



Suggested Itinerary

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DAY 1

2:00 p.m.

Arrive in Winterset, IA

2:15 p.m.

Check into Super 8 Motel

1312 N 10th St, Winterset, IA 50273

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Madison County Historical Complex

815 South 2nd Ave, Winterset, IA 50273

The Madison County Historical Society maintains a complex on 18 spacious acres on the south side of Winterset with an extensive museum and 14 historic buildings, including the Bevington-Kaser Mansion. This home, built in 1856, consists of 9 rooms and has been restored and decorated in Victorian richness.

6:00 p.m.

Cookout at Winterset City Park

Enjoy a relaxing cookout at the beautiful Winterset City Park, home to Cutler-Donahoe covered bridge, Clark Tower, an English-style hedge maze, and the Stone Bridge featured in the film, *The Bridges of Madison County*.

8:00 p.m.

Return to Super 8 Motel

DAY 2

9:00 a.m.

Madison County Chamber Welcome Center

73 E Jefferson St, Winterset, IA 50273

Meet your step-on guide at the Chamber Welcome Center who will escort your group on the Storybook Bridge Tour. Travel information, souvenirs and restrooms available.

9:15 a.m.

Storybook Bridge Tour

Let your guide lead you on a most memorable tour through history. You will visit 6 covered bridges, 5 of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Learn about their construction, purpose and history and how they inspired the Robert J. Waller novel, *The Bridges of Madison County*, and later the movie. As you enjoy the drive through scenic Winterset, hear about historical events as well as see the Catalog homes and the famous people who once lived there.

12:00 p.m.

Lunch at North Side Café, Shopping on the Historical Courthouse Square

61 Jefferson St, Winterset, IA 50273

Enjoy a delicious meal and sit on the very same stool Clint Eastwood sat on at the café featured in the film, *The Bridges of Madison County*. Shop at the many unique stores on the scenic downtown square, including **Fons & Porter**, the famous quilt supply store. Take some time to stroll through the Madison County Courthouse built in 1876 and admire the beautifully crafted black walnut interior.

2:00 p.m.

The Birthplace of John Wayne

216 South Second St, Winterset, IA 50273

No visit to Madison County can go without a visit to the Duke's first home. Hollywood legend John Wayne was born Marion Morrison in Winterset on May 26, 1907. Guided tours of his Birthplace home are available from 10:00am to 4:30pm daily.

3:30 p.m.

Howell's Dried Flowers & Greenhouse

3145 Howell Court, Cumming, IA 50061

Enjoy a garden tour on 15 beautifully cultivated acres of flowers, pods and grains. Erin's Roses Gift Shop is located in the 1910 barn, where you will find a stunning array of natural dried flowers, preserved foliages, handmade wreaths, dried floral wreath arrangements and unique custom designs.

4:30 p.m.

Depart

Madison County is made for Group Tours! Storybook Bridge Tour step-on guide fee is \$3.25 per person. Tours can be customized to fit each group's interests. We can help plan routes and suggest restaurants and other attractions. For more tour information, please contact us at 800-298-6119 or email chamber@madisoncounty.com.

A Group Tour link is also available on our website, www.madisoncounty.com, with helpful information to plan a most memorable trip!



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