



## *Road Trip Attractions in the Aurora Area*



## Springtime Fun on the Lincoln Highway

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Located just 40 miles west of Chicago, the Aurora Area is where travelers can find excellent options for rest and recreation at a great value. The Aurora Area is home to a diverse array of unique attractions just off the Lincoln Highway and other major routes in and out of Chicago, ranging from award-winning theater and historic points of interest to the largest outdoor outlet shopping destination in the Midwest. Whether you're headed our way or just passing through, our picks for a springtime trip will guide you to the best the area has to offer this season.

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of Fermilab's operations in Batavia, Illinois. Fermilab's arts and lecture series highlights the contributions the laboratory has made to answering the most fundamental questions of physics, culminating in a 50th Anniversary Open House on September 23rd. Fermilab's Natural Areas is a collection of over 6,000 acres of pristine natural beauty open to the public year-round, including a bison herd and some of the area's best birdwatching opportunities.

### TOP PICKS FOR A SPRING TRIP

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**CELEBRATE FIFTY YEARS OF FERMILAB WITH EXCLUSIVE EVENTS**

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR AT THE HISTORIC PARAMOUNT THEATER**

**EXPERIENCE A MASTERPIECE AT FARNSWORTH HOUSE**

**DESIGNER OUTLET SHOPPING AT CHICAGO PREMIUM OUTLETS**

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Destination outlet shopping is available at Chicago Premium Outlets, the largest in the Midwest. Home to exclusive deals on designer labels, Chicago Premium Outlets offers an outstanding shopping experience unlike any other mall in the region.

The Paramount Theatre, winner of multiple Chicago theater scene "Jeff" awards, closes its 2017 Broadway Series season with a take on *Jesus Christ Superstar* that's sure to have the whole scene talking. Advance tickets are available for the show which runs April 19 - May 28.

## Iconic Architecture at Farnsworth House

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's minimalist design and construction of the Farnsworth House in Plano, Illinois is a masterpiece of domestic architecture. You can join visitors from around the world in touring this iconic home beginning in April. Watch wildflowers bloom in this idyllic setting with wraparound views of the Fox River in perfect harmony with nature. Due to the popularity of this attraction, reservations are strongly encouraged.

Visit us at <http://road.playinaurora.com> to learn more about upcoming special events at Farnsworth House, including moonlight tours, yoga days, concerts, and art installations that complement the form, space, and function of the home. Pair your visit with a trip down Route 34 where you can dine in a historic train car used by Theodore Roosevelt at the Bull Moose Bar & Grille and shop the antiques capital of the region in Sandwich, Illinois.



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The ten communities of the Aurora Area offer historic charm along the Fox River Valley, including the region's best nightlife, outdoor recreation, and fun for the whole family. Visit us online at <http://road.playinaurora.com> and request your Aurora Area Visitors Guide today!