

# Things to do in Indianapolis (By interest category)

## Sports & Outdoor Activities

1. [Indianapolis Colts Training Camp](#) – The Indianapolis Colts will have training camp in Westfield, just north of Indianapolis. 2026 Dates not yet released.
  2. [Indianapolis Indians at Victory Field](#) – Watch a minor league baseball game at one of the best ballparks in the country.
  3. [Indianapolis Motor Speedway & Museum](#) – Tour the world-famous racetrack and explore its motorsports history.
  4. [Go Ape Treetop Adventure](#) – Ziplining and treetop obstacle courses for an adrenaline rush.
  5. [Fastimes Indoor Karting](#) – High-speed indoor go-karting for racing enthusiasts.
  6. Gondola Rides: Old World Gondoliers
  7. [NCAA Hall of Champions](#) – A cool interactive museum for sports fans with hands-on exhibits and a chance to test athletic skills.
  8. [Spark on the Circle](#) – Experience the heart of Indianapolis with SPARK on the Circle! This summer, Monument Circle transforms into a vibrant oasis filled with art, music, games, and delicious food.
  9. [Canal Walk Paddleboats & Kayaks](#) – Rent a boat and explore the downtown canal from the water.
  10. [White River State Park](#) – Perfect for walking, picnicking, and scenic outdoor exploration.
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## Arts & Culture

1. [Mass Ave Arts District](#) – A hub for theaters, art galleries, murals, and live entertainment.
2. [Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art](#) – Showcasing Native American and Western artwork.
3. [Indiana State Museum](#) – Engage in hands-on exhibits about Indiana's history, science, and culture.
4. [Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra](#) – Enjoy live performances of classical and contemporary music.
5. [Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields](#) – Features rotating exhibits, beautiful gardens, and interactive art experiences.
6. [The Cabaret](#) – Enjoy intimate live music and theatrical performances in a stylish setting.
7. [Indianapolis Cultural Trail](#) – This internationally-acclaimed 10.6-mile biking and walking trail connects all six of Indy's Cultural Districts.

8. [Gallery 42](#) - Indianapolis' oldest-surviving commercial building is home to a collection of local, national, and international contemporary artists presenting unique approaches to classical and traditional themes.
  9. [Harrison Center](#) - a force for equitable cultural development in Indianapolis and an advocate for community arts, education, and inclusive programming
  10. [Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre](#) - Open year-round, Beef & Boards presents Broadway musicals and plays combined with a sumptuous buffet meal.
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## Interactive & Educational Experiences

1. [The Children's Museum of Indianapolis](#) – The largest children's museum in the world, packed with hands-on exhibits.
2. [Indianapolis Zoo](#) – Explore a variety of animal exhibits, dolphin shows, and the butterfly garden at White River State Park.
3. [Indiana Medical History Museum](#) – Explore the history of medicine in a preserved 19th-century pathology lab.
4. [The Escape Room Indianapolis](#) – Solve puzzles and work together to escape before time runs out.
5. [Indianapolis City Market & Catacombs Tour](#) – Visit the historic market and take a spooky underground tour.
6. [Benjamin Harris Presidential Site](#) – Take a tour of this beautiful 10,000 sq.ft. Italianate Victorian family home of President Benjamin Harrison – our country's 23rd US President
7. [Madam Walker Legacy Center](#) – Historic cultural center celebrating African American history and arts.
8. [Indiana Historical Society](#) – A fascinating look into the state's history with interactive exhibits and live reenactments.
9. [Indiana State Museum](#) – Engage in hands-on exhibits about Indiana's history, science, and culture.
10. [The Stutz Car Museum](#) – Showcases the history and legacy of the iconic Stutz Motor Company, featuring classic automobiles, vintage memorabilia, and insights into Indianapolis' rich automotive heritage.

**Making your time in Indianapolis into a vacation or a family trip? Staying an extra day or two to explore the area? Want to explore beyond downtown Indianapolis? Here are some great day trips and excursions within a reasonable drive:**

### **Outdoor & Nature Adventures**

1. [Indiana Dunes National Park \(1.5-hour drive\)](#) – Beautiful beaches along Lake Michigan with hiking trails and stunning sand dunes.
  2. [Brown County State Park \(1-hour drive\)](#) – Known as the “Little Smokies,” this park offers scenic hiking, horseback riding, and charming views.
  3. [Turkey Run State Park \(1.5-hour drive\)](#) – A top-rated park with rugged hiking trails, scenic canyons, and suspension bridges.
  4. [McCormick’s Creek State Park \(1-hour drive\)](#) – Indiana’s first state park with waterfalls, caves, and lush hiking trails.
  5. [Cataract Falls \(1-hour drive\)](#) – The largest waterfall in Indiana, perfect for a scenic day trip with short hikes.
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### **Food, Wine & Unique Dining Experiences**

1. [Oliver Winery \(Bloomington – 1-hour drive\)](#) – One of the best wineries in the Midwest, offering tastings and vineyard tours.
  2. [French Lick Resort & Winery \(2-hour drive\)](#) – A historic resort with a spa, casino, golf, and a scenic winery.
  3. [AppleWorks \(Trafalgar – 40-minute drive\)](#) – A family-friendly orchard with fresh cider, apple picking (seasonal), and a petting zoo.
  4. [Story Inn \(Brown County – 1.5-hour drive\)](#) – A historic, rustic restaurant in a former general store, known for its charm and unique menu.
  5. [Goat Milk Stuff \(Scottsburg – 1.5-hour drive\)](#) – A farm that makes homemade goat milk fudge, cheeses, and skincare products, with farm tours available.
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### **Racing & Automotive Enthusiasts**

1. [National Corvette Museum \(Bowling Green, KY – 3-hour drive\)](#) – A must-visit for car lovers, featuring rare Corvettes and interactive exhibits.
2. [Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum \(Auburn – 2-hour drive\)](#) – Home to classic luxury cars from the 1920s-30s, set in a historic factory.

3. [French Lick Scenic Railway \(2-hour drive\)](#) – A historic train ride through the Hoosier National Forest, offering themed excursions.
  4. [Studebaker National Museum \(South Bend – 2.5-hour drive\)](#) – Showcasing the history of Studebaker automobiles and vintage military vehicles.
  5. [Model T Museum \(Richmond, IN - 3 hour drive\)](#)– If you didn't get enough motorsports action, this museum has a deep dive into racing history.
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## History & Cultural Attractions

1. [Conner Prairie Interactive History Park \(Fishers – 30-minute drive\)](#) – A living history museum with hands-on experiences from the 1800s.
  2. [Wilbur Wright Birthplace Museum](#) - Halfway between Millville and Mooreland, the Wilbur Wright Birthplace and Museum commemorates one of the greatest early pioneers of flight.
  3. [The Levi Coffin House \(Fountain City – 1.5-hour drive\)](#) – A key stop on the Underground Railroad, offering guided tours.
  4. [Lanier Mansion State Historic Site \(Madison – 2-hour drive\)](#) – A grand 1844 mansion with Greek Revival architecture and Ohio River views.
  5. [Tippecanoe Battlefield & Museum \(Lafayette – 1.5-hour drive\)](#) – The site of the historic 1811 battle, with exhibits on Native American history and early Indiana settlement.
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## Family Fun & Amusement Parks

1. [Holiday World & Splashin' Safari \(Santa Claus, IN – 3-hour drive\)](#) – A family-friendly theme park with roller coasters, water slides, and free soft drinks.
  2. [Big Splash Adventure Indoor Water Park \(French Lick – 2-hour drive\)](#) – A great option for families looking for a water park experience.
  3. [Indiana Caverns \(Corydon – 2-hour drive\)](#) – Underground cave tours featuring boat rides, waterfalls, and unique geological formations.
  4. [Marengo Cave \(Marengo – 2-hour drive\)](#) – Another stunning cave system with guided walking and crawling tours.
  5. [Kings Island \(Mason, OH – 2-hour drive\)](#) – One of the largest amusement parks in the Midwest, featuring thrilling roller coasters, family rides, and a water park.
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