

AMERICA'S HERITAGE

Great Americana Museums

(NAPSA)—You and your family can get a glimpse at some of the ideas that help make America great at a number of charming, educational and sometimes surprising museums, many in the nation's heartland. Here's a look at a few:

Harley-Davidson Museum (Milwaukee, Wis.): This family-friendly complex shares 106 years of history and also features a café, bar/restaurant and store. The museum has more than 450 vehicles in its archives collection, dating back to the company's very first years, and thousands of unique items—photos, posters, advertisements, clothes and rare video footage—offering a glimpse of American history and culture like you've never seen before. The interactive exhibits bring heart-thumping adventure and life-changing freedom into the lives of its visitors, and kids can even win a prize in a free "scavenger hunt." There are bikes used by the military and police, a replica of Captain America from "Easy Rider," Elvis Presley's 1956 Harley-Davidson, and racing motorcycles on a re-created 1920s board track. You can watch a simulation of a robot manufacturing a motorcycle in the Design Center exhibit and climb on and pretend to ride a variety of bikes. Learn more at www.h-dmuseum.com.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (Cleveland, Ohio): The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets this art form through its library and archives as well as its educational programs. Visit www.rockhall.com for more information.

Spam Museum (Austin, Minn.): This museum is a fun and informational destination with interactive and educational elements designed for all ages. The free museum features 16,500 square feet of artifacts, history



The Harley-Davidson Museum, in Milwaukee, is an attractive destination for riders and nonriders alike.

and fun with vintage advertising, Spam trivia, a chance to try your hand at canning, collectibles and memorabilia. Further facts are at www.spam.com/games/Museum/default.aspx.

Milwaukee Beer Museum (Milwaukee, Wis.): At this natural stop for beer aficionados, you can learn about the history of the numerous breweries that dominated the city for the last 100 years and where they've gone. The museum also hosts tours of present and former brewery sites, cemeteries where beer barons are buried, and famous pubs. See www.milwaukeebeermuseum.com for more information.

Pro Football Hall of Fame (Canton, Ohio): This museum honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to professional football. By preserving professional football's historic documents and artifacts, the museum educates the public about the origin, development and growth of professional football as an important part of American culture and promotes the sport's positive values. See www.profootballhof.com.

Other places you may enjoy include The Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen, Ohio, and the National Museum of Roller Skating in Lincoln, Neb.