



# Explore Merriam ITINERARY



## Day one:

- Start your road-trip off right by stopping by the Merriam Visitors Bureau for tourism to-go kits packed with a visitor guide, local maps, a postcard and surprise locally-made snack! (Open M-F 8-4:30)
- Check-in to your hotel (starting at 3 pm). Unpack, settle in and rest a bit before dinner.
- Feed the hungry road-trip warriors! Merriam's got a plate for every palate from handmade tamales at Anita's, to delicious wraps and burgers at Hurricane Allie's, to an affordable sit-down dinner at Pegah's Family Restaurant. See page 27 in the Merriam Visitors Guide for a complete dining list.
- Hit the trails for an after-dinner stroll along Merriam's beautiful Turkey Creek Streamway Trail. This paved path is a great place to see wildlife, grab some steps and connect with nature.
- Calories out, calories in—who cares, it's vacation, and vacations deserve ICE CREAM. Stop by Russell Stover on Shawnee Mission Parkway for a hand-dipped cone before heading back to your hotel for the evening.
- Not ready for bed yet? How about a quick swim at the pool? Or a relaxing break in the hot tub?

## Day two:

- Grab breakfast to-go at your hotel before a full day of exploring Merriam!
- Download Merriam's Sunshine Scavenger Hunt and explore all morning---snap a selfie and tag @ExploreMerriam on social media. See page 29 in the Merriam Visitors Guide for your SSH tracker.
- After all that scavenger hunting, you're bound to be hungry, so grab a bite from any Merriam restaurant and then picnic at one of Merriam's beloved parks.
- No visit to Merriam would be complete without a trip to IKEA. Stroll the aisles and aisles of home furnishings, décor and essentials, or find inspiration on the upper level with rooms and rooms of ideas. Don't forget to grab a tray of cinnamon buns on your way out!
- If history is more your thing, download the Otocast App (Free on Google Play or the App Store) and search for the Merriam History Tour. This interactive peek at Merriam's past is a fun and educational way to learn about this cool little gem of a town you're spending time in.
- We'd be silly not to share the famous BBQ joints across the metro. Sadly, there's not one in Merriam, but we invite you to try neighboring lip-smacking ribs and cheesy corn from Jack Stack, the Z-Man sandwich from Joe's or the amazing BBQ nachos at Blind Box. There's a million options to choose from—you can't go wrong with BBQ in KC!
- After a full and proper stuffing, enjoy an evening stroll around the lake at Antioch Park. Or, let the kids burn off some wiggles at the imaginary wild west play area known as Dodge Town.



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## Day three:

- Sleep in and forego breakfast? What???
- This is why you skipped breakfast! Stop by the Strawberry Hill Povitica Bakery to sample the dozens of delicious flavors of Povitica. Then, pick your favorite and buy a loaf to take home (or eat on the way back). You can also pick-up their new coffee cake...or baguette....or cheese cake.
- As you leave Merriam, we wish you safe travels on your return home. Be sure to upload your summer road trip memories and tag @ExploreMerriam. We'd love to see your smiles and we welcome you back anytime.

## Bonus...more in the metro

Want to linger a little longer in KC? Why not! Home to the Superbowl LIV Champs, the Kansas City Chiefs, the beloved Kansas City Zoo, dozens of museums, attractions and foodie stops galore, KC has more to do than you ever knew!

Here's our picks for exploring the metro while visiting Merriam:

- Check out the penguins at the Kansas City Zoo--bring your own water bottle and be prepared to reserve a visit time online.
- Catch some thrills at Worlds of Fun--the Patriot, Fury of the Nile and Prowler are faves.
- Visit the WWI Museum, then view the KC skyline from the Liberty Memorial Tower.
- Sip a flight at a local brewery or visit a winery.
- Zip through the air at Zip KC in nearby Bonner Springs.
- Explore the outdoors at Lake Olathe's newest attraction, Aqua Park (reservations required), or try your hand at stand-up paddle boarding at Shawnee Mission Park.

*Thanks for exploring Merriam..please come again!*



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