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SAVANNA, IL: UNVEIL THE CHARM OF DOWNTOWN

A day trip to Savanna, IL, offers a delightful blend of history, shopping, dining, and entertainment, perfect for those looking to experience the charm of a small-town escape. This adventure starts around 1 PM and ends whenever you're ready to go home at night. From exploring the historic Main Street to ending your night at a lively pub, this is a fun and relaxing way to spend the day out on the town.



A historic brick streetscape with outdoor patio seating and vintage streetlamps on a sunny day

Half Day	6	Carroll County	3
HOW LONG	STOPS	COUNTY	BEST FOR
			Couples, Friends, History

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DAY 1

THE TRIP

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DRIVING ROUTE

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6 PLANNED STOPS

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SCENIC STOP

Savanna

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WHY IT BELONGS

Start your day by exploring one of Illinois' oldest towns. The historic main street dates back to the 1800s, with most of the original buildings. Take a walk down the picturesque street that offers a stroll through time with boutique shops and restaurants. If you're lucky, you may hear some live music.

Pro tip: Start your day around 1 PM for this adventure

Address: Savanna, IL

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ATTRACTION

Savanna Museum and Cultural Center

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

When exploring the historic main street of Savanna, the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center is an important stop to discover Savanna's history. They are open Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 4 PM and it's completely free to enter. They have a permanent railroad exhibit that depicts Savanna, a nurse exhibit, a Wayne King Room, and an incredible Civil War Collection on the top floor.

Pro tip: Suggested $10 donation

Address: 406 Main St, Savanna, IL

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Savanna

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SCENIC STOP

Sippi-Side Pub Grill and Liquor Store

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

After the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center, it is time for a late lunch/early dinner. Situated along the picturesque banks of the Mississippi River, this pub offers more than just great meals. It provides a perfect spot to unwind with scenic river views. Whether you're in the mood for a hearty burger, fresh seafood, or just a cold drink, Sippi-Side has something for everyone. However, the star of the show is their sky bar, which is an upper patio that overlooks the river.

Address: 701 Main St, Savanna, IL

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SCENIC STOP

Shivers Inc

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Next, it is time for some dessert. Across the street is Shivers Inc., a mom-and-pop ice cream shop with over 30 flavors of ice cream to choose from. There is indoor and outdoor seating, or you can just cruise on through the drive-thru for a quick sweet fix! The massive 21-foot tall double cones outside Shivers stop traffic as people drive by.

Address: 708 Main St, Savanna, IL

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ATTRACTION

Savanna Times Theater

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

After dinner and dessert, wrap up your evening on Main Street at the historic privately-owned movie theater, Savanna Times Theater. The theater has two showing options a night on Thursday- Saturday at 7 PM and Sunday at 2 PM. You can check what is playing on the theater's Facebook page. Admission to the theater is only $6.

Pro tip: cash only

Address: 222 W Main St, Savanna, IL

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SCENIC STOP

Poopy's Pub

Savanna

WHY IT BELONGS

Once the movie is over, end your night at Poopy's Pub. Poopy's Pub is a HUGE biker-friendly tavern offering American grub, a seasonal patio, live bands, and a gift shop. Poopy's Pub is anything but an ordinary biker bar. It has it ALL. They have live music every weekend, so it's the perfect place to end your weekend night. They also have ax throwing, darts, pool tables, and more.

Address: 1030 Viaduct Rd, Savanna, IL

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