

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Chicago, viewed from across a body of water. The foreground is dominated by a river with calm, blue water. On both sides of the river, there are dense forests of trees with vibrant yellow and orange autumn foliage. In the background, a dense urban skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings is visible under a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

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From the Editor



I am excited to not only introduce myself as the editor of Midwest Meetings, but also welcome you to our first edition of 2024, the Midwest Meetings Guide Book. Although new

to the brand, I'm not new to the meetings and events industry, nor a stranger to the Midwest. (I'm a lifer.) And, in the ever-evolving landscape of meetings and events, my commitment to providing you with insightful resources remains steadfast.

Within these pages, you'll discover a treasure trove of information on the Midwest's meeting and event hotspots, from bustling urban hubs to quaint rural retreats and everything in between. Each state boasts its own unique charm and hospitality, waiting to be explored and embraced by you and your attendees.

As you browse this annual guide book, let your imagination wander and envision the possibilities that await you in one of 12 distinct Midwestern states — Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota or Wisconsin. Don't hesitate to reach out to them directly to find out what they can specifically do to make your next meeting or event shine, not to mention simplify your life.

Whether you're orchestrating a small corporate gathering or a large-scale convention, the intricate dance of logistics, creativity and hospitality required to ensure your event's success is not always easy. But it's always worth it. Here's to a year filled with unforgettable experiences and meaningful connections in the heartland of America.

Best,

Carrie Mantey, Editor
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Of course, Chicago is one of the most iconic cities in the U.S. to host a meeting or event due to its beautiful lakefront, award-winning eateries, awe-inspiring architecture and fantastic entertainment options that keep attendees coming back.

But greater Illinois also packs a punch — including delightful meeting venues in such historic towns as Galena, as well as in downstate Illinois, which is teeming with attractions to keep event attendees engaged while they work some and play some.

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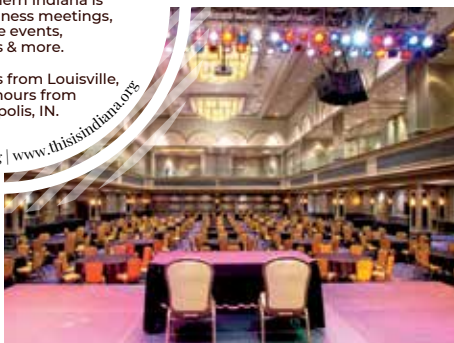
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Iowa is making a name for itself throughout the meeting and event industry ... And rightfully so. Some of the largest U.S. cities are located in America's heartland and offer great options for meetings. The greater Des Moines area has become a magnet for various activities over the last few years. Its regional economy is growing as a result of its talented workforce and competitive cost of doing business – both of which have built an economic momentum that has grabbed the attention of global companies looking for a state-of-the-art destination for their next event.

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Of course, Iowa's other claim to fame is its idyllic riverfront gem, Dubuque. Located along the mighty Mississippi River, the city is overflowing with unique venues that are ideal for groups looking for a combination of charm and innovation.

And when the meetings have ended, and it's time to relax and unwind, attendees will enjoy Iowa's breathtaking landscapes and abundant history. Attendees can try iconic Iowa foods, sample craft breweries and wineries, and explore the cultural events found within the state's largest cities.

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BACKBONE STATE PARK, DUNDEE

Iowa's first state park consists of a steep ridge of bedrock from the Maquoketa River, which forms a high point called The Devil's Backbone. Take a walk through history by checking out the Civilian Conservation Corps museum or explore the 21-mile trail system. iowadnr.gov/places-to-go/state-parks/iowa-state-parks/backbone-state-park



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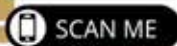
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When you think of Kansas, what comes to mind? How about modern amenities and attractions galore? From a meeting planner's perspective, Kansas has it all. From rodeos to music to food festivals, the state serves up a slice of classic Americana, combining its rugged cowboy culture with the urban energy of some of the biggest cities in the Midwest. Here, Wichita, Topeka, Overland Park and Lawrence welcome groups both large and small. Of course, the charming small towns with Main Streets that reflect a bygone era also make the state of Kansas easy to love.

Nestled on the banks of the Arkansas River, Wichita is the largest city in the state. In addition to a wide range of activities and attractions, Wichita exudes an urban appeal that draws in visitors from across the globe. Thanks to the city's robust economy, there are ample meeting and event venues that appeal to companies and organizations of all sizes.

And when the conventions have concluded and the meetings have transpired, visitors can explore Kansas' great outdoors, enjoy its museums and science centers, and patronize vintage theaters or newer facilities that put on major shows throughout the year.

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PLACES TO CHECK OUT



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As the largest city in Michigan, Detroit is an obvious location choice for meetings. From a high-tech convention center with breathtaking views to convenient hotels, newly constructed sports facilities and restaurants of every ethnic variety, Detroit is the place to be. Accommodating a board meeting of 20 to a citywide event of thousands, Detroit can meet the demands of all kinds of groups. It is also easily accessible: With one of the world's busiest air transportation hubs, the city offers attendees nonstop flights.

You don't have to be an avid lover of the great outdoors to enjoy all that Michigan has to offer. Even city slickers will revel in the serenity and scenic splendor of the picturesque corners of the northern part of the state. From award-winning shoreline escapes to charming historic lodges to expansive family-friendly venues, Michigan has everything a planner could want and more.

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PLACES TO CHECK OUT



ANNA SCRIPPS WHITCOMB CONSERVATORY, DETROIT
Reopening this year after a major renovation, the greenhouse and botanical garden are on Belle Isle, a 982-acre island park on the Detroit River near the Canada border. It boasts 13 acres, a formal perennial garden, seasonal floral beds, a lily pond garden and five sections of flora. michigan.org/property/anna-scripps-whitcomb-conservatory



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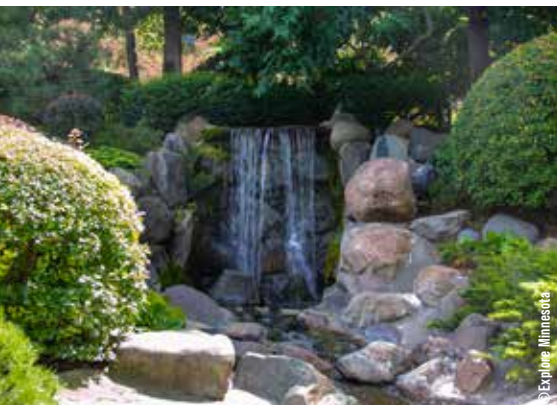


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Of course, heading up North to areas like St. Cloud, Duluth and Brainerd will provide attendees with a true sense of what the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" is all about. Here, resorts abound, as does the amount of outdoor adventures waiting for meetings and events to conclude so attendees can get out and explore.

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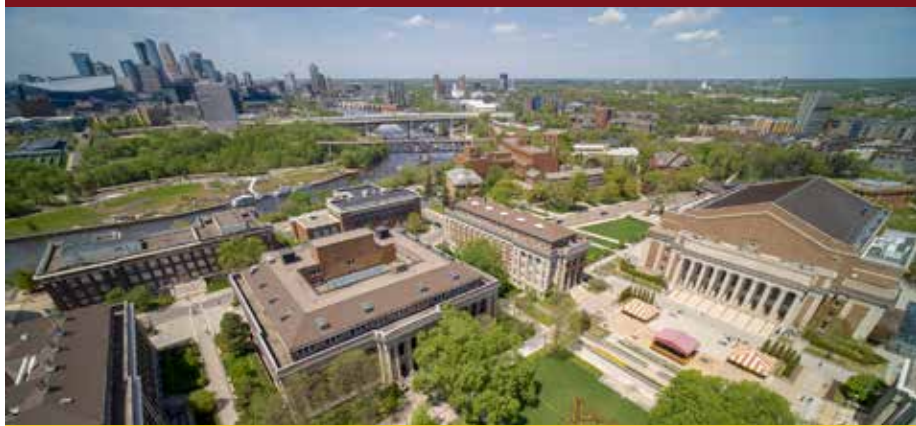
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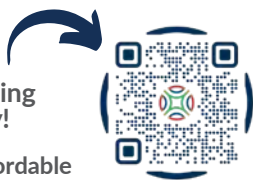
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In addition to the state-of-the-art Kansas City Convention Center, the city boasts an eight-block restaurant and entertainment district, renovated hotels and an expansive arena — all within walking distance to the convention center.

Located along the Mississippi River, St. Louis is another exceptional option for meetings and events. The venues in the region are first rate — blending the Midwest's small-town atmosphere and big-city amenities with attractions and activities to accommodate everyone. As a modern, thriving community, the city constantly enhances its offerings, resulting in venues that make an indelible mark on both attendees and events.

For those who are traveling from farther away, St. Louis is considered a premier meeting destination due to its central location within a world-class transportation system. Plus, its compact convention corridor is walkable, making it easy to connect with colleagues throughout downtown.



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This train station is a landmark that was renovated and reopened to the public in 1999. It features a science center, touring exhibitions, an extreme screen theatre, a planetarium, a live theatre, team-building activities, shops, restaurants and private group buyouts. unionstation.org



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HARRY S. TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, INDEPENDENCE

The museum is the presidential library and resting place of Harry S. Truman, the 33rd U.S. president, and his family. The museum and its exhibitions were recently renovated, the largest update since opening its doors in 1957. trumanlibrary.gov



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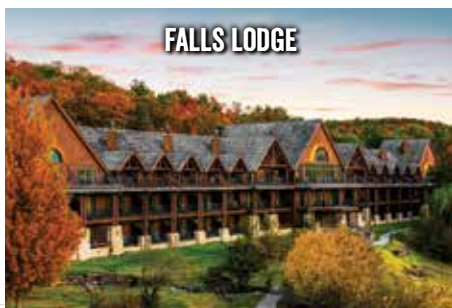
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For many, the idea of America's heartland conjures images of Nebraska — with its rolling plains, open skies and genuine hospitality.

Omaha, the state's largest city, is a growing metropolis boasting ample options for meeting and event planners to check out. From the Joslyn Art Museum (reopening this year) to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium to the CHI Health Center Omaha, the venue options are as unique and diverse as the city itself.

Of course, Lincoln, the state capital, is also a city planner's must-consider within the state. The area features picturesque wineries, grand hotel ballrooms, a historic cave, and expansive arenas and event centers that can play host to gatherings from simple to elaborate. Best of all, Nebraska's historical presence and Midwestern hospitality add a charming flair to any gathering.

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PLACES TO CHECK OUT



PRAIRIE PLAINS RESOURCE INSTITUTE, AURORA

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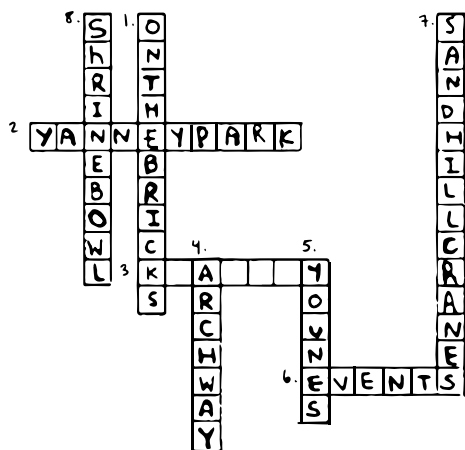
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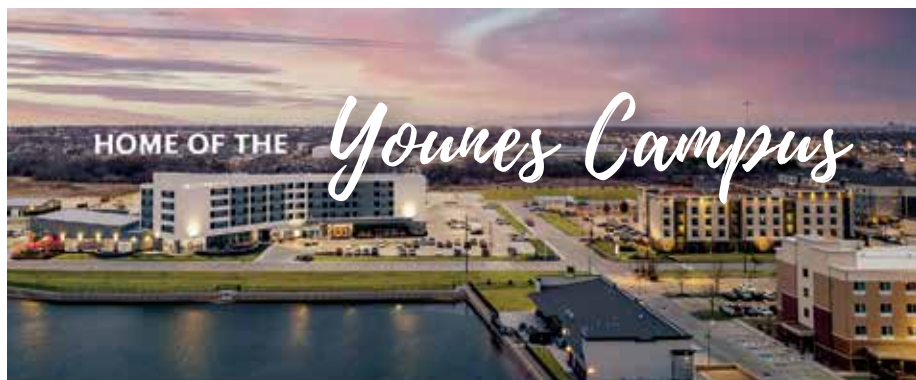
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Cities such as Bismarck, Grand Forks and Fargo are filled with an array of meeting and event options, including the Dakota Zoo, Plains Art Museum, Fargo Air Museum, Empire Arts Center and North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum — all of which celebrate the state's place in U.S. history. In addition, each of the state's large cities boast many hotel and resort options that are ideal for all kinds of gatherings.

When not gathering for a designated purpose, attendees can also enjoy some of the state's must-see attractions, including the rugged Badlands, the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the International Peace Garden and the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Visitors can enjoy tracing the footsteps of Native American tribes, as well as early explorers like Captain Meriwether Lewis and his close friend Second Lieutenant William Clark, a.k.a. Lewis and Clark, and help to celebrate the welcoming spirit of this great state.

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Unlike the massive metropolises of the world, medium-sized Midwest cities offer simple, stress-free logistics. In Columbus, for example, a ground transfer from the airport to the convention center is just a 20-minute trip. And young cities like Columbus are thriving as people flock from areas suffering from higher costs of living. As a result, there's always something new to do — from trendy restaurants and breweries to innovative entertainment concepts like axe throwing and upscale gaming arcades.

Accolades aside, Columbus is experiencing tremendous growth. The Hilton Columbus Downtown, the largest hotel in Ohio, recently expanded the number of its hotel rooms and meeting and event space, for instance.

Indoor waterparks are also making a big splash across Ohio as several of the state's award-winning parks boast meeting and conference facilities. These venues offer close-to-home, fun-filled adventure for adults and kids alike. And meeting and event planners are taking notice, especially since many attendees report getting more out of the business at hand when they can bring their families along, too.

Cleveland offers a walkable experience for downtown meetings and events. In addition to its approachable urban feel, the city prides itself on free attractions that range from the Cleveland Museum of Art to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park — allowing attendees to explore more on the cheap.

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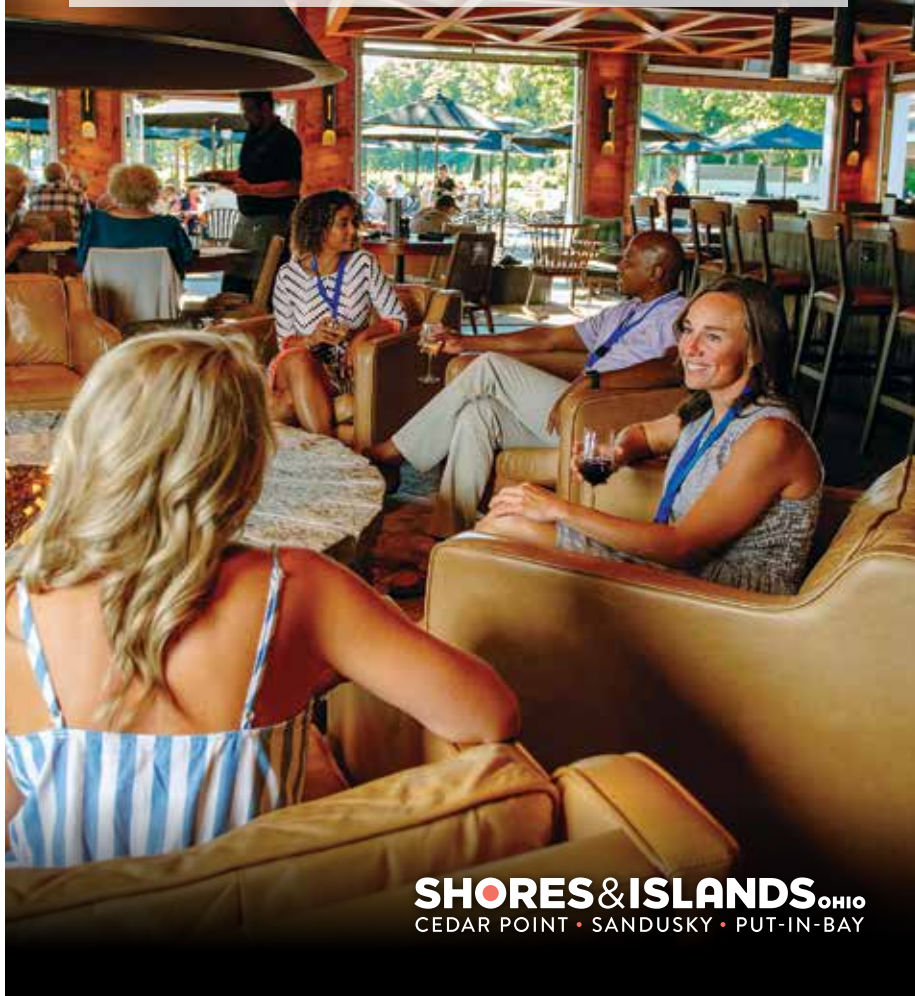
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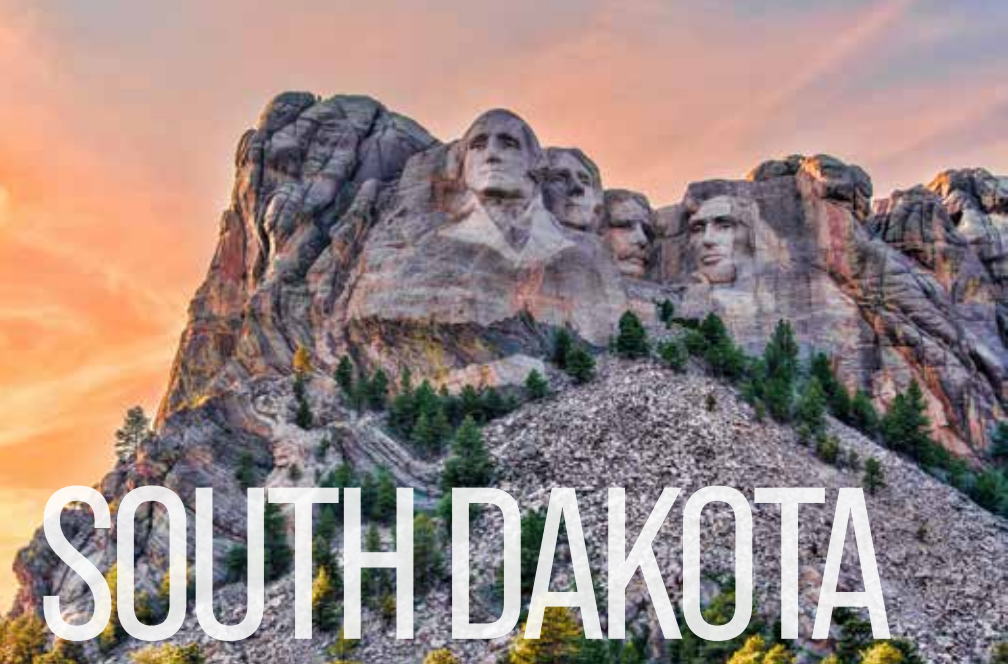
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Like its neighbor to the north, South Dakota is off the beaten path, but offers a wealth of options for meetings and events nonetheless. One favorite locale is the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center, which celebrates the state's frontier and Native American history, and plans to reopen after a renovation in 2025.

Because of the population distribution of South Dakota, Sioux Falls and Rapid City are regional centers of the state, and provide convenient air transportation for attendees. In Sioux Falls, the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center is the quintessential place to host a large-scale event thanks to its expansive convention center and entertainment complex with an attached hotel. Other unique venue options include The Journey Museum & Learning Center in Rapid City and the Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls.

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ABOUT THE AREA – Many regional groups and organizations choose Aberdeen due to its close proximity to their members in surrounding states, variety of restaurants, and abundance of group tours and attractions. Treat your attendees to an educational group tour at a working ethanol plant to learn how corn is turned into fuel. Visit a national wildlife refuge, take a trip over the rainbow at Storybook Land and Wylie Park, or enjoy a leisurely hike at a nearby state park.

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Planners are optimistic about 2024, with almost half expecting to book more meetings than in 2023, according to Knowland's 2024 State of the Meetings Industry report.

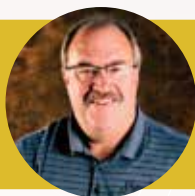
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There are countless reasons to consider hosting an event in Wisconsin. Not only is the state centrally located, but it also boasts a number of settings ideal for gatherings — from small to large, from simple to ornate. The venues in the state are frequently more cost-effective than larger Tier 1 counterparts, such as Chicago, New York and Los Angeles, too.

The success of many meetings depend on the venue. Luckily, Wisconsin offers a plethora of splendid spots complete with accoutrements that surprise and delight at every turn. Some of the best are housed within the greater Milwaukee and Madison areas.

Whether it's the highly anticipated Baird Center set to open this year, the Miller High Life Theatre, the Harley-Davidson Museum or the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panther Arena, Milwaukee is home to plenty of hotels, sports facilities and one-of-a-kind attractions. And, a mere hour away, Madison is also known as a dynamic meeting and event destination. The capital city's claim to fame is its Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Monona Terrace convention center, which is located on the shores of Lake Monona and near the Alliant Energy Center campus, a multi-building complex that is another top choice for conventions, trade shows, concerts and more.

Not to be outdone, Green Bay is a vibrant, friendly city that is experiencing exponential growth, resulting in new hotels, modern venues and updated infrastructure.

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Fiserv Forum's 90-minute tour will educate you on the Milwaukee Bucks' storied past and electrifying present, including winning the 2020-21 NBA Championship, leaving you inspired about the future. Plus, group seating options are available for many concerts and shows, like Monster Jam, Harlem Globetrotters and more. fiservforum.com



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Yerkes Observatory is the birthplace of modern astrophysics and an architectural masterpiece on 50 acres of Frederick Law Olmsted-designed ecological splendor. Since 1897, it has been the home and school of famous astronomers, Nobel prize winners and renowned scientists, but now it's open for public tours, private events, observing nights, star parties and more. Tour guides discuss its history and architecture, astronomers and astrophysicists, and ongoing restoration and preservation.

yerkesobservatory.org



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MADISON MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, MADISON

An independent organization that exhibits, collects and preserves modern and contemporary art, the museum strives to provide transformative experiences that educate, reflect and inspire. Located in the heart of downtown, the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art combines world-class art and stunning architecture for a venue unlike any other. You can book private guided tours of the museum's exhibitions for six or more adults. Furthermore, several sophisticated spaces — such as the Rooftop Sculpture Garden, the Lobby and the Lecture Hall — are available to host a wide variety of inspiring events. **mmoca.org**



AT A GLANCE

MEETING SPACE (SQ. FT.):
15,000

GUEST ROOMS & SUITES:
100

OF MEETING ROOMS:
5



PAR 5 RESORT

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AT A GLANCE

**LARGEST MEETING
SPACE (SQ. FT.):**
13,700

**# OF AREA
HOTEL ROOMS:**
2,335

NEAREST AIRPORT:
Mitchell International Airport

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AT A GLANCE

**LARGEST MEETING
SPACE (SQ. FT.):**
38,000

**# OF AREA
HOTEL ROOMS:**
3,600

NEAREST AIRPORT:
APPLETON INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT

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ABOUT THE DESTINATION – From riverfront meetings by day to Broadway shows at night, the Fox Cities are the perfect place to stage your original event experience. Built on innovation and entrepreneurship, our 19-community region has been helping power “the next big idea” since the early 1800s.

Located in east central Wisconsin, the Fox Cities are easily accessible off I-41 and Highways 45 and 10. For those flying in, Appleton International Airport services four major airlines with a wide variety of direct flight options. Upon arrival, attendees will be greeted with safe and walkable downtowns, fabulous restaurants and nightlife, and plenty of activities for groups to enjoy.

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AT A GLANCE

MEETING SPACE (SQ. FT.):
212,000

GUEST ROOMS & SUITES:
794

OF MEETING ROOMS:
47



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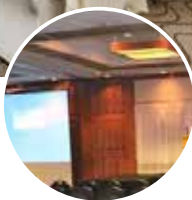


AT A GLANCE

MEETING SPACE (SQ. FT.):
7,500

GUEST ROOMS & SUITES:
70

OF MEETING ROOMS:
5



PAR 4 RESORT

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AT A GLANCE

LARGEST MEETING SPACE (SQ. FT.):
10,000+

OF AREA HOTEL ROOMS:
483

NEAREST AIRPORT:
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