

## Kokomo, Indiana Sample Group Itinerary – One Day “Autos & Art Glass”



9:00 a.m. – Start your day with a fascinating tour of America’s oldest art glass company, **Kokomo Opalescent Glass**, which has been producing art glass in its original location since 1888. Group tours are available Monday-Friday. Watch as skilled ladlers quickly scoop molten glass from the furnace and carefully mix the glass to the exact color and texture desired. Over 22,000 variations of sheet glass are produced in their facility which ships all over the world. Also watch glass blowing demonstrations at the **KOG Hot Glass Studio**, bead-making demonstrations, and try your hand at cutting glass! Gift shop offers one-of-a-kind Kokomo- made glass souvenirs. (Tour fee \$5 per person.)

11:00 a.m. – Kokomo has a rich history of automotive heritage and industry, starting with the first commercially successful gasoline powered automobile in the United States, developed in 1894 by Kokomo resident Elwood Haynes. See a 1905 Haynes automobile at the **Elwood Haynes Museum** and explore his former residence, now filled with exhibits chronicling his life as an inventor, including stainless steel and the alloy Stellite, and the auto industry in Kokomo.

12:00 p.m. – Next, visit **Highland Park** to see Kokomo’s most unique resident Old Ben, the World’s Largest Steer. The outdoor exhibit also includes Kokomo’s Giant Sycamore Stump located across from the Vermont Covered Bridge and Kokomo Creek.

12:30 p.m. – Enjoy lunch and tour at the historic **Seiberling Mansion** and **Elliott House**. This stunning Victorian mansion, built in 1891, features hand-carved woodwork, stained glass windows, third floor ballroom, and various exhibits on the history of Howard County. Special “Christmas at the Seiberling” holiday tours are offered from Thanksgiving weekend to Christmas. Lunch & tour prices start at \$30 per person and includes your choice of hot buffet options.

2:30 p.m. - Next, take a stroll through the past at the **Kokomo Automotive Museum**, featuring over 100 beautifully restored vintage and classic automobiles, including several made in Kokomo. Exhibits also include a 1950’s diner and machine shop, along with many other auto-related memorabilia and signage. (Group admission \$3 per person.)

4:00 p.m. – Before departing for home, enjoy some sweet shopping at **J. Edwards Fine Chocolates and Gourmet Cakes** or Kokomo’s **Popcorn Café**. Offering local, handmade regular and sugar-free chocolates and large variety of cakes and cupcakes, you can purchase items by the piece or slice at J. Edwards! Unique gifts also include homemade salsas, jams, soups, and dips. (Shop space is limited; recommended for small to medium sized groups.)

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