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Discover a Fascinating Time in History!

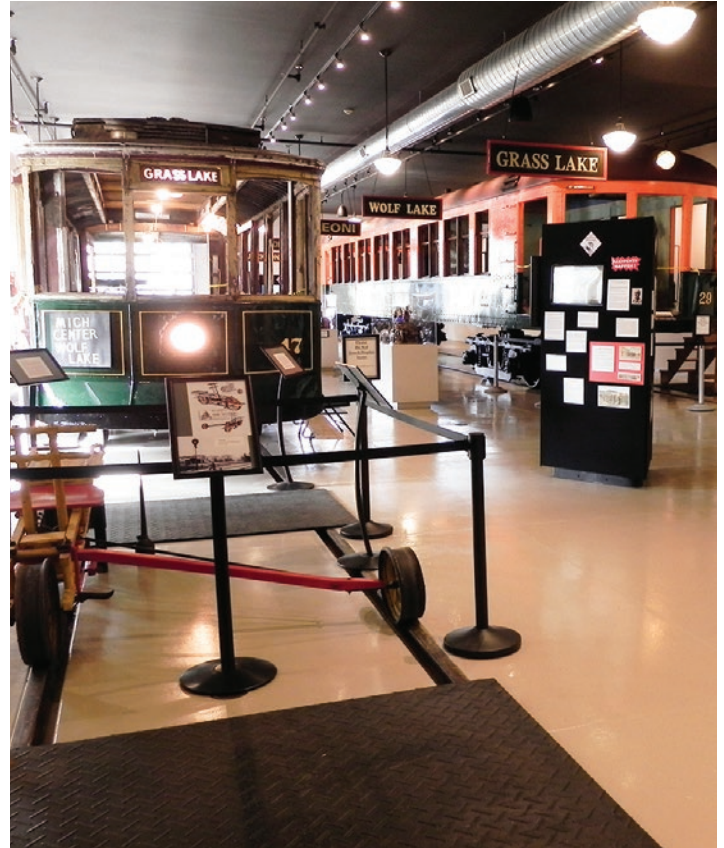
Your group's first historic adventure begins in the early 1900's in the charming town of Grass Lake. Here you will find the **Lost Railway Museum**, which celebrates the evolution of transportation with a special focus on the electric interurban railway.

Imagine the time before paved streets, cars and buses; when the Grass Lake village streets bustled with activity and people. Now imagine re-visiting this early 1900's village where the electric interurban railway system was the primary mode of public transportation, and let your imagination come to life as you explore the Lost Railway Museum.

**To book a tour or for more information about taking a group tour of the Lost Railway Museum, please call 517-522-9500.**

## Break for Lunch

After touring the Lost Railway Museum, you won't have to go far for lunch because the museum has a banquet room that's perfect for large parties. The unique atmosphere, comfortable chairs, and spacious room are a favorite for many groups, and Lost Railway Museum can help you find a great caterer to prepare lunch!



## Next Stop: Military History

Just down the road is your next stop, the **Michigan Military Heritage Museum**. Here your group will be fascinated by the war stories and interesting artifacts of Michigan's military veterans! The opening exhibit features the most comprehensive array of WWI items in the United States to honor the 100th anniversary of the war. Within this museum, there are two galleries and four timeline themed rooms, all jammed packed with artifacts like armor, weapons, literature, maps, art, and much more. They even have a replica bunker and trench that you can explore. Don't miss the exhibit with artifacts from Adolf Hitler's Eagle's Nest that our Michigan veterans brought back from WWII!

**To book a tour or for more information about taking a group tour of the Michigan Military Heritage Museum, please call 517-926-6696.**

## Mid-Afternoon Break: Wine Tasting

Take an afternoon break to sample the wines at **Sandhill Crane Vineyards**. The winery features a wide range of wines made on-site using regional ingredients. If you're hungry, the café serves farm-to-table comfort food made from locally sourced ingredients.

**For more information about Sandhill Crane Vineyards, go to [ExperienceJackson.com](http://ExperienceJackson.com).**

## Check In & Freshen Up

After a day exploring the area's history, you'll welcome the modern amenities of your Jackson hotel. Check in, freshen up and relax for a bit before heading out to enjoy an entertaining evening in Jackson.



## Evening Entertainment: Illuminated Waterfalls

**The Cascades** has stood as a symbol of Jackson for over 85 years. The colors in this illuminated manmade waterfall light up the night sky, changing color with the music.

This massive landmark has captivated visitors from around the world for years, watching in awe as thousands of gallons of water flow over the waterfalls every minute. Your group will greatly enjoy the nightly shows, where the falls are set to music, and the weekly summer concerts.

**For more information about The Cascades, go to [ExperienceJackson.com](http://ExperienceJackson.com).**



## DAY TWO

Start your day with a hardy old-fashioned breakfast made from scratch at Cracker Barrel! Just a few minutes' drive from many Jackson hotels and available bus parking, it's a great way to begin your trip.

Your group's first stop of the day is at the fascinating **Ye Ole Carriage Shop!** This museum pays tribute to Jackson's automobile manufacturing heyday. Before Detroit became the face of automotive history, Jackson ruled the automobile world. Jackson's 25 car manufacturers built over ten thousand cars here, and your group can see 18 of them made between 1902 and 1954 at Ye Ole Carriage Shop.

The museum also features many other classic and historical cars and seven additional rooms housing dozens of impressive collections. You can find Coca-Cola memorabilia, motorcycles, model airplanes, gas pumps, kids pedal cars, an old-fashion soda shop display, and much more.



**To book a tour or for more information about taking a group tour of Ye Ole Carriage Shop, please contact 517-750-4300.**

## Break for Lunch

After touring Ye Ole Carriage Shop, take a break for lunch to savor the mouth-watering delicacies you'll only find in Jackson. Every direction you look you'll find **restaurants** tempting you with food that's uniquely Jackson.

## Next Stop: Downtown Jackson

After lunch, it's time for your group to head to the heart of downtown Jackson. With something for everyone, it's a great afternoon activity. Exploring the downtown area you will find it is packed with history, rich architecture, unique shops, art, and one-of-a-kind restaurants.

The **First Congregational Church** is a must-see stop as it is believed it was an integral stop on the Underground Railroad. Just walking around, you will be able to see striking similarities between the buildings downtown and some of the most recognizable structures in the world. If you are looking for something you can only find in Michigan, then head over to one of our specialty or boutique shops.



The home of **Bright Walls** mural festival, visiting the downtown area is an art-filled experience! Murals cover dozens of building walls, providing an enchanting cultural experience. Dozens of internationally acclaimed muralists flocked to Jackson to leave their mark of the city with their artwork. Explore all the murals by taking the self-guided walking tour!

**For more information about Bright Walls Mural Festival or the Self-Guided Walking Tours, visit [ExperienceJackson.com](http://ExperienceJackson.com)**

## Mid-Afternoon Break: Satisfying the Sweet Tooth

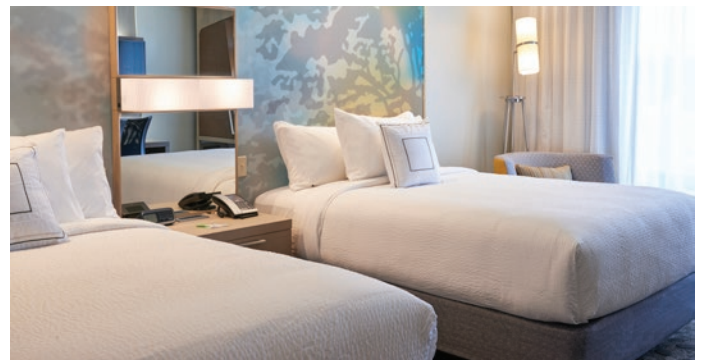
After visiting downtown, spend some time exploring the sweet scene in Jackson at the Jackson Candy & Fudge Factory and The Parlour. Take a step back in time to the 1890s to experience a one-of-a-kind candy shop – the **Jackson Candy & Fudge Factory**. The decorative copper ceilings, ornate lighting, scales for weighing, and brass National cash register will truly make your group feel like they are in an authentic candy shop from the turn of the century. While here, enjoy fudge, caramel corn, candied nuts, and other sweet selections made fresh each day.

Historically good taste can be found at **The Parlour** for your entire group. The Parlour opened in 1915, and since then it has grown to become one of Jackson's most iconic restaurants. The Parlour claims to serve the largest portions of ice cream, sundaes, and shakes in Michigan; they also offer more than 44 flavors of ice cream. Great ice cream coupled with a menu of All-American favorites makes The Parlour a unique experience for everyone. Bus parking is available.

**For more information about bringing your group to the Jackson Candy & Fudge Factory, please call 517-998-7070.**

## Relax & Refresh

Head back to your Jackson hotel to relax and refresh before heading out to enjoy an entertaining evening in Jackson.



## Evening Entertainment: A Show Stopping Tour

The **Michigan Theatre** has been captivating people with its extravagance since the day it opened its doors in the 1930s, and we're sure your group will be no different! Taking a tour of this iconic Jackson landmark is the perfect ending to a day spent experiencing early 1900's history.

Before entering the theater, your group will be greeted by the Hollywood glamour of a glittering marquee, then step inside to be transported to another world. The Spanish Renaissance style is exotic and simply unlike anything you would see in a modern movie theater. From the craftsmanship on the interior plasterwork, to the ornate polychrome terra cotta façade, not a single detail was forgotten when it was designed. Even the furniture was elaborately carved out of walnut.



The upper balcony provides a bird's eye view of the architecture, allowing everyone to get a better look at the columns flanking the outer walls and the handcrafted stained-glass light fixtures. It's from here that you can really appreciate the continual efforts that go into maintaining this beautiful theater.

**To book a tour or for more information about taking a group tour of the Michigan Theatre, please call 517-783-0962.**

## DAY THREE

Start the last day of your trip with a delicious meal and heartfelt hospitality at Bob Evans Restaurant. Located just off I-94 and minutes from many area hotels, it's a wonderful place to get your morning coffee and breakfast favorites.

### Next Stop: A Musical Journey

Musicians and music lovers will appreciate the **Conklin Reed Organ & History Museum**, where 100 antique organs are on display – many in playable condition! Located in the old Hanover High School that was built in 1911, the museum features items that were once part of a typical day in the early 1900s, like printing equipment, postal sorting desk, manual telephone switchboard, and so much more! In addition to these unique collections, the museum has 87 acres dedicated to agricultural and rural history, which includes a newly built antique farm equipment barn, a maple sugar shack, and a sawmill.

**To book a tour or for more information about taking a group tour of the Conklin Reed Organ & History Museum, please call 517-563-8927.**



## Year-Round Events

Big events are rolling through Jackson all year long. We've got something for everyone - auto and boat races, beer and wine festivals, historic reenactments, a comic convention, and one of America's top country music festivals. Come, Experience Jackson to make one remarkable trip!

Find more adventures at  
[ExperienceJackson.com/FeaturedEvents](https://ExperienceJackson.com/FeaturedEvents)

## Explore All That is Jackson

Culture, nature, nourishment, art, museums, and trails. There is always something to do in Jackson County. We've got an amazing story to tell. The Republican Party was born here and the first state prison was built here. We have 20-plus golf courses, miles of trails, and so much fishing you might sprout gills yourself. Take a deep breath and get ready to discover what's in store for you.

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