

# THE LEGACY OF JOHN DEERE

Sample Itinerary – 3 Hours

## Tour the John Deere Pavilion (45 Minutes – Free)

- The John Deere Pavilion is a unique, hands-on look at the past, present and future of agri-business and houses the world's largest agricultural exhibit. Adjacent to the John Deere Pavilion, the John Deere Store is a one-of-a-kind specialty retail shop with a variety of unique John Deere merchandise.

## Free Time On The Commons (Additional 1 Hour)

- To visit the unique retail shops, quaint coffee shops, restaurants and antique shops. Visit [www.molinecentre.org](http://www.molinecentre.org) to learn more about the John Deere Commons and Moline Centre.

## Deere Family Homes (45 Minutes per home - Admission)

- Deere-Wiman House and Butterworth Center are two majestic mansions built in the late 1800s by Charles Deere, son of John Deere. Tour Butterworth Center and Deere Wiman both offering outstanding gardens open for viewing any time during daylight hours. The Prized Venetian Art Ceiling in the Butterworth Center is a 50-foot canvas ceiling painting that was purchased by William and Katherine Butterworth, granddaughter of John Deere, from P.W. French and Company of New York in 1917. The art was never signed it came from Hotel Danieli, formerly a palazzo of the Dandolo family in Venice, Italy, and for 90 years it was believed to depict the Dandolo family. Recently, new discoveries have revealed that the ceiling painting was completed in the 1720s or 1730s by the Valerian brothers, significant artists of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and was commissioned by the Bernando family, not the Dandolo family. Only a handful of their paintings remain.

## Other Options

- John Deere Factory Tours (Free) Subject to availability on reservation basis. Contact John Deere Guest Services 1-800-765-9588.
- Country Corner: Come to Country Corner for "Farm-Fresh-Fun". Build a family farm tradition. Country Corner offers a wide variety of farm experiences for our customers to enjoy. Festival weekends held May-October. Contact 309-629-2359 or [www.country-corner.com](http://www.country-corner.com).
- Freight House Farmers Market: Year round farmers market that offers a wide variety of products. [www.freighthousefarmersmarket.com](http://www.freighthousefarmersmarket.com).



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