

MERRIAM, KANSAS...next door neighbors to Kansas City!

GROUP TOUR SUMMARY

MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC...

K.C. Strings Violin Shop is nationally known for making beautiful stringed instruments in downtown Merriam, Kansas! Pre-scheduled tours to view the woodshop, retail location and conservatory are available for groups of 25+ people. With instruments sold world-wide and played in symphonies across the globe, K.C. Strings craftsmen are sure to impress your group with their master craftsmanship and expertise in creating these exquisite stringed instruments.

Tour details: 25 people (minimum); fee of \$5.00 per person (payable in one check); tours only offered Mon-Friday at 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. and must be arranged with the Merriam Visitors Bureau at 913-403-8999. Tours may not be arranged directly with K.C. Strings. Tours NOT available in August or September.



ROCK-N-ROLL AT GUITARLAMP...

Think cool lofts are only found in urban downtowns? Think again. Come “jam” at one of Merriam’s coolest addresses – GuitarLamp.com. Follow, owner Dan Leap through a 30-minute guided tour of his shop where he crafts the famous “guitar lamp” featured on MTV Cribs, HGTV’s I Want That and found in celebrity rocker homes including Ted Nugent, Jesse James and Bret Michaels. Dan will also give you a behind-the-scenes glimpse at his lofty living quarters which includes a flaming kitchen, autographed rocker memorabilia, a classic car couch and other cool stuff! If hands-on entertainment suits your group, you can record and take home a personalized karaoke jam session in Dan’s garage lounge.

Tour details: 10+ people (minimum); fee of \$4.00 per person (payable in one check) includes take-home guitar pick; tours scheduled exclusively through the Merriam Visitors Bureau at 913-403-8999. Tours may not be arranged directly with GuitarLamp.



OLD-FASHIONED SODA SHOP...

Craving a REAL old-fashioned soda? Want to learn about the history of the soda fountain? Grab a group of at least five people and schedule a tasty tour of the Georgetown Pharmacy’s Old Fashioned Soda Shop in downtown Merriam. Nestled right inside the Pharmacy, just like in the good ol’ days, this beautiful recreated shop is sure to bring back memories as you sip your way through a true phosphate or other menu treat?

Tour details: Groups (five minimum please) may choose one drink per person from the following options: 12 oz. Latte or Mocha, Ice-Cream Soda, 16 oz. Limeade, two scoop sundae or any carbonated beverage. Price per person is \$4.00 and includes one drink plus fountain history tour. Tours must be scheduled through the Merriam Visitors Bureau at 913-403-8999 (Mon-Fri only).



CANDY SHOP PROGRAM...

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. Tours last approximately 30 minutes.



Tour details: Schedule directly with Russell Stover at 913-722-2175 (mention the candy shop program for motor coach groups). Located at 10100 W. 63rd Street in Merriam.

AFTERNOON ART STROLL....

Need a little down time to unwind and relax? The community center art gallery is the ideal place for a quiet and peaceful motor coach stop (with plenty of restrooms for that mid-day break). Each month, a new group of artists and their works are on display on the third level (elevator provided) of the community center. Art is available for purchase on this self-guided tour.



Tour details: Tours are not available the last Sunday through the first Friday of each month. Motor coaches may park on the north lot of the facility. The gallery is free of charge and open during normal community center hours. Please call ahead to make sure the new display is viewable at 913-322-5550. Location: 5701 Merriam Drive in downtown Merriam.

CACHE IN ON MERRIAM!

Back by popular demand, the CVB has placed hidden geocaches throughout the City for treasure seekers! For a complete list of cache coordinates, clues and to log your find online, please visit www.geocaching.com and search for caches placed by MerriamCVB. This is a self-guided option for outdoor enthusiasts in good health, equipped with a GPS device.



Cache names: Sweet Spot (GC2BDYX); Communaute François (GC2BDZ4); A Spoonful of Sugar Makes the Medicine Go Down (GC2BDZE); Guides and Maps and Bears, Oh My (GC2BDZH).

Merriam CVB Services for Groups:

- RV Park Servicing Station for buses
- Gallons-to-Go Incentive Program
- Discounted group hotel rates
- Dignitary welcome by request
- Goody bags for overnight bookings
- Minutes away from New Theatre, Plaza, WWI Museum and all of metro KC!



To schedule or inquire about any of the tours listed on this summary, please contact the CVB at 913-403-8999 or www.exploremerriam.com