

Sparta Wisconsin

Bicycling Capital of America



Located in the heart of the beautiful Coulee Region, you cannot go wrong with a visit to Sparta. There is something for everyone and a wide variety of itineraries that highlight unique destinations and activities that you will not find anywhere else. Museums, outdoor recreation, restaurants, shopping, crafts, and much more are waiting for your group.

History and Heritage Tour

Day 1

9:30 AM - Arrive at **Fort McCoy**, and tour the History Center featuring buildings from WWII and memorabilia from WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Operation Desert Storm and more! Explore the equipment park which allows for 70 pieces of equipment from helicopters to Howitzers. (608) 388-2407.



11:30 AM - Lunch at the nearby **McCoy's Restaurant**. With a large menu and plenty of seating, they can accommodate a large group with a wide variety of tempting lunch options. Call (608) 388-7673 for reservations.



1:30 PM - Enjoy a walking tour of Sparta's historic downtown shops including **KEPS Naturals**, an eco-friendly store and gift shop that also offers handmade, and organic body products. Stop at **Arenz Shoes**, a fifth generation, family owned, full-service boutique, **Candles by Kim and Primitive Decor**, and other unique shops. Check out the only **Four Historic Corners** in the country; the crossroads of four historic buildings listed on the National Historical Registry.

3:00 PM- Tour the **Deke Slayton Space and Bike Museum** featuring bikes, planes, and space travel! Also tour the **Monroe County Local History Room** and explore Wisconsin's rural history!



4:30 PM - Check into one of Sparta's hotels conveniently located nearby.

6:00 PM - Enjoy a pub atmosphere at the **Fox Hole Pub** (608) 269-6271 or a more traditional supper club experience at **Club Oasis!** (608) 269-2644.

7:30 PM - Finish your day with a sunset stroll across **Sparta's Unique Community Bridges**, including the Beaver Creek Covered Bridge, Mary Morrow Bridge, the Pointe Covered Bridge, and the Ben Bikin' Park Footbridge.

Day 2

9:00 AM - Start the day with breakfast at the popular **Sparta Family Restaurant**. With a large menu and plenty of seating, they can accommodate a large group with a wide variety of tempting breakfast options. Call (608) 269-3500 for reservations.



10:30 AM - Tour the **Wegner Grotto**, constructed between 1929 and 1936, the concrete sculptures of the grotto are set with a brilliant mosaics of shattered glass and broken crockery. Combining their fantastic vision with such an imaginative use of unexpected materials, the Wegner's Grotto stands as a significant work of art.

12:30 PM - Lunch at **The Cotter Pin**. Enjoy a full menu including wraps, paninis, pizza, salads and sandwiches. The Cotter Pin is also a wine and craft beer and gift shop that sells unique gifts. Call (608) 487-8118 for reservations.

1:30 PM – Tour the **Elroy- Sparta Bike Trail**, the very first Rails to Trails program in the country! This trail is the first example of a new initiative in which old railroad tracks were converted into bike trails. There are now thousands of miles across the country, and it started right here in Sparta, making us the Bicycling Capital of America!

2:30 PM -Enjoy one of our area's most scenic drives and travel south on Highway 27 toward Cashton and visit **Down a Country Road**, a wonderful collections of shops specializing in Amish gifts, furniture and so much more!



LET US HELP PLAN YOUR TOUR

- Accommodations Proposals
- Suggested and Customized Tour Itinerary Planning
- Visitor Guides and Area Information Packets
- Personal Meet and Greet
- Group Friendly Restaurants

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