

explore LA CROSSE



La Crosse County, WI, is rich in scenic beauty, diverse attractions, first-class hospitality, and engaging attractions. Each year, La Crosse attracts more than two million visitors as people across the globe are attracted by the natural beauty and recreational opportunities offered by the upper Mississippi River. La Crosse is home to over 2450 welcoming hotel rooms of every price point. Centrally located between the states of Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin at the intersection of Interstate-90 and the **Great River Road**.



The La Crosse Queen is a modern day replica of the grand riverboats which used to ply the Mississippi in the early 1900s. She is one of the few “true” paddlewheelers still in operation in the country today. Early May through late October.

- 1.5 hour cruise with lunch \$27.95 inclusive
- 3 hour lock-thru cruise with lunch \$38.95 inclusive
- 2 hour weeknight dinner cruise special \$36.95 inclusive



Riverside Park encompasses the **Riverside International Friendship Gardens** celebrating our 6 sister-cities world wide, the **Riverside Museum** exhibiting artifacts from prehistoric times through our rich lumber and steamboat eras, and the **Explore La Crosse Visitor Center** offering local information and retail.



The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe receives hundreds of organized tour groups annually and has a full time staff available to assist you in group tour planning. The Shrine features free bus parking, free guided tours, delicious group catering packages, and there is never a charge for admission. Plan on 3 hours for tours.

Culina Mariana café is a favorite lunch stop!



Grandad Bluff has become not only a destination point for thousands, but also a symbol of this great Coulee Region. The 600-ft high bluff overlooks the city of La Crosse. The view of the Mississippi River Valley includes the three states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. Wisconsin Trails readers voted this “the most scenic view in the state”. Free.



Mary of the Angels Chapel at the St. Rose Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. The interior of the chapel is an architectural and artistic treasure. It is Romanesque in style, with Corinthian pillars and windows of Bavarian stained glass. Altars of Italian marble are decorated with gold bronze, onyx pillars, and inlaid mosaics of Venetian glass and mother of pearl. Visitors will receive a guided tour which highlights the unique features of this exquisite chapel. Donation Appreciated.



Set amid striking natural beauty, **Norskedalen** 'the Norwegian Valley' offers a personalized tour experience tailored to the interests and needs of each group, whatever the size. Norskedalen is open year round and they offer a wide variety of options including guided tours of the buildings and/or trails, hands-on demonstrations of heritage arts and crafts, cultural entertainment, and catered meals/dessert options. The only complaint you might hear from your group is that they wished they had more time to spend there! Tours start at \$5.50.



Welcome to the **Dahl Auto Museum**. Take a stroll down memory lane and immerse yourself in the rich history of the most widely used mode of transportation, the automobile. The Dahl Auto Museum celebrates the Dahl family's involvement as automotive dealers spanning over 100 years and five generations. It also features the history of the automobile through the eyes of Ford Motor Company, an extensive mascot collection and many beautifully restored classic automobiles from the turn of the century to present. Seniors \$3/Adults \$4.



Down A Country Road features a village of six gift shops in the heart of Wisconsin's largest Amish community and a guided tour of Amish country. You will learn all of the history, traditions and customs of the Amish through the eyes of an experienced tour guide. Three hour tour and shopping experience \$350 per bus.



The **Old Country Cheese Factory** is located in the heart of the Amish community bringing in 120,000 pounds of milk a day from over 230 Amish milk producers! Not only do we make Wisconsin cheese, but we also have a factory outlet store where you can buy fresh Wisconsin cheese and cheese gift baskets, as well as a gift shop offering Amish jams, candy, and maple syrup.



Riverside Museum exhibits chronicle the history of La Crosse from ancient times, Native peoples, lumber and steamboat eras. A video of the history of La Crosse is shown and artifacts of the steamboat "The War Eagle" are on display. \$3. **The Hixon House** was built in 1858 by lumber baron Gideon Hixon, this beautiful Victorian house is filled with nearly all original furnishings. Seniors \$8/Adults \$10. Both are operated by the La Crosse Historical Society.

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