavors:  
[visitowatonna.org/dining](http://visitowatonna.org/dining)

# ACTIVITIES



## Owatonna:

- Water’s Edge Mini Golf
- River Springs Water Park
- Little Theater of Owatonna

- Shop Historic Downtown’s local businesses
- SpareTime Entertainment: laser tag, bowling, and arcades
- Golf Courses: Havana Hills and Brooketree Golf Course
- Mineral Springs Brewery (*Opening Summer 2019*)

## Southern Minnesota

*We can contact other cities to customize a tour for the Southern Minnesota Region and Minnesota.*

- SPAM Museum, Austin
- Three Oak Winery, Albert Lea
- Indian Island, Janesville
- Four Daughters Winery, Spring Valley
- 10,000 Drops, Faribault
- Chankaska Winery, Kastoa
- Half Pint Brewery, Waseca
- Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, Waseca
- Farm America, Waseca
- Jessie James Outlaw Trail, Northfield
- Laura Ingles Wilder Museum, Walnut Grove
- Red Wing Shoe Museum, Red Wing
- Green Giant, Blue Earth

See what events are happening:  
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# SAMPLE ITINERARY

## Mystery Tours



## Discover the History of Owatonna

**Day 1:** Orphanage Museum, National Farmers Bank, Historic Downtown Walking Tour

**Day 2:** Owatonna Public Utilities, Village of Yesteryear, Steele County Historical Society

**Highlighted activities:** Visiting Princess Owatonna at Mineral Springs, finding all the downtown murals, lunch at The Kitchen, hand-crafted candies at Costas’ Candies and Restaurant, enjoying historical demonstrations at the Extravaganza at the Village of Yesteryear in July and dinner at Torey’s Restaurant and Bar.

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