

EFFINGHAM...WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW YOU AROUND

EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS

HIGHLIGHTS

- MY GARAGE CORVETTE MUSEUM
- FIREFLY GRILL
- THE EFFINGHAM PERFORMANCE CENTER
- FRYE POTTERY
- WILHELMINA ART GALLERY
- BRUSH HILL STUDIO & GALLERY
- CROSS AT THE CROSSROADS



DAY-TO-DAY ITENERARY

Day 1: Fast Cars, Great Food!

Start the day out exploring the history of America's sports car at **My Garage Museum**, located on the campus of Mid America Motorworks. Located on the northeast side of Effingham, this one-of-a-kind museum houses vintage Corvettes and thousands of pieces of Corvette history and memorabilia. For more information, visit www.mamotorworks.com.

Next, make your way to **John Boos & Company** to see what all the hype is about. With celebrity chefs like Emril Lagasse and Mario Batali using cutting boards and butcher blocks from this plant, guests certainly will want an up close look at Boos Butcher Blocks. John Boos and Company is the oldest industry in Effingham, Illinois and has been in business continuously since 1887. The company has four dry kilns that will dry up to 210,000 board feet of lumber on a continual basis.

After visiting John Boos, have dinner on a John Boos table at a one-of-a-kind restaurant! The **Firefly Grill** in Effingham is much more than just a restaurant; it is a culinary experience that brings thousands of people each year to the Effingham community. The Firefly Grill has been recognized in several publications including Chicago Tribune, Bon Appetite and the St. Louis Post for its unique atmosphere and its efforts to Go Green. The Firefly Grill offers an unforgettable experience for travelers. Groups are invited to explore the gardens where food is grown for the restaurant, participate in demonstrations and spend time relaxing on the beautiful grounds. For more information, visit www.ffgrill.com

Day 2: Rich in History!

Effingham is rich in history. The **Historic National Road** winds through Effingham County, and along the road, museums capture the history of the area.

The **Dr. Charles Wright House**, just outside of Effingham, is a Renaissance revival home built in 1889. The 18-room mansion features many of the original furnishings, including carpets. Rooms on the tour include the doctor's surgery, the nursery, and the library. For more information, visit www.wrightmansion.org.

Then, travel the historic roadway to the opposite side of the county to view the **Monastery Museum** in Teutopolis. The museum is a prism into the history of the settlers to the region and the Franciscans who ministered to them. View a dazzling panorama of the early life in this German Catholic community, founded in 1838, and the multitude of religious artifacts left by the Franciscans who first arrived in 1858.

After a day of exploring local art, enjoy a meal at one of the locals' favorite restaurants--**Niemerg's Steak House**. Here guests will enjoy great food and great service at reasonable prices. From chicken dinners, to steaks, to seafood, Niemerg's is certain to have something to please everyone. And, be sure to save room for their famous pie!

Day 3: Art and Engineering

At the end of the journey, guests may take time to explore the Cross at the Crossroads. The 198-foot Cross is certainly an engineering wonder, but its greatest miracle is its call to travelers from every faith, background and circumstance, reminding them of the positive values shared and cherished by all. The Cross features a chapel, reception area, restrooms, a refreshment center, and media room where visitors can view a video of the construction of the Cross. For more information, visit www.crossusa.org.



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