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Just outside of Galena, Illinois, the Midwestern landscape begins to change. The sweeping flatlands so typical for this region are suddenly replaced by a spectacular, pastoral landscape complete with rolling hills. And then, in a river valley amongst the hills, stands the vibrant city of Galena. With a spirited historic Main Street that teems with over 120 shops, galleries, tasting rooms, and restaurants, downtown Galena transports visitors to a time before neon signs and hurried paces. Visitors relish in the opportunity to slow down, live in the moment, and reconnect with themselves and one another. History buffs love the rich American history and outdoor enthusiasts enjoy a wide variety of outdoor activities during every season.

In the heart of it all, you’ll find Farmers Guest House, a home-away-from-home that has opened its doors to travelers for over 150 years. One block off Main Street, Farmers Guest House is the carefree choice for visitors who want to explore Galena with ease. Guests can kick their feet up on the coffee table, sip a glass of wine during daily WineTime, and relax in our soothing and comfortable inn. Every morning a full, multi-course breakfast is freshly prepared and served to you at your table by Susan Steffan, innkeeper, owner and renowned chef. You may recognize Susan from her appearance on the Holiday Baking Championship show on the Food Network. Recently voted the Best Breakfast in North America 2015 and a Top 10 B&B 2016 by BedandBreakfast.com, you can rest assured that breakfast at Farmers Guest House is the perfect start to any day in Galena.
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Galena, IL, and the surrounding pastoral landscape, is absolutely beautiful during every season of the year. But, it is especially gorgeous in the spring and fall. Amongst the rolling hills, beautiful trees, and rushing Mississippi River, outdoor activities abound. When you visit, experience all of the natural beauty this area has to offer.

**OUTDOOR RECREATION**

**Hiking, Biking & Kayaking**

**WE RECOMMEND:**

- **Apple River Canyon State Park**
  

- **Casper Bluff**
  
Hiking, Biking & Kayaking (Continued)

WE RECOMMEND:

Fever River Outfitters
http://www.feverriveroutfitters.com/

Galena River Trail

Grant Park
http://www.galena.org/places/grant-park/

Horseshoe Mound
http://jdcf.org/properties/horseshoe-mound/
WE RECOMMEND:

Black Hawk Run

Eagle Ridge Golf
http://www.eagleridge.com/golf/

Galena Golf Club
http://galenagolf.webs.com/

Woodbine Bend
http://www.woodbinebend.com/
OUTDOOR RECREATION

WE RECOMMEND:

Chestnut Mountain Ski Resort
https://www.chestnutmtn.com/

Galena on the Fly
http://www.buyaballoonde.com/

Linmar Gardens
http://www.linmargardens.com

Long Hollow Canopy Tour
http://bit.ly/2e7qIlt

Mississippi River Rides

Shenandoah Riding Center

The Nordic Center

Other Outdoor Activities
No matter what time of the year you visit Galena, IL, you’ll find a wide variety of special events, celebrations, and activities to enjoy. Take a cooking class with Farmers Guest House owner, innkeeper, and award-winning chef Susan at Breakfast Diva Cooking School. Or, go on a ghost tour, attend a concert or learn to make pottery. The list of things to do in Galena, IL, is long, and we guarantee you’ll have no trouble discovering the perfect entertainment option for you.

**Theater, Shows & Tours**

**We Recommend:**

- **Amelia’s Ghost Tours**
  - [http://ameliastours.com/](http://ameliastours.com/)

- **Breakfast Diva Cooking School**
  - [http://breakfastdiva.com/](http://breakfastdiva.com/)
Countryside Tours
http://countrysidetoursgalena.com/

Galena Tri-State Trolley

P. T. Murphy Magic
http://www.ptmurphy.com/

Turner Hall
http://turnerhall.com/
ANNUAL FESTIVALS

WE RECOMMEND:

JANUARY
New Year’s Eve in Galena

FEBRUARY
Galena Mardi Gras Celebration

MARCH
Galena St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

Wine Lovers Weekend
http://www.wineloversweekend.com/

APRIL
Grant’s Homefront

JUNE
Corkless in Galena
http://www.corklessgalena.com/

Great Galena Balloon Race
http://www.greatgalenaballoonrace.com/
ENTERTAINMENT

JULY

Antique Town Rods Run & Car Show

Galena 4th of July

AUGUST

Midwest Garlic Festival
http://www.midwestgarlicfest.com/

SEPTEMBER

Girlfriend’s Getaway Weekend
https://www.facebook.com/ladiesgetawaygalena/

The Historic Homes Tour

OCTOBER

Galena Country Fair
http://www.galenacountryfair.com/

Galena Halloween Parade and Festival

Galena Oktoberfest

Twenty Dirty Hands Pottery Tour
http://bit.ly/2e7AdSo

NOVEMBER

Nouveau Weekend
http://www.nouveauweekend.com/

Thanksgiving at Farmers Guest House

DECEMBER

Night of the Luminaria
http://bit.ly/1m4Hb5V

Mistletoe Stroll Holiday House Walk
When you visit Galena, you will walk in the footsteps of historic greats including Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Because of this rich American history, Galena, IL, is home to dozens of historic sites, preserved homes, fascinating tours, and plenty of museums to visit. In addition, Galena also has a wide variety of fantastic art galleries to explore. Within these galleries you’ll find a treasure trove of local art including nature photography, handcrafted pottery, and more.

WE RECOMMEND:

Belvedere Mansion and Gardens
http://bit.ly/2e7EgOo

Galena Center for the Arts
http://bit.ly/1CqPBhS

Galena Clay Works
http://galenaclayworks.net/

Galena History Museum
http://www.galenahistory.org/

Grant’s Home
http://www.granthome.com/

Hello Galena
http://www.hellogalena.org/
Mangelsen Gallery
http://mangelsen.com/

Mississippi River Museum
http://www.rivermuseum.com/

Stoned Art Studio
http://www.stonedartstudio.com/

The Old Blacksmith Shop
Whether you’re in the mood for something casual or you’re after a fine dining experience, Galena restaurants will satisfy your cravings. You’ll find plenty of fantastic dining options to choose from as you make your way down Main Street.

**WE RECOMMEND:**

- Campeche Mexican
  - [http://campecheingalena.com/](http://campecheingalena.com/)
- Fritz & Frites
  - [http://fritzandfrites.com/](http://fritzandfrites.com/)
- Goldmoor Restaurant
- Little Tokyo
- Log Cabin Steakhouse
  - [http://logcablingalena.com/](http://logcablingalena.com/)
- Market House
  - [http://markethouserestaurant.com/](http://markethouserestaurant.com/)
Local Breweries and Wineries

**WE RECOMMEND:**

- **One-Eleven Main**
  
  http://oneelevenmain.com/

- **Perry Street Brasserie**
  
  http://www.perrystreetbrasserie.com/

- **Procento’s Pizzeria**
  
  http://www.procentos.com/

- **Vinnie Vanucchi’s Little Italy**
  
  http://vinnysgalena.com/

- **Blaum Bros Distillery**
  
  http://bit.ly/2eNNcZr

- **Galena Brewing Co.**
  
  http://bit.ly/2eNLeZ1

- **Galena Cellars Vineyard and Winery**
  
  http://www.galenacellars.com/

- **Massbach Ridge Winery**
  
  http://massbachridge.com/

- **Rocky Waters Vineyard and Winery**
  
  https://www.rockywaters.net/
Thanks to a historic Main Street without a single chain store or flashing neon sign in sight, Galena’s charm is on full display. When you walk along the picturesque sidewalks, you’ll find over 120 local, independent stores, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, and more.

**WE RECOMMEND:**

**Galena Canning Co.**
[https://www.galenacanning.com/](https://www.galenacanning.com/)

**Galena Garlic Co.**

**Galena River Wine & Cheese**
[https://galenariverwineandcheese.com/](https://galenariverwineandcheese.com/)

**Grateful Gourmet**
[https://www.gratefulgourmetgalena.com/](https://www.gratefulgourmetgalena.com/)
Honest John’s Trading Post
http://www.honestjohnsgalena.com/

Mangelsen Images of Nature Gallery
https://mangelsen.com/

Peace of the Past
(815) 777-2738

In addition, Main Street Galena, IL, is on the National Register of Historic Places. It’s filled unique history and beautifully preserved buildings. One of the best ways to learn about this rich history is with General Grant’s Walk Tour. The General, a local re-enactor, meets guests downtown on the weekends and gives a tour of the town. Trust us when we say you don’t want to miss this tour! Within just a few short minutes, you may start to believe you’re walking with Gen. Grant himself!

Galena Main Street Walking Tour with General Grant

Poopsie’s
http://www.poopsies.com/

Root Beer Revelry
(779) 537-3608
After a full day of exploring the outdoors or shopping on Main Street, treat yourself to total relaxation with a luxurious spa treatment during your stay. You can unwind at a variety of day spas in the area or let us pamper you with a massage at The Studio at Farmers Guest House! The Studio, our on-site massage studio, is not open to the general public. Instead, it is reserved exclusively for our overnight guests!

WE RECOMMEND:

The Studio at Farmers Guest House

Body and Soul Downtown Dubuque
http://www.relaxlivewell.com/
Experience the luxury of the Farmers Guest House with a stay in one of our well-appointed, tastefully decorated guestrooms. Our amazing guestrooms include a cozy resting space, some of which feature a warm and inviting fireplace. With every stay, our guests also enjoy bountiful extras. At the inn, you’ll find an extensive book and DVD collection, breakfast each morning, and afternoon WineTime every evening. In addition, the Farmers Guest House offers guests free wifi across the entire property. And, every guest room at the Farmers Guest House features a private bathroom, flat screen TV/DVD, and individually controlled thermostat.
Annie’s Galena Cottage suite is the perfect place to relax and enjoy our hillside gardens. This deluxe two-story, two-room cottage is detached from the rest of the inn. It features one bedroom, a bath and a half, and many luxurious amenities.

- King-size bed
- Fireplace
- Double whirlpool tub
- Sitting room with Keurig coffee maker and refrigerator
- Two porches
- Skylight

http://bit.ly/2dFQ8eq
Named after the wife of Galena native, President Ulysses S. Grant, our Julia Suite is a magnificent two-room suite. It features a unique, beautiful iron sleigh bed and plenty of extras. The suite has a sunny parlor room and spacious bedroom decorated in elegant jewel tones.

- King-size bed
- Fireplace
- Double whirlpool tub
- Sitting room with Keurig coffee maker and refrigerator

http://bit.ly/2erpuYr
The Jennie Room is one of our spacious king rooms. Located at the top of the back staircase in the Inn, this room is decorated in a collection of rich gem tones of blue, gold and red.

- King-size bed
- Standard Private Bathroom

ELIZABETH ROOM

The cheery and bright Elizabeth Room is one of our favorite queen rooms. The airy room is accented with light pastel shades and an ambiance of sun and warmth. The Elizabeth Room overlooks our beautiful backyard gardens offering a truly unique and warm feel.

- Queen-size bed
- Standard Private Bathroom

http://bit.ly/2erpuYr
Farmers Guest House is an impeccable choice for your next Galena, IL, getaway, no matter what the occasion. Our inn offers comfortable, luxurious lodging accommodations, grand hospitality, rich history, plenty of relaxation, and the modern conveniences you need in a home-away-from-home. The charming city of Galena is filled with fascinating history and breathtaking scenery. Let us introduce you to everything our area has to offer. Book your trip to Galena, IL, today!