



# EXPERIENCE THE QUAD CITIES

## A WORLD-RENOWNED RIVER DESTINATION

### DISCOVER QC MUSEUMS & HISTORY

<https://www.bixmuseum.org/>  
<http://www.figgeartmuseum.org/>  
<https://www.putnam.org/>  
<https://gahc.org/>  
<http://buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com/>



Preserving the past, creating memories, and looking forward to the future are essential dynamics of life in the Quad Cities. From museums dedicated to art, science, military, trucking, and geology, to those honoring past eras and people, each of our museums delivers something completely different and each opens the doors to discovery and learning.

Take your pick from more than fourteen museums that will take you back in time, to today, and into the future. From the Bix Beiderbecke Museum, Putnam Museum & Science Center, Figge Art Museum, and Family Museum to the Buffalo Bill Museum, Karpeles Manuscript Museum, Rock Island Arsenal Museum, German American Heritage Center, Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village and the Deere-family mansions, our museums come in all shapes, sizes, and experiences.



## GET YOUR JOHN DEERE GREEN ON



[HTTPS://WWW.DEERE.COM/EN/CONNECT-WITH-JOHN-DEERE/VISIT-JOHN-DEERE/PAVILION/](https://www.deere.com/en/connect-with-john-deere/visit-john-deere/pavilion/)

We build things by hand and help feed the world. Take your trip from plow to “wow” and celebrate John Deere’s evolution from horse-drawn to horsepower at our family-friendly John Deere attractions as well as other agricultural related experiences in and around the QC.

John Deere’s evolution from blacksmith to innovative manufacturer began when he developed the first self-scouring steel plow in 1837. Today, Deere & Company bears his name and continues his legacy of delivering products and services that support those linked to the land and to feeding the world.

When you visit our free agriculture attractions including the John Deere Pavilion, John Deere Store, John Deere Harvester Works, John Deere Historic Site, and Cinnamon Ridge Farms, you won’t just learn about the evolution of agriculture in the Midwest, you’ll experience it firsthand.

## VEGAS-STYLE CASINOS IN THE QUAD CITIES

<https://www.caesars.com/isle-bettendorf>

<https://www.rhythmcitycasino.com/index.html>

<https://casinos.ballys.com/quad-cities/>

Did you know that the Quad Cities was the first in the U.S. to offer riverboat gaming? In 1991, the region launched a nationwide resurgence of gaming when the Diamond Lady Casino was the first casino to open in Bettendorf, Iowa. The President Casino opened about an hour later on the riverfront in Davenport, Iowa.

Today, three land-based casinos operate daily in the Quad Cities – Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel in Rock Island, and Rhythm City Casino Resort in Davenport.



# EXPERIENCE THE WORLD-RENOWNED MISSISSIPPI RIVER

<https://www.metroqc.com/231/Channel-Cat>  
<https://www.traveliowa.com/rollin-on-the-river-iowa-boat-cruises/>

The Channel Cat Water Taxi has been recognized as a “Locals Love Us” winner, and was showcased by National Geographic and the Mississippi River Geotourism Stewardship Council as one of the best destinations for travelers seeking an authentic experience of the region. The open-air boats are a leisurely way to enjoy the Mississippi River as it flows east to west for one of only a few times over its length.

The Celebration Belle is a family-owned riverboat, proudly cruising the Mississippi River, and has been welcoming guests onboard for 39 years. This beautiful 750 passenger, 4-deck riverboat is a favorite attraction here in the Quad Cities area. The Celebration Belle has two enclosed dining decks, two observation decks with plenty of outdoor seating, a large gift shop, all meals freshly prepared onboard and fabulous entertainment. We are the only riverboat in any of our cruising areas with an elevator onboard.



## EXPLORE THE QUAD CITIES THROUGH GUIDED AND SELF-GUIDED TOURS

<https://www.aschq.army.mil/About/History/Tours/RIA/>

Our tours tell the story! See handmade vodka, gin and whiskey made from local grains at Mississippi River Distilling Company & Cody Road Cocktail House, get a behind-the-scenes look at the making of our famous Isabel Bloom sculptures, visit the historic mansions of the Deere family and the Hauberg Estate, watch a Deere Combine built from beginning to end, and take a tour of our lock & dam system – one of the largest roller dams in the world. Our tours all have an authentic story to tell about our history and our people.

If self-guided adventures are more your style, we have you covered. Our historic neighborhoods, downtowns and the Rock Island Arsenal offer a variety of self-

guided tours through brochures and mobile phone apps. The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is the Army's second oldest museum. It first opened to the public on

July 4, 1905. The primary mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Rock Island Arsenal and Arsenal Island. By focusing on "People, Processes, and Products," the exhibits tell the story of the people involved in Arsenal Island's history, the manufacturing processes used at Rock Island Arsenal, and the military equipment that was produced at Rock Island Arsenal.

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is nationally recognized for its large and impressive small arms collection. Over twelve hundred U.S., foreign, civilian, and military small arms are on permanent display.



## LOCAL SHOPPING IN THE QC

<https://antiquearchaeology.com/>

<https://www.vncc.com/>

<https://www.klemmeklassickars.com/>

<https://regaliamfg.com/>



From unique clothing and handcrafted jewelry to home goods you cannot find anywhere else, there are plenty of retail adventures in the QC. You may even find a hidden treasure at one of our many antique stores including Antique Archaeology – home of the History Channel's famous series, the American Pickers.

Need a new flag or a banner? Check out Regalia in Rock Island where you can find a flag representing any country, state, province or town in the world. Thinking about buying a fully restored classic car...or just looking one over? We have TWO places for you to visit in the Quad Cities! Check out Veit's Vettes in Bettendorf, or Klemme's Klassic Kars in Davenport, just a few miles apart along the Mississippi.

Stroll down the main street in LeClaire, a charming riverfront community made for an afternoon of shopping. Stop by the Village of East Davenport, another relaxed district perfect for an afternoon of wandering through the local shops and grabbing a bite to eat.