

# TASTE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY — CULINARY ADVENTURE

## ONE DAY/ONE NIGHT ITINERARY

Discover why *Midwest Living* named Champaign-Urbana the Greatest Midwest Best Food Town!



### Sip your way through the Homer Soda Company

Head to the small town of Homer, population of 1,000, where you'll find the Homer Soda Company. Founded over 10 years ago, this popular soda distributor and shop will take you back to your days of old where heaven was found in a cold bottle on a summer day. The small shop with a deli sells over 250 bottles of soda from ginger root beer to huckleberry soda. Get nostalgic as you sample a variety of sodas and discover something new...or something old!



### Lunch at Silver Creek

Get a taste of the local food scene at Silver Creek Restaurant, located in Urbana. This charming eatery serves modern-American dining, which never ceases to impress. Groups can enjoy an intimate meal in the private greenhouse setting, which is attached to the restaurant.



### Eat Local at Willow Creek Farm

Get a look at the source of the ingredients behind some of the Greater Champaign Area's delicious dishes. Willow Creek Farm is a working farm and event center that churns out everything from protein and produce to honey. Get a tour of the pollinators behind Hank's Honey, see the greenhouses and visit the animals that have made Willow Creek their home. *\*Meals on the farm are available for groups of 35 or more*



### Tasting & Brewery Tour at Riggs Brewery

This locally-owned and operated brewing company integrates locally grown corn and barley into the brewing process to create some of the area's most delicious beer. The owners, brothers Matt and Darin Riggs, will guide you on a tour of their brewing facilities, answering questions and describing the details of the process. Finish the tour with a tasting and question and answer session.



### **Discover the way of tea at the Japan House**

Immerse yourself in Japanese culture at the University of Illinois' Japan House. Discover the way of tea through a traditional Tea Ceremony, the time-honored art of Chado. Codified almost four hundred years ago by Sen Rikyu, the greatest tea master, the four spirits of tea signify the highest ideals of the Way of Tea: harmony, respect, purity, and tranquility. Its core elements involve the acts of serving and receiving a bowl of tea with the utmost sincerity, appreciation, and attentiveness, while bearing an attitude of single-mindedness and a keen awareness of the concept ichigo, ichie (one life, one opportunity). You'll take part in this ceremony and find yourself renewed for the remainder of your tour.

### **Cheese and Gelato Tasting at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery**

Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery is Illinois' first farmstead cheese making facility and a group-tour favorite. Learn about their cheese-making process and their "Animal Welfare Approved" Goat Dairy. Visit with the owners, Wes and Leslie, enjoy a short walking tour of the farm, sample their heavenly goats milk gelato and taste their delicious, award winning varieties of goat cheese.

### **Wine Tasting at Alto Winery and Vineyards**

Taste some of the finest wines produced in the United States! Alto Winery and Vineyards has won dozens of awards for their quality of wine and with their tasting room stationed in Champaign County, groups have the opportunity to experience several wines first-hand. Along with their wines, Alto Vineyards has a gift shop that offers a selection of cheese, local artwork, unique gift items and gourmet foods.

### **Savor the Flavor in Downtown Champaign**

End your tour in Champaign with a delicious dinner at one of Downtown Champaign's many locally-owned restaurants. We'll create a custom dining tour, with incredible dining choices, from farm-to-table, sushi, pizza, juicy burgers and eclectic tapas. You won't go hungry as you savor one of the many restaurants in Downtown Champaign.



Let me take you on this educational and delectable tour of Champaign County's culinary destinations. Contact me today for more information or to book your tour.

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