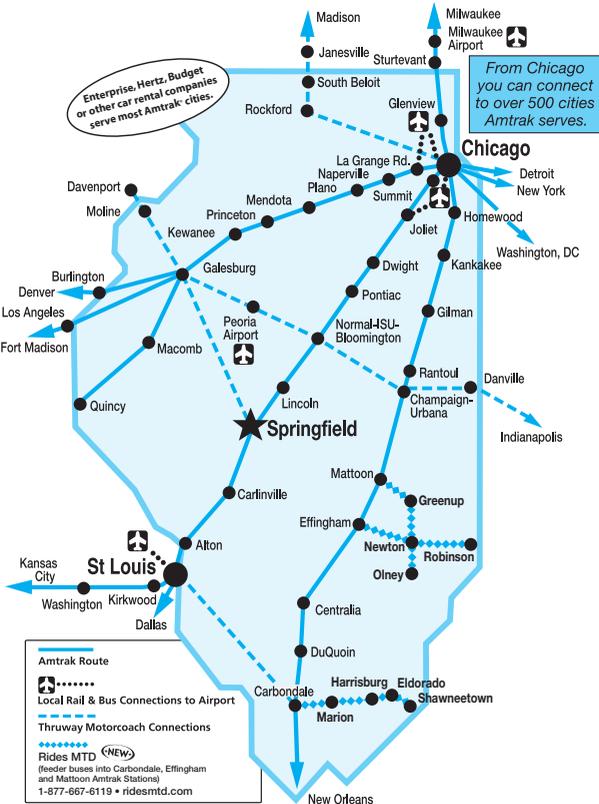


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# Illinois Amtrak Calendar of Events

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October 2010 - March 2011



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**Alton** ..... [visitalton.com](http://visitalton.com)

- 9/3-10/30 Great Godfrey Maze
- 11/26-12/26 Christmas Wonderland
- 1/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Eagle Meet and Greet

**Argosy Casino Alton**

U.S. Hwy. 67 & IL. Rt. 100 • (800) 711-GAME • [www.argosy.com/stlouis](http://www.argosy.com/stlouis)

**Carbondale** ..... [cctb.org](http://cctb.org)

- 10/16-17 Vulturefest
- 12/4 20th Annual Lights Fantastic Parade & Activities
- 3/19 St. Patrick's Day Celebration (Downtown Murphysboro)

**"Your Destination Is Our Destination"**

**618-985-6953**  
**SI-Tours.net**  
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**Giant City State Park – Near Carbondale**

camping, horseback riding, picnicking, hiking trails, climbing/rappelling. Home of the "Giant City Streets" formed 12,000 years ago by huge bluffs of sandstone. [giantcitylodge.com](http://giantcitylodge.com)

**Carlinville** ..... [carlinvillechamber.com](http://carlinvillechamber.com)

- 10/9-10 Broom Orchard Pumpkin Festival
- 12/3-5 Annual Christmas Market

**Centralia** ..... [centraliaill.com](http://centraliaill.com)

10/30 Fall Festival and Halloween Parade

**Centralia Area Historical Society Museum**

Centralia's railroad, mining, and Civil War items on display. [centraliamuseum.com](http://centraliamuseum.com)

**Champaign/Urbana** ..... [visitchampaigncounty.org](http://visitchampaigncounty.org)

- 10/23 University of Illinois Homecoming: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of a great tradition
- 12/4 Parade of Lights in Downtown Champaign
- 12/11 Shootout at the Hall

**William M. Staerkel Planetarium**

New digital projection system Digistar 4, the only one of its kind in the entire state! [parkland.edu/planetarium](http://parkland.edu/planetarium)

**GOING GREEN IS GOING AMTRAK®**

**LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO** *Macbeth*  
*Carmen*  
*The Mikado*  
*Lohengrin*  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
 ...and more!

Tickets now on sale from \$33!

[lyricopera.org](http://lyricopera.org) call 312.332.2244

**Chicago** ..... [explorechicago.org](http://explorechicago.org)

- 11/20 Magnificent Mile Lights Festival
- 12/27-28 Chicago Sports Fest
- 1/28-30 Snow Days Chicago
- 2/11-13 Chicago Auto Show

**CTA unlimited ride, 24-hour pass only \$5.75**  
 Advance purchase available • [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com)

**Danville** ..... [danvilleareainfo.com](http://danvilleareainfo.com)

- 10/16-17 The Kickapoo Karvers 29th Annual Woodcarving Show
- 10/17 Tea at the Mansion

**Red Mask Players Community Theater Group**

One of the oldest community theaters in the state.

601 N Vermilion St • (217) 442-5858 • [redmaskplayers.com](http://redmaskplayers.com)

**Dwight** ..... [dwightchamber.net](http://dwightchamber.net)

- 12/3 Christmas Parade
- 12/4 Breakfast with Santa
- 2/26 Bidding for Excellence Dinner & Auction

**The Windmill**

Built in 1896, originally pumped water for the estate of John R Oughton, a founder of Keeley Institute - first treatment center for alcoholism. (815) 584-3077 • [www.dwightchamber.net](http://www.dwightchamber.net)

**Effingham** ..... [visiteffinghamil.com](http://visiteffinghamil.com)

- 11/26-12/25 Wonderland in Lights
- 1/9 Bridal Show
- 3/3-6 Lake Sara Boat Show

**MY Garage Corvette Museum**

One-of-a-kind museum that houses vintage Corvettes and thousands of pieces of Corvette history and memorabilia  
 17082 N US Highway 45 • [www.mygaragemuseum.com](http://www.mygaragemuseum.com)

**Galesburg** ..... [visitgalesburg.com](http://visitgalesburg.com)

- 10/2-3, 9-10 Knox County Scenic Drive
- 11/26-28 Christmas Begins at Walnut Grove Farm
- 2/12-13 Galesburg Chocolate Festival

**Galesburg Railroad Museum**

Conveniently located next to Amtrak. Houses a variety of memorabilia and artifacts.



**Glenview**..... [glenviewchamber.com](http://glenviewchamber.com)

10/3 Grovest

**Joliet**..... [visitjoliet.com](http://visitjoliet.com)

11/21-28 Festival of Trees

11/26 Light up the Holidays Parade & Festival

Joliet Drama Guild • [jolietdramaguild.org](http://jolietdramaguild.org)

**Kankakee**..... [visitkankakeecounty.com](http://visitkankakeecounty.com)

10/2-30 The Fall Gathering

1/8 Outward Bound

Frank Lloyd Wright's B. Harley Bradley House  
[rightinkankakee.org](http://rightinkankakee.org)

**Kewanee**..... [kewanee-il.com](http://kewanee-il.com)

11/19 Downtown Kewanee Holiday Kickoff



116 West Second Street  
Kewanee, Illinois 61443  
(309)853-5875

Original Art  
[www.galleryonsecond.com](http://www.galleryonsecond.com)

**La Grange**..... [westsuburbanchamber.org](http://westsuburbanchamber.org)

10/30 Halloween Walk

La Grange Art League Gallery  
[lagrangeartleague.com](http://lagrangeartleague.com)

**Lincoln**..... [tourlogancounty.com](http://tourlogancounty.com)

10/9 4th Annual Fall Car Show at the Mill

Lincoln Heritage Museum  
Original Abraham Lincoln memorabilia and other artifacts  
Lincoln College-McKinstry Library • [lincolncollege.edu/museum](http://lincolncollege.edu/museum)

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**COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**Macomb**..... [makeitmacomb.com](http://makeitmacomb.com)

12/3-4 Dickens on the Square **FREE LOCAL TRANSIT**

Tom Booth Political Memorabilia Collection  
Many items about Ronald Reagan and other presidents.  
107B Morgan Hall-WIU • [wiu.edu/cas/casgallery.php](http://wiu.edu/cas/casgallery.php) • (309) 298-1828

**Mattoon**..... [mattoonillinois.org](http://mattoonillinois.org)

11/19-12/26 Mattoon Light works

12/3 Celebrate Midtown Mattoon Christmas celebration

Douglas-Hart Nature Center  
More than 65 acres of agriculture land transformed into natural habitats.  
[dhnature.org](http://dhnature.org)

**Mendota**..... [mendotachamber.com](http://mendotachamber.com)

10/23 Heritage Dinner

12/12 Christmas at the Museums

Hume-Carnegie Museum  
In restored 1904 Andrew Carnegie library building. Houses extensive photographic collection, displays on Wild Bill Hickok and Helen Hokinson.  
[mendotamuseums.org](http://mendotamuseums.org)

**Moline**..... [visitquadcities.com](http://visitquadcities.com)

11/20 Lightning on the John Deere Commons

12/5 Holiday Open House Deere Mansions

John Deere Pavilion  
One of the largest agricultural exhibits in the world.  
1400 River Dr • 309-765-1000 • [www.johndeereattractions.com](http://www.johndeereattractions.com)

**Normal/Bloomington**  
..... [bloomingtonnormalcvb.org](http://bloomingtonnormalcvb.org)

11/11-14/10 Festival of Trees

12/18/10 Christmas at the Mansions

3/19/11 Spring Bloom Arts Festival

**CAFFEINA'S MARKETPLACE**  
(in the Marriott-Normal/Bloomington)



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- Dining Near Station
- Local Public Transportation
- Car Rentals with Free pickup

**Naperville**..... [visitnaperville.com](http://visitnaperville.com)

7/1-4 Ribfest

7/10-11 Naperville's Woman's Club 51st Annual Art Fair

9/3-6 Last Fling

Naper Riverwalk  
Enjoy some 5 miles of walking paths along DuPage River,  
featuring covered bridges, gazebos, and playgrounds.  
(630) 848-5000 • [www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org)

**Peoria**..... [peoria.org](http://peoria.org)

10/16-17 Morton Punkin' Chuckin

12/26 123 Santa Claus Parade

Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences  
Exhibition galleries, Planetarium, Illinois Folk Art Gallery, Discovery Center,  
collections of fine arts, folk arts and natural history, educational programming.  
[lakeview-museum.com](http://lakeview-museum.com)

**Pontiac**..... [pontiac.org](http://pontiac.org)

10/15-16 Chocolate Fall Fantasy

11/26 Christmas Light-up Parade

Route 66 Museum & Livingston County War Museum Complex  
Two free museums & Old City Hall Shoppes under one roof!  
110 W. Howard St. • (800) 835-2055 • [www.visitpontiac.org](http://www.visitpontiac.org)

**Princeton**..... [princeton-il.com](http://princeton-il.com)

11/20-21 Christmas Open House

Bureau County Museum  
One of the best museums of its kind in the country.  
A visit is definitely worth the trip to Princeton.  
109 Park Ave. West • (815) 875-2184 • [www.bureaucountymuseum.com](http://www.bureaucountymuseum.com)

**Quincy**..... [seequincy.com](http://seequincy.com)

10/1-3 Barry Apple Festival

10/16 Quincy Preserves House Tour

11/25-1/1 Avenue of Lights

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[thymesquarecafe.net](http://thymesquarecafe.net)

**Rockford**..... [gorockford.com](http://gorockford.com)

10/02-01/02 "Grossology: The (Impolite) Science  
of the Human Body"

10/09-10 Scarecrow Harvest Festival

Rockford IceHogs Pro Hockey  
Affiliated with the Chicago Blackhawks. Home games at Rockford MetroCentre.  
[icehogs.com](http://icehogs.com)

**South Beloit**..... [visitbeloit.com](http://visitbeloit.com)

12/04-05 Christmas Walk Weekend (Rockton)

03/19-20 RoRo Expo (Rockton)

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**Springfield**..... [visit-springfieldillinois.com](http://visit-springfieldillinois.com)

10/14-8/15 "Team of Rivals: Lincoln's Cabinet at the  
crossroads of War" Exhibit

11/26-12/31 Christmas at the Dana-Thomas House

1/21-22 Annual Midwest Elvis Presley Competition

Be sure to visit [springfieldmoms.org](http://springfieldmoms.org) What's Happening Calendar  
for the latest family-friendly events in the Springfield area.



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