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An International Art Experience in the Midwest

Your group's first tour will be at the fascinating **St. Demetrius Orthodox Church**. Well known as the little "Jewel of Jackson", your group is sure to be fascinated by the floor-to-ceiling Byzantine Frescos. The technique of two-dimensional painting has been used for over 1,800 years in iconic buildings across the world.

On the personal tour, Father Dusan Koprivica will take your group through the exquisite church telling the impressive history of the paintings, known in the Orthodox tradition as "Windows to Heaven". Every guest is sure to be taken aback by the beauty and talent of these paintings that can only be seen here. Each tour ends with coffee and homemade baklava made by the Sisterhood of St. Demetrius Orthodox Church.

To book a tour or for more information about taking a group tour of St. Demetrius Orthodox Church, please call 517-414-3829.

Break for Lunch

After touring St. Demetrius Orthodox Church, take a break for lunch to savor the mouth-watering delicacies you'll only find in Jackson. Every direction you look you'll find great **restaurants** tempting you!

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 area, your group will find it is packed with history, rich architecture, unique shops, art, and one-of-a-kind restaurants.

Just walking around, it is easy to spot the striking similarities between the buildings' architectural features and some of the most recognizable structures in the world. The **First Congregational Church** is a must-see for those with an interest in history, as it is believed to be a former stop on the Underground Railroad. If anyone is looking for something that can only be found in Michigan, then head over to one of our specialty shops or boutiques.

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 on 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



Check In & Freshen Up

After a day exploring the arts and culture scene, you'll be pleased to take a break at a well-appointed Jackson hotel. Check in, freshen up and relax for a bit before heading out to enjoy an entertaining evening in Jackson.

Evening Entertainment

Year-round, you'll find plenty of entertainment options that are perfect for your group. Whether it's a concert by the **Jackson Symphony Orchestra**, a show at the **Potter Center**, or music and wine tasting at **Sandhill Crane Vineyards**, your group will have a wonderful time enjoying the evening.



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 with available bus parking, it's a great way to kick off the day.

Your group's first cultural experience begins 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: Ella Sharp Museum

Your afternoon begins at the iconic **Ella Sharp Museum**. Nestled within the mature trees of the **Ella Sharp Park**, here your group will enjoy galleries of exquisite artwork and artifacts that tell the story of Jackson's history – including the resolution table used when the Republican Party was created on the outskirts of Jackson in 1854 and a variety of exhibits that showcase our automotive roots.

Spend some time outdoors at the museum to experience the life-like Hillside Farm Lane, a fully-erect historic village similar to what would have been found during the Civil War era. Highlights include an 1860's log cabin, the Dibble one-room schoolhouse, country store, print shop, doctor's office, wood shop and the Merriman Sharp Farmhouse.

To book a tour or for more information about taking a group tour of the Ella Sharp Museum, please contact 517-787-2320.



Relax & Refresh

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

Evening Entertainment: Illuminated Waterfalls

The Cascades has stood as a symbol of Jackson for over 85 years. The colors of the illuminated manmade waterfall light up the night sky, changing with the music. The 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 summer concerts held here.

For more information about The Cascades, go to ExperienceJackson.com.

DAY THREE

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at one of the many **Jackson group-friendly restaurants!** There are several places with great food, plenty of parking, and private rooms available. Just a few minutes' drive from many Jackson hotels and with available bus parking, it's a great way to start the last day of your trip.

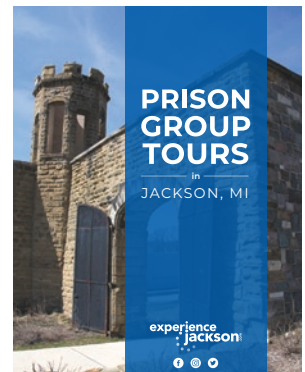
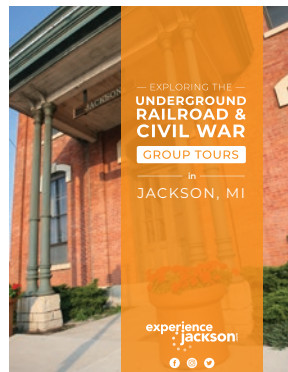
Before leaving town, stop at the fascinating **Ye Ole Carriage Shop!** This museum pays tribute to Jackson's automobile manufacturing heyday. Before Detroit became the face of automotive history, Jackson ruled the automobile world. Jackson's 25 car manufacturers built over ten thousand cars here, and 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.



There are plenty of great places for your group. For more information about attractions and things to do, visit ExperienceJackson.com





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