

Postcards from Callaway County - Suggested Tour Itinerary

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Greetings from the rolling, green hills of Central Missouri. Fulton and Callaway County invites you to explore our hospitality and special sense of place. Times and order of tours can be customized per group origination, preferences, size, etc. This tour can be shorted for day trips, as well.

Day 1

9:45 a.m. Meet step-on guide at Firefighters Memorial near Kingdom City's city hall on Dunn Drive, near the northwest intersection of I-70 and Hwy 54. (Restrooms available)

10:15 a.m. Depart Kingdom City.

10:30 a.m. Arrive at [Backer Auto World](#), 200 Peacock Dr, Fulton, MO 65251 (Just off Hwy 54 near the HH, exit.) 573-642-2080 Group Rate: \$6.00

Backer Auto World houses a variety of automobiles in historic settings. The oldest vehicle in the collection is a 1903 Humbrette; the newest is a 1997 UMC solar race car. The museum displays nearly 80 vehicles from the Backer family's larger collection. The unique settings include huge prints of historic scenes and nearly full scale building facades. Leave a little time to explore the souvenirs country treasures from Bill's Barn Finds and Gift Shop.

11:50 a.m. Depart Backer's Auto World

12:00 p.m. Arrive at Westminster College for lunch in the Backer Dining Hall. Enjoy a delicious buffet (\$12 all inclusive) with students who call their lovely, vaulted dining room "Hogwarts" in honor of the dining hall in the Harry Potter books. <http://www.westminster-mo.edu/>

1:00 p.m. Depart for the nearby Churchill Museum www.nationalchurchillmuseum.org

1:15 p.m. Arrive at [National Churchill Museum](#), 501 Westminster, Fulton, MO 65251. Contact: Meda Young, 573-592-5602 or Tyler Oberlag, 573-592-5263 Group rate: \$6.50

On March 5, 1946, Winston Churchill, accompanied by President Harry Truman, visited the campus of Westminster College, in Fulton, Missouri. Churchill delivered an address titled "Sinews of Peace." It became known as the "Iron Curtain Speech" and harbinger of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union.

In the 1960's, Westminster College sought to mark the 20th anniversary of the address by moving the Church of St. Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, from London to Fulton. The church, which was designed by Christopher Wren, had stood in London since 1677. Badly damaged during World War II, the church was rebuilt stone by stone in Fulton. Tours groups can request a music recital featuring the church's beautiful pipe organ. The cost is \$75 and for a 20 - 25 minute concert.

Under the church, visitors will find the most extensive Churchill collection in North America. The grounds of the museum feature a sculpture carved by Churchill's granddaughter from slabs of the Berlin Wall.

2:40 p.m. Depart Churchill Museum (leave closer to 3 p.m. if an organ concert is requested)

3:00 p.m. Explore the [Brick District](#) shops and restaurants - www.thebrickdistrict.com

- Old fashioned soda fountain serves phosphates, floats and ice cream treats.
- Art House represents over 100 regional artists, big art at small town prices and fun classes for groups.
- A variety gift shops with home and fashion accessories, custom embroidery and engraving, scrapbooking and craft supplies, bookstore, tack shop and more.
- Antiques and Kingdom of Callaway Historical Museum.
- Gourmet foods, restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops and other sweet treats.

4:30 p.m. Depart Brick District

5 p.m. Arrive at one of our "worth the drive" rural restaurants, each about 20 minutes from the hotel.

Option 1 : Step back in time at [Crane's Country Store](#) and Museum, east of Fulton in Williamsburg. [Marlene's Restaurant](#) serves meals that taste like dinner at Grandma's house, including cobbler for dessert. (Serves up to 56 pp in the museum. Breakfast, lunch or dessert stops also available.) The museum, showcases the family collection of memorabilia set in vignettes that are centered around life in the late 1800's and early 1900s. Contact: JoAnne 573-254-3356, email cranesmuseum@yahoo.com. <https://www.facebook.com/CranesMuseum/>

Option 2: For an elegant evening, head south of Fulton to enjoy dinner at Canterbury Hill Winery and Bluff Top Restaurant in Holts Summit. Summit Hill also offers murder mysteries and wine tastings for up to 80 pp. Contact sales@canterburyhill.com, 573-896-9966, <http://canterburyhill.com>.

7:00 p.m. Check into a choice of new, group-friendly hotels offering great value and service. Enjoy welcome reception and look forward to complimentary breakfast the next morning.

Day 2

After breakfast at the hotel, embark on a choice of morning activities.

- [Central Missouri Meat and Sausage](#) offers locally-sourced, high quality meats and hand-crafted brats, summer sausages and snack sticks. They have products free of antibiotics, hormones, gluten, nitrates and artificial preservatives. “Taste and learn” programs available in their new market and food court.
- [Green Meadow Barn Company](#) is a working studio where Carolyn Linton turns reclaimed wood from historic Missouri barns and homes into handcrafted, custom furniture. (Best suited for groups of 30 or less.)
- The [Art House](#) offers fun “create your own art” programs with music, drinks, snacks.
- Get crafty with with a scrapbooking class at [Soul Sentiments](#) or stop by [Rooster Creek Quilting](#) for a classes, supplies and inspiration.
- Visit [Alpacas d’Auxvasse](#) to learn about the beautiful alpacas that are raised for their high quality fiber, spectacular yarns and handmade items produced on this family farm. (Note this is a working farm: May not be suited for use of walkers, canes or wheelchairs. Best suited for groups of 30 or less.)
- Explore [Rock Garden Antique Barn](#), an historic 3-story barn with an abundance of antiques. Offers decorations and special events for spring, fall and Christmas. Light light refreshments available for groups for a nominal fee. (Note: Upper floors accessible by stairs only.)
- Seasonal: Take a hayride and enjoy the activities in the big, red barn at [Shryock’s Callaway Farms and Corn Maze](#).

12:00 pm

Savor a boxed or catered lunch and wine tasting at [Serenity Valley Winery](#). The new, permanent tent that offers year ’round comfort. Custom wine labeling parties, musical performances and other activities can be arranged for groups. Contact Regina Ruppert, 573-642-6958.

2:00 pm

Depart for home or next destination

- The state capitol Jefferson City is 25 minutes south.
- Columbia is 30 minutes west.
- Hermann is 50 minutes southeast.
- St. Louis is 1 hour 45 minutes east.
- Kansas City is 2 hours, 15 minutes west.
- Branson is 3 hours southwest.