



## Make Your Escape

You don't have to drive for hours, fly across the ocean or climb the highest mountain peak to find the perfect escape. Your escape is so close you can touch it. Let the calming waters of the Mississippi River wash over you as you escape to a place of complete relaxation... solitude... tranquility.

Escape to where the great rivers wind into rare finds and an experience you'll never forget. Historic... Follow the river through times where legendary explorers tracked and great speeches were heard. Adventurous... Face the river one-on-one with a kayaking quest or hit the trails for an invigorating climb to the top of McAdams Peak. Cultural... Spread out a blanket and sit back with the locals for an evening of music in the park or join in the merriment of seasonal festivals. Savory... Delight in the local flavors from wild mushroom toasted ravioli to radically cherry pie. Romantic... Slip away into the night sipping wine in your own little corner of the world on top the majestic river bluffs. Inspiring... Relish in the awe-inspiring views and quaint villages nestled in the valleys beneath towering limestone bluffs as you escape to some place new and exciting.

Let the great rivers lead you to rare finds... and the perfect escape!

## Escape In Time

Don't just see the sites. Be a part of the history. Woolly mammoths... Native Americans... look out on the confluence with Lewis & Clark and envision the unknown as you embark on the journey westward. Stand on the banks of the Mississippi River with a spry Abraham Lincoln and take up your sword for the "duel that never happened." Hold your breath in silence with Illini braves, anticipating an attack of the flesh-eating Piasa Bird. Leave the present behind and make your escape in time to live legendary moments in history.

### MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES

#### Alton Museum of History & Art

Learn about Alton's history, the Civil War, Elijah P. Lovejoy, Robert Wadlow, Lincoln-Douglas Debates, Underground Railroad and more.

2809 COLEGE AVE., ALTON  
(618) 462-2763

#### Alton Prison

Built in 1833, Alton houses Illinois' first state penitentiary. Visit the structural remains of the prison that held thousands of Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

WILLIAM STRET AT BROADWAY ST., ALTON  
(800) 258-6645

#### Bethalto Historical Museum

Housed in the former Village Hall, museum exhibits include community history, citizens who fought in WWI & WWII and a restored log cabin.

124 W. MAIN ST., BETHALTO  
(618) 377-9944

#### Brussels Historic Village Jail

This red shed-like structure in the center of town represents the one-room jails of the early 1800s.

131 E. MAIN ST., BRUSSELS  
(618) 883-2089

#### Center for American Archeology

Stop at the Visitor Center and Museum for exhibits about the Koster site and the 10,000 year pre-history of the lower Illinois River Valley.

BROADWAY & MARQUETE, KAMPSVILLE.  
(618) 653-4316

#### Cheney Mansion & Lone Star School

As one of the oldest homes in Jerseyville, the Cheney Mansion features exhibits of the Jersey County Historical Society. The Lone Star School is one of the oldest one-room schoolhouses in the county.

601 N. STATE ST., JERSEYVILLE.  
(618) 498-3514

#### Confederate Cemetery and Monument

Once disease spread rapidly through the Alton Prison during



the Civil War, more than 1,354 Confederate soldiers perished and were buried in the Confederate Cemetery.

ROZIER ST., ALTON  
(800) 258-6645

#### Fulkerson Mansion & Farm Museum

The 1866 Fulkerson Mansion showcases Civil War artifacts highlighting the life of Col. William Fulkerson. Trace agricultural history with a collection of steam engines and farm implements at the Farm Museum.

25007 U.S. HWY 67, JERSEYVILLE.  
(618) 498-5590

#### Hamilton Primary School

Built in 1835, the Hamilton Primary School was the first free and integrated school in the United States.

107 E. MAIN ST., OTTERVILLE  
(618) 498-6673

#### Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

Experience the Illinois side of the Lewis & Clark journey at National Trail Site #1, featuring the film "At Journey's Edge," 55-foot full scale "cutaway" keelboat and Camp River Dubois fortified encampment.

#1 LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL, HARTFORD  
(618) 251-5811

#### Lincoln-Douglas Square

The final debate of Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln drew national attention. Lifelike statues of the two statesmen memorialize the debates.

BROADWAY & LANDMARKS BLVD., ALTON  
(800) 258-6645

#### Lincoln & Civil War Legacy Trail

Walk with Lincoln and experience Alton's legacies shaping the history of America as you visit 10 Lincoln and Civil War sites.

200 PIASA ST., ALTON  
(800) 258-6645

#### Lovejoy Monument

The anti-slavery writings of publisher Elijah P. Lovejoy led to his murder in 1837 as he was defending his printing press.

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The Lovejoy Monument is the tallest in the state.

ALTON CEMETERY, MONUMENT AVE. & 5TH ST., ALTON  
(800) 258-6645

#### Melvin Price Locks & Dam #26

See the river from eight stories in the air atop the Locks & Dam. Take a tour and watch barges push through the locks.

#2 LOCK & DAM WAY, ALTON  
(618) 462-6979

#### National Great Rivers Museum

Learn about the people, nature and wildlife that have shaped the Mississippi River throughout history. The museum features a gallery with more than 20 interactive and computer animated exhibits.

#2 LOCK & DAM WAY, ALTON  
(618) 462-6979

#### Piasa Bird

The painting high on the bluffs of the "The Piasa," meaning bird that devours men, continues to keep the legend alive in this great Native American tale.

PIASA PARK ON IL RTE. 100, ALTON  
(800) 258-6645

#### Robert Wadlow Statue

Alton's "Gentle Giant" Robert Wadlow still retains the title of the "World's Tallest Man." See how you measure up to his 8 foot, 11.1 inch life-size statue in Upper Alton.

2810 COLEGE AVE., ALTON  
(800) 258-6645

#### Village of Elsay Museum

Learn more about this small historic village through displays, artifacts and seasonal photography exhibits.

26 LASALE ST., ELSAH.  
(618) 374-1059

#### Wood River Museum & Visitors Center

Delve deeper into the history of Wood River, the Wood River Massacre of 1814, the Flood of 1915, and the impact of Standard Oil on this growing community.

40 W. FERGUSON AVE., WOOD RIVER.  
(618) 254-1993



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#### Wood River Refinery History Museum

Trace the history of Shell Wood River and neighboring communities as you look at early photographs and vintage Shell artifacts.

900 S. CENTRAL AVE., ROXANA.  
(618) 255-3718

## Escape To Fun

Pack up the minivan and leave the day-to-day behind. It's time to escape to fun! Sail down the waterslides head first and see if you can beat the kids back up to the top. Lace up a pair of skates, step onto the ice and take an unforgettable trip around the rink with that little hand in yours. Forget what time it is... what day it is... and saddle up for hours of wandering the trails on a family horseback riding adventure. Kick back, play a little, laugh a lot and make your escape to fun.

#### Aquatic Center

Climb up four stories and launch down your choice of two waterslides with more than 320 feet of winding turns and diving wells or take a dip in the pool.

670 WHITELAW AVE., WOOD RIVER.  
(618) 251-3110

#### East Alton Ice Arena

Grab your skates and hit the ice any time of the year at this indoor ice arena. It's the "coolest place in town!"

631 LEWIS AND CLARK BLVD., EAST ALTON  
(618) 254-7465

#### Pere Marquette State Park

With nearly 8,000 acres of scenic beauty, Pere Marquette State Park is one of the most picturesque and beautiful locations on the Illinois River. Horseback riding, hiking, biking, fishing, camping, picnicking the options are endless.

13112 VISITOR CENTER LN., GRAFTON  
(618) 786-3323

#### "R" Pizza Farm

Tour this 2-acre farm in the shape of a pizza! Each slice of the pizza represents a different ingredient herbs, tomatoes, wheat, pigs and more. Indulge in a slice of fresh hot pizza made from the ingredients organically grown on the farm. Call ahead.

25873 STATE HWY 3, DOW.  
(618) 466-5950

#### Raging Rivers Water Park

Make a splash with an afternoon staying cool at Raging Rivers Water Park. Choose from four winding waterslides, brave the waves at the Breaker Beach or just float along the Lazy River.

100 PALISADES PKWY, GRAFTON  
(618) 786-2345

#### Bowling Alleys & Billiards

##### Airport Bowl

4 Erwin Plegge Blvd., Bethalto  
(618) 377-2131

##### Bowl Haven

3003 Washington Ave., Alton  
(618) 465-BOWL

##### Riverbend Billiards

411 Piasa St., Alton  
(618) 462-4435

##### Riverboat Lanes

3044 Godfrey Rd., Godfrey  
(618) 466-2835

##### Tri-County Bowl

207 Krause Dr., Jerseyville  
(618) 498-5978

#### Movie Theaters

##### Eastgate Cinema

625 Lewis & Clark Blvd., East Alton  
(618) 254-6058



Stadium Theatre  
124 E. Pearl St., Jerseyville  
(618) 498-4711

## Escape To The River

Let the river lure you into an outdoor adventure you won't soon forget. Cast your line and wait ...anxiously ...quietly ...patiently ...until you feel that first little nibble right before the reel clicks into gear. Experience the river one-on-one with an invigorating kayak ride, paddling as far as your muscles will take you. Take your boat on the ride of its life and feel the spray of the river against your face with each encounter of the rushing waves. Escape to the river for the adventure of a lifetime.

### PLANNING YOUR ESCAPE

Start planning your escape to the great outdoors using some of these resources. Local bait shops are your one-stop shop for tackle, live bait and an Illinois fishing license. Licenses can also be obtained at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton.

First-class marinas along the river offer both transient slips for short stays and long-term docking. In Grafton, canoes, kayaks, jet skis and boats are available to rent for a day of river rampage. If you really want to rough it, pack your sleeping bag and spend the night under the stars camping at Pere Marquette State Park.

### BAIT SHOPS

Bluff City Tackle  
2813 E. Broadway St., Alton  
(618) 465-6175

Cassens Bait Shop  
821 W. Main St., Grafton  
(618) 786-3614

Flooded Fields Outdoor Supply

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209 W. Main St., Hardin  
(618) 576-9940

### CAMPGROUNDS

McCully Heritage Project  
RR #1, Box 130, Kamspville  
(618) 653-4687

A recreational mecca for horseback riding, hiking, fishing and even turtle watching. Primitive camping is available on-site.

Pere Marquette State Park  
IL Rte. 100, Grafton  
(618) 786-3323

RV camp sites have electrical hook-up, sanitary dump station, drinking water and shower building. Tent camping also available with shower building access.

Town & Country Lakes  
801 S. Neunaber Dr., Bethalto  
(618) 377-8230

RV camp sites have electrical hook-up, sanitary dump station, drinking water and showers. Tent camping and fishing at the lake are also permitted.

### EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Grafton Canoe, Kayak & Bike Rental  
12 E. Water St., Grafton  
(618) 786-2192

### MARINAS

Dock long-term or just overnight with monthly and transient slips available at these first-class facilities.

Alton Marina  
1 Henry St., Alton  
(618) 462-9860

Grafton Harbor  
215 W. Water St., Grafton  
(618) 786-7678



Piasa Harbor  
10815 Lockhaven Rd., Godfrey  
(618) 466-7501

### SHOOTING FACILITIES

Winchester Shooting Facilities  
IL Route 140 & Powder Mill Rd., East Alton  
(618) 258-2633

Twin Rivers Archery  
207 N. State St., Jerseyville  
(618) 498-1189

### HORSEBACK RIDING

Pere Marquette Riding Stables  
IL Route 100, Grafton  
(618) 786-2156

## Getaway Packages

Start planning your escape with affordable getaway packages that make booking your trip simple!

PRICE: (approx price per night)  
\$ = \$70-\$100  
\$\$ = \$101-\$150  
\$\$\$ = \$150+

### BED & BREAKFAST INNS

BEALL MANSION  
407 E. 12th St., Alton  
(618) 474-9100  
www.BeallMansion.com

Be Pampered \$\$\$  
Pamper yourself in elegance. This exclusive Spa Getaway package includes award winning accommodations, one-hour body massage for two in the privacy of your guest

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room, plush inservice robes and a bottle of homemade lavender bath salts to take with you as a memento of your stay. Makes the perfect couples or ladies spa getaway. Available 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.

JACKSON HOUSE  
1821 Seminary St., Alton  
(618) 462-1426  
www.JacksonBB.com

Music or Merchandise Package \$\$  
To express our appreciation, guests spending two nights at the Jackson House will receive their choice of gifts: a recording from Linda Elliott's lyrical harp melodies, Rosalie Key's inspiring gospel songs of praise, Jean King's jazz and blues or a gift certificate from Country Meadows. Available 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.

TARA POINT INN  
#1 Tara Point Ln., Grafton  
(618) 786-3555  
www.TaraPoint.com

Bird's Eye View \$\$\$  
Atop the palisades bluffs overlooking Grafton, Tara Point Inn offers award-winning accommodations and cozy cabins — perfect for a romantic retreat! Mention this listing to receive a free Eagle Watching Guide Book. Available 1-1-10 thru 3-1-10.

Beat the Heat & the Crowds \$\$\$  
Plan a relaxing summer retreat. Spend your day shopping and enjoying riverside wineries. Then, watch the sun melt into the river from the decks of the main house or your private cottage. Reduced rates offered on midweek stays. Available 5-31-10 thru 9-6-10.

A Kaleidoscope of Colors \$\$\$  
The colors pop off the trees and dance across the bluffs in the beautiful hues of fall. With the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers in plain view, your getaway couldn't be more relaxing. Reduced rates offered on midweek stays. Available 9-7-10 thru 12-31-10.

TIFFANY INN



410 E. Broadway, Alton  
(618) 462-4145  
www.AltonArtGlass.com

**Art Glass Class Package \$**  
Unleash your inner artist with a two night stay at the Tiffany Inn Bed & Breakfast. Take your pick of art glass packages: Introduction to Stained Glass, Glass Bead Making or Glass Kiln Work. Class tuition is priced separately. Available 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.

#### GUEST HOUSES

**LUCY MAE'S GUEST HOUSE**  
312 E. Main St., Grafton  
(816) 249-3279  
www.LucyMaes.com

**River View Retreat \$**  
Stretch your vacation dollars with a weekday stay at Lucy Mae's Guest House and a 30% discount from the weekend rates. Enjoy river views from this beautifully restored Victorian home. Visit us online and see the four-season getaway that awaits you! Available 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.

**THE RIVER HOUSE**  
11 Mulberry St., Grafton  
(618) 786-3542  
www.TheRiverHouseGrafton.com

**A Peaceful Respite \$\$ - \$\$\$**  
There is no better place to relax, read, write, reflect or unwind than this beautiful cottage on the bluffs. As part of your two-day weekend stay, mention this listing to receive a free Recipes of the Meeting of the Great Rivers Scenic Byway Cookbook (\$18 value). Available while supplies last 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10.

#### HOTELS

**COMFORT INN, ALTON**  
11 Crossroads Ct., Alton  
(618) 465-9999

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**Family Fun Package \$\$**  
Have fun with the family this weekend all around Alton. Package includes: overnight accommodations for two adults and two children, gift certificate for one large, onetopping pizza, two-liter bottle of soda and a deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel. Available 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10. Reference code: FUN

**Raging Rivers Package \$\$**  
Splash into summer with Raging Rivers Waterpark and the Comfort Inn. Package includes: overnight accommodations for two adults and two children, plus four Raging Rivers tickets for two adults and two children. Available 5-31-10 thru 9-6-10. Reference code: WATER

**HOLIDAY INN**  
3800 Homer Adams Pkwy., Alton  
(618) 462-1220

**Raging Rivers Package \$\$**  
Grab the kids and make a splash at Raging Rivers this summer. Package includes: overnight accommodations for four, four Raging Rivers tickets and breakfast for up to four adults. Kids 12 and under eat free with parents. Available 5-31-10 thru 9-6-10.

**Eagle Package \$ - \$\$**  
Get plenty of rest for your eagle watching adventure with an overnight stay at the Holiday Inn. Your package includes: overnight accommodations for two, breakfast buffet for two and a 75-minute guided eagle watching tour for two. Available 1-1-10 thru 2-28-10.

**Pere Marquette Lodge**  
13653 Lodge Blvd., Grafton  
(618) 786-2331  
www.PMLodge.net

**Blazing Saddles Package \$\$\$**  
Hit the trails on horseback throughout Pere Marquette State Park. Package includes: 50-minute horseback ride, two souvenir saddle bags, cowboy hat, disposable camera and bug spray. Go to www.PMLodge.net for more details. Available Sunday thru Thursday, 5-1-10 thru 10-31-10.



**Just a Splash Away Package \$\$\$**  
Just a splash away from the Lodge, enjoy a getaway at Raging Rivers Waterpark. Package includes: one-night stay at the Lodge, \$20 voucher at the Lodge Restaurant, a Raging Rivers "Survival Pack," souvenir tote bag, four bottles of water and four tickets to Raging Rivers. Go to www.PMLodge.net for more details. Available Sunday thru Thursday, 5-31-10 thru 9-7-10.

**RUEBEL HOTEL**  
217 E. Main St., Grafton  
(618) 786-2315  
www.RuebelHotel.com

**Eagles Watching Package \$ - \$\$**  
Stay at the Historic Ruebel Hotel & Saloon and spend some time leisurely watching the eagles. Package includes: a one-night stay (Sunday through Thursday), dinner for two and a bottle of wine. Available Friday and Saturday for an additional fee. Available 1-1-10 thru 3-31-10.

**Couples Only Package \$\$\$**  
Let us pamper you at the Ruebel Hotel in Grafton. Package includes: a three-course meal and bottle of wine, an overnight stay in the Rendezvous Suite, plush monogrammed robes to wear during your stay and breakfast in bed. Take home our signature luxury hand soap as memento of your getaway vacation. Available 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10 (excluding 2-14-10).

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