

Kokomo, Indiana Sample Group Itinerary – 2 day “Autos & Art Glass”



DAY ONE

1:00 p.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. (Free will donations accepted.)

2:30 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.

3:00 p.m. – Enjoy some sweet shopping at **J. Edwards Fine Chocolates and Gourmet Cakes** or Kokomo’s **Popcorn Café**. Offering handmade regular and sugar-free chocolates and large variety of cakes and cupcakes, you can purchase items by the piece or slice! Unique gifts also include homemade salsas, jams, soups, and dips. (Shop space is limited; recommended for small to medium sized groups.)

4:00 p.m. – Visit **IU Kokomo Union Street Gallery, Artworks Gallery and Artist Alley** in Downtown, Kokomo’s first outdoor public art gallery. Special local artist demonstrations are offered for groups!

5:00 p.m. – Check into hotel before dinner. Choose from several group-friendly properties with hot breakfast.

6:30 p.m. – Finish the evening with dinner and a tour at the historic **Seiberling Mansion and Elliott House**. This stunning Victorian mansion, built in 1891, features hand-carved woodwork, beautiful 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. (Dinner & Tour starting at \$40 per person with your choice of hot buffet selections.)

** For groups planning a visit to Kokomo in the summer, ask about special group pricing for a Kokomo Jackrabbits baseball game, held at **Kokomo Municipal Stadium**, named the Best Collegiate Ballpark in America by Ballpark Digest in 2015 & 2016! Tickets start at \$10.

DAY TWO

7:30 a.m. – Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before starting the second day of adventure!

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 art glass souvenirs. (Tour \$5 per person.)

11:00 a.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.)

12:00 - Enjoy a delicious lunch at one of Kokomo’s local restaurants, such as **Half Moon Restaurant & Brewery** or **PASTArrific Italian Restaurant**. Private, group seating is available. Special group menus can also be customized for large groups.

1:30 p.m. - Head to Greentown (8 miles east of Kokomo) to learn about their rich glass history. The **Greentown Glass Museum** has over 2,000 pieces of glass on display in its collection, including a vast number of pieces of glassware produced by the Indiana Tumbler and Goblet Company in Greentown between 1894 and 1903. In addition, visit the **Greentown History Center** with rotating themed exhibits. (Free will donations accepted.)

3:00 p.m. – Stop for a treat before departing Kokomo or continue your tour at the **Grissom Air Museum**, located 10 miles north of Kokomo, with over two dozen military aircraft on display and an indoor museum with hundreds of military memorabilia and interactive exhibits.

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