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Geneva, IL

Plan a getaway to Geneva—a picture-perfect destination along the Fox River

Adorned in historic charm, this scenic community offers an array of unique attractions, quality entertainment and affordable accommodations. Located 45 miles west of Chicago, Geneva is a quick getaway from the hustle and bustle, via either I-88 or Metra train. Warm hospitality and unique adventures await —let your interests be your guide.
Day 1
The first day of your adventure in Geneva is all about our incredible breweries and wineries—all within walking distance in the downtown area. Highlights include: Penrose Brewing Company; Stockholm's Brew Pub; Art History Brewing; Geneva Winery; and Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery.

Looking for a night out on the town? Whether it’s fine dining or a quick meal at a sidewalk café, Geneva's downtown has it all. With the diversity of cuisine, dining in Geneva is more than a meal, it’s an experience.

Stay the night at Geneva's premiere bed and breakfast, Oscar Swan Country Inn, which offers the ambiance of a tranquil English country estate. The historic building was constructed in the 1860s as a farmhouse and has undergone extensive renovation over the years. The quaint inn, which sits upon eight acres with beautiful gardens, offers eight guest rooms for visitors, as well as services for weddings, private parties, business retreats and public events.

Day 2
Start your day with breakfast at one of our many yummy brunch spots like, Graham's 318 Coffeehouse, Cafe and Barr or Nosh.

And then it’s on to chocolate, cupcakes, ice cream and more chocolate! Can’t-miss sweet stops include Kilwins Chocolates & Ice Cream, Hey Sugar, Graham's Fine Chocolates & Ice Cream, and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. At All Chocolate Kitchen, three-time Guinness World Record holder Chef Alain Roby prepares exquisite desserts and truffles from the finest grand cru-quality Belgian and Swiss chocolate.

Once your sugar buzz has worn off, unwind and relax at The Herrington Inn & Spa. This AAA Four Diamond hotel features 60 elegant guest rooms, a tranquil spa, the award-winning Atwater’s Restaurant and a unique meeting and event space leading to the outdoor Plaza Patio. Tucked within historic Geneva along the Fox River, The Herrington is housed within a lovingly restored limestone structure dating back to the 1800s, providing the warmth and charm of a fine European inn.

End your evening with a nightcap featuring one of their specialty cocktails or at a favorite winery or brewery from yesterday.

Day 3
On your final day, it’s time to explore Geneva’s shopping! Even the most seasoned shopper could spend days exploring our boutiques and shops.

The downtown boasts over 100 specialty shops, many in historic storefronts and charming Victorian-style homes. With each new season, Geneva merchants fill their shops with exclusive treasures from all over the world. High-end fashions, exquisite jewels, European antiques, original works of art, face and skin products, unique food items and one-of-a-kind gifts are among the many items offered by downtown merchants.

The Randall Road Corridor is also a don’t miss for shopping aficionados. Located less than three miles west of downtown Geneva, Randall Road Corridor is home to many major retailers carrying everything from home improvement supplies and sporting goods to clothing and beauty needs. Geneva Commons, an upscale, open-air shopping center positioned along Randall Road, offers more than 65 diverse businesses. Think major brands like Williams Sonoma, Banana Republic and Pottery Barn.

After your shopping spree, refuel at Geneva Diner for some classic American fare and great service or try the contemporary café, Buttermilk, for their signature stuffed banana bourbon french toast or crispy pork tenderloin sandwich.

Before you head home, take in a bit of local history at the Geneva History Museum. The 17,000-square-foot center opened its doors in 2004 and is bursting with award-winning educational programming as well as the stocked archives and reading room. Tours are also offered through the city's historic district.

Many places have reopened with limited capacity, new operating hours or other restrictions. Inquire ahead of time for up-to-date health and safety information.