

Madison



Museum we love

Housed in an airy, expansive building near the capitol, the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art's permanent collection includes work by Frida Kahlo.

INSTANT ITINERARY

Food plays a starring role in **Madison**, whether you're at the famous farmers market or locavore eateries (800/373-6376; visitmadison.com).

Day 1

The \$43 million expansion of the **Chazen Museum of Art** is a masterpiece displaying 20th-century modernism and African and Asian pieces. State and Monroe streets teem with ethnic stores and galleries; favorites include **Orange Tree Imports** **1** and



Katy's American Indian Arts for authentic, handmade American Indian jewelry. **The Old Fashioned** serves creamy mac and cheese made with sharp cheddar as well as an oatmeal stout. Badgers games draw crowds to State Street and University of Wisconsin's **Camp Randall**



Stadium. Explore 16 acres of outdoor gardens (including the Thai pavilion) for free at **Olbrich Botanical Gardens** **2**, while there, pay \$2 to enter the orchid-filled Bolz Conservatory. History lessons come with dinner at **Quivey's Grove**: Dishes are named after prominent figures from



Wisconsin's past, and the menu reads like a book. Turn in at sophisticated boutique **HotelRed**. Ultrachic decor in comfortable guest rooms and a welcoming fireplace in the lobby encourage relaxation (from \$179).

Day 2

See **Lake Monona** from aboard a **BettyLou motor yacht** during a leisurely Champagne brunch cruise or from land by biking the shore's 13-mile trail. Fountain Prairie dry-aged Highland ground beef fills the V burger at **Brasserie V** **3**, a casual European-style restaurant focusing on rustic French food and Belgian beers. The **Madison Children's Museum** lends itself to nonstop learning and playing; day camps and workshops are available. The bold, seasonally inspired menu at **Graze** **4** includes sustainable, fresh fish and chili-braised mussels in a wine broth.

Add a day

Tours of **Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin** educate visitors on this ingenious yet controversial architect who is famous for his creation of a uniquely Midwest style. Tours of the estate chronicle its creation and the development of the Taliesin Fellowship to train architecture apprentices. Taliesin sits on a pastoral hilltop overlooking the Wisconsin River in **Spring Green**, 34 miles west of Madison.





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