

ABOUT DUBUQUE



Dubuque's historic Old Main District has experienced a rebirth. Restoration projects have brought new vitality to downtown Dubuque, most notably the \$400 million renovation to the riverfront now known as America's River - the Port of Dubuque on the Mississippi. Hotel Julien Dubuque overlooks the port and is at the heart of the revitalization movement.

DUBUQUE FAST FACTS

Established: 1833, settled in 1788 by French Canadian fur trader and early entrepreneur Julien Dubuque. Dubuque is Iowa's oldest city and is among the oldest settlements west of the Mississippi River. For a full history, click here. (<http://www.cityofdubuque.org/index.aspx?nid=1060>)

Slogan: "Masterpiece on the Mississippi"

Location on the River by River Mile: 580 at Lock & Dam #11, The General Zebulon Pike

Population: 62,000

River Industry: Historically known for boat building and logging. Now the river is known for its riverboat excursions, tourism, gaming and recreation.

Rail Industry: Known for its passenger rail to Chicago. In 1862 Dubuque was the site of the State Fair because of easy access by rail and river. Dubuque is restoring the last original train station remaining in Dubuque, the Burlington Northern Depot, to its original state.

Only in Dubuque:

- The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, the only aquarium along the Mississippi to feature wildlife from the entire Mississippi River.
- The Fenelon Place Elevator, the shortest and steepest scenic railway in the world.
- Five historic districts.
- Three national landmarks:
 - o **Mines of Spain Recreation Area/Julien Dubuque's Mines** - This landmark includes hundreds of archaeological sites, providing a rich history of American Indian settlement, lead mining, fur trading, lumbering and farm life. Site includes 14 miles of trails, river overlooks, prairie and an interpretive center. www.minesofspain.org.
 - o **William M. Black Dredge** - This working 1934 dredge boat once roamed the Missouri River. Today you can tour the engine room and pilothouse, and experience an overnight in a stateroom to see what life was like on a working steamboat. On the grounds of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. www.rivermuseum.com.
 - o **Dubuque County Jail** - This 1857 example of Egyptian Revival architecture houses interesting artifacts from the Dubuque County Historical Society collection. www.rivermuseum.com.



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- Location of "Field of Dreams" movie site in nearby Dyersville.
- Home to Eagle Point Park, which overlooks Lock & Dam #11 and features spectacular views of the Mississippi River.
- Annual Dragon Boat racing.
- Winter home of American bald eagles.

Helpful Tourism Links:

www.traveldubuque.com

www.dubuquechamber.com

www.easterniowatourism.org

www.traveliowa.com

