

Blooms, Brews & Arts Itinerary

Itinerary Contacts

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Day 1

9:00AM

Rotary Botanical Gardens

Cost: \$5-10 per person

Rotary Botanical Gardens is an award winning, 20-acre non-profit botanic garden home to many dramatic and themed gardens. Each summer, the Gardens partner with the Hedberg Public Library to host a Story Walk program featuring a different children's book. In December, the Gardens presents the spectacular Holiday Light Show. Plan to spend 2 hours and allow time to shop the Cottage Garden Gallery gift shop, which features work local and regional artists and makers. Guided tours are available or wander the gardens on your own. Much of the garden is wheelchair and stroller accessible, with wide, level paths and many benches to sit and take in the surrounding beauty. A few wheelchairs are available at no cost (first come, first served). You may reserve an electric cart for up to five guests, operated by Rotary Botanical Gardens staff. Download an accessibility map [here](#).

11:30AM

LUNCH

1:00PM

Rock County Historical Society

Cost: \$14-25 per person

Tour the Lincoln-Tallman House, an Italianate-style mansion constructed in 1857 and occupied by William Morrison Tallman, a lawyer and abolitionist. The tour focuses on how a prosperous Victorian family would have lived, weaving in stories about the Tallman family and Abraham Lincoln's visit in October of 1859. In November and December, explore the Lincoln-Tallman House decked out in its holiday finery both inside and out. Next door, the Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center offers exhibit galleries that feature Pauline Pottery and Pickard China, as well as rotating exhibits celebrating the history and heritage of Rock County. Visit the gift shop, which features work by regional artists and makers including pottery, children's items, soap, sculptures, and much more. The Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center is wheelchair accessible, including an elevator. The Lincoln-Tallman House offers a chair lift to access the first floor. While the basement and upper floors are not accessible, a video tour is available. Both buildings offer accessible restrooms.

3:00PM

K & W Greenery

Cost: \$ x-x for classes

Make & Take and shopping

This extensive greenhouse growing operation has about 2 acres under cover and is open year round. The K&W gift shop offers collectibles, stylish home decor, wind chimes, candles, and seasonal items. K&W Greenery welcomes groups and offers specialized tours and customized classes including educational lectures, holiday poinsettia tours and make-and-take creations. It is wheelchair accessible, with ramps between the shop and greenhouse, and paved paths outside.

4:30PM

DINNER

6:30PM

Janesville Performing Arts Center

Cost: \$10-50 per person

Take in a show, whether it be a play, musical, stand up comedy, or improv with audience interaction.

The Janesville Performing Arts Center's 633 seat theatre, lobby, art gallery, box office, and administrative office are located in the historic Janesville High School/Marshall Junior High School building in downtown Janesville. Take in a play, live music, stand-up comedy, or comedic improv with audience interaction. See the JPAC show schedule for performance dates, or work with us to bring in a performance group. The facility is wheelchair accessible, with a wheelchair lift and wheelchair seating in the theater. Assistive listening devices are available in the main theater, and seating is available for the visual and hearing impaired.

Day 2

- 9:00AM Outdoor Public Art, History and Architecture step-on tour with Roam Around Tours**
Cost: \$X-X per person
Tours can be customized to your group's interests. Explore some of Janesville's 13 historic districts and hear stories about the architecture and history. See more than 25 large scale murals, plus numerous sculptures, statues, historical markers and monuments.
- 10:30AM Downtown Exploration**
Get off the bus in Janesville's park-like Town Square and wander Janesville's compact downtown, with plenty of boutique shopping. Tour goers can choose from several restaurants for lunch on their own. To include the cost of lunch in your tour price, we can work with select restaurants to create limited menus, or can arrange for downtown gift cards that can be used at participating restaurants and shops.
- OPTION 1: Beer**
1:30PM Rock County Brewing Company -
Cost: \$X-X per person without food, additional \$X-X for food truck
Located in downtown Janesville's historic Carriage Works building, Rock County Brewing Company is a nano brewery offering hand-crafted beers made in small batches. Enjoy a guided beer flight tasting followed by a themed trivia game. You may also choose to arrange for a pizza food truck to park at RCBC for lunch.
- OPTION 2: Wine at Northleaf Winery & Timber Hill Winery (split group and exchange midway through)**
1:45PM Northleaf Winery
Cost: \$X-X
This small family winery is housed in an 1850 building with a long agricultural history. All wines are made on site from grapes grown mostly in California, but also from such diverse places as Chile, New York State and Wisconsin. The tasting room is warm and genuine - and on the National Registry of Historic Places. Try a flight, pair some chocolate or cheese, enjoy live music, and shop the boutique.
- Timber Hill Winery**
Cost: \$X-X per person
This boutique winery uses cold climate varietals that can grow here in Wisconsin's harsh winters and produces wine in smaller quantities to achieve the best quality. Sample more than 20 wines from sweet to dry, and even spicy. Chocolate and wine pairings are also available.
- OPTION 3: Wine at Fermenting Cellars Winery**
1:45PM Fermenting Cellars Winery
Cost: \$X-X per person
Located on a beautiful rural property, Fermenting Cellars hosts wine tastings, live music, unique local performances, weddings, and so much more. They offer a covered pavilion, cozy private Shed, or an open air patio with a large fireplace.
- 4:00PM Janesville Woman's Club**
Cost: \$150-250, plus catering
Explore the Janesville Woman's Club gallery, then enjoy a catered meal at that location.
This beautiful historic building holds the Janesville Art League Gallery and the Elinor Mills Gallery in the upper level. It can accommodate up to 100 people and is wheelchair accessible with an elevator.
- 6:30PM Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Show**
Cost:
The Rock Aqua Jays are the most successful water ski show team in the world with over total tournament victories, including more than 20 U.S. National Championships. They perform free shows on Wednesday and Sunday evenings from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The stadium is wheelchair accessible and bathrooms are available in the park.