



Classic Rock - Merriam, Kansas!

Day One: Merriam Kansas

Start your day at the famous **K.C. Strings Violin Shop** in downtown Merriam, Kansas! Here you will learn how to fine-tune your classical music appreciation by watching master craftsmen create world-class string instruments played in symphonies across the globe. From wood selection to staining techniques, K.C. Strings will amaze you with their humble yet beautiful process of creating world-class instruments in the Heart of America.



After your classical music tour, switch gears for some rock-n-roll on a tour of **GuitarLamp!** This renovated loft in downtown Merriam is home to the famous GuitarLamp, made by rocker, Dan Leap. Dan will guide you through the process he uses to create these unique lamps found in rock-star homes including Ted Nugent, Bret Michaels, the Jonas Brothers and many more! Then, if you still haven't had enough rock, you'll get a special "back-stage" pass to view Dan's renovated loft featuring tons of rock-n-roll memorabilia, a flaming kitchen and a karaoke jam session in the garage/lounge.

To keep the musical theme going in Merriam, we'll go back to the fifties as we tempt you with a real cherry soda or egg and cream...how about a green river? Whatever your preference, the **Georgetown Pharmacy Old Fashioned Soda Shop** can create it! Reminiscent of soda fountains of yesterday, owner Dennis Hendershot will give you a brief presentation about how he renovated this downtown building to include a soda fountain and how his special drinks came to be! Lunch can be prepared for groups in advance, or the surrounding area offers numerous group dining options.



Next on the tour stop is a great place to stretch those legs as you view the beautiful works of art on display at the Irene B. French Community Center Art Gallery. This gallery hosts monthly rotating exhibits throughout the year and allows groups to self-guide through the masterpieces on display.

Got a sweet tooth or a bus full of hungry people? Head over to Russell Stover Candy Company in Merriam. Bring a motor coach with at least 20 people and each passenger will receive 10% off their entire purchase, PLUS the escort and driver will receive a \$20 gift card. Assorted chocolate candies are available for sampling and groups are welcome to shop as well.

Overnight in Merriam at any one of our five group-friendly hotels! Be sure to ask about our **Gallons to Go program** for motor coach groups and remember, we've also got a local **RV park** who will allow you to service/dump your coach if needed for a small fee. Lastly, our **CVB** is more than happy to provide a step-on greeting from an elected official (by request) and for groups overnighing in Merriam, we can provide goodie bags to your group upon check-in.

Contact the Merriam Visitors Bureau to begin your tour planning today! 866-707-6534 or karenc@exploremerriam.com

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10:00-11:00 a.m.	K.C. Strings Violin Shop tour
11:00-12:00 p.m.	GuitarLamp tour
11:15-1:00 p.m.	Lunch and Tour at Georgetown Old Fashioned Soda Shop (or other location of your choice)
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Walking tour of the Irene B. French Art Gallery
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Russell Stover Candy Shop Program for Motor coach groups
2:30 p.m.	Depart for next destination or overnight in Merriam