GIT YOUR FILL TWO-DAY CAR TOUR
Fairmont, Geneva, Strang, Belvidere, Hebron, Endicott, Fairbury, Wymore, Beatrice, Wilber, Tecumseh, and Pawnee City

DAY 1

START: Fairmont, NE, on Highway US 6 (west of Lincoln, NE)

Tour the Fillmore County Museum at Fairmont, which includes two buildings (call 402-759-0597 or 402-268-7671 or 402-268-3641 or 402-268-3831 for reservations). The first building is the McClellan Drug Store, featuring an old-time soda fountain (pictured). The second is the Fairmont Creamery company, built in 1886.

From the museum, take Highway 81 and turn off at the Historic Fairmont Army Airfield. The hangars were constructed during WWII, and you can view diagrams and pictures in the pilot’s lounge. NOTE: When you make reservations to visit the Fillmore County Museum, ask to also tour the airfield.

NEXT STOP: Geneva, NE

Highway 81 will take you next to Geneva, where you can tour the Fillmore County Courthouse (pictured with “President Fillmore”) anytime between 8:00am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday (except holidays). The courtroom features a beautiful light fixture, hammered metal ceiling, and gorgeous woodwork.

After leaving the courthouse, stop by the Geneva Post Office and see the beautiful mural, painted through a program fostered during the Depression years by the New Deal.

While you’re in the area, don’t miss the barn quilts. A downloadable flyer is available on the Fillmore County Barn Quilts page that lists the locations of the barn quilts around Geneva.

NEXT STOP: Strang, NE

Ready for a break? Continue on Highway 81 to Strang and head to Anytime Bubba’s Cafe. Have coffee and a roll or choose another refreshment while you take in the Coca Cola memorabilia displayed throughout the cafe (including the rest rooms!).

NEXT STOP: Belvidere, NE

Stay on Highway 81 until you reach Belvidere. There you can visit the Thayer County Museum. The Train Watching Station is open from 2 to 4pm on Wednesdays and Sundays; call 402-768-2327 or 402-768-6845 for reservations if you’d prefer to visit another day. The museum collection is housed in four buildings and features antique farming tools and machinery and other exhibits originating in Thayer County.

NEXT STOP: Hebron, NE

Still on Highway 81 is Hebron. Mary’s Cafe, next to the Shell station, is a great choice for lunch. After lunch, sit on the largest porch swing in the United States (pictured), which is located at 7th and Jefferson St. Next, go to Riverside Park and visit the CCC & POW camp there.
**NEXT STOP: Endicott, NE**

Take Highways 136 and 8 and travel to the Endicott Clay Company in Endicott. Call ahead to arrange a tour (402-729-3315).

**NEXT STOP: Fairbury, NE**

Travel on Highway 8 to Fairbury next. The Rock Island Depot Museum (pictured) showcases telegraph equipment and a collection of miniature trains in action. Call 402-304-6512 for reservations. At the Fairbury City Museum, a variety of antiques are on display. It’s open from 1-4pm on Saturday and Sunday, or you can call 402-671-6879 or 402-239-6463 or 402-300-1318 for a reservation to view it at another time.

Downtown Fairbury is adorned by a murals painted on the exterior of a number of building. Take your choice of any of the restaurants for dinner, and stay in one of the motels. It’s a good idea to call ahead for lodging reservations.

**DAY 2**

**FIRST STOP: Wymore, NE**

After breakfast in Fairbury, take Highways 8 and 77 to Wymore and the Great Plains Welsh Heritage and Culture Centre Museum. Call ahead to 402-645-3282 or 402-645-3231 for reservations to tour the museum.

**NEXT STOP: Beatrice, NE**

Continue on Highway 77 to Beatrice and the Gage County Museum. It’s open 9 am – 5 pm Tuesday through Saturday and 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm on Sundays. Then stop by the Beatrice Baking Company at 201 So. 5th St., where the famous Grandma’s fruitcakes are made. You can purchase their fruitcakes, breakfast breads, and other items right there.

**NEXT STOP: Wilber, NE**

Travel Highways 77 and 41 to Wilber, the Czech capital of the US, where you can tour the Wilber Czech Museum. Also check out the quilt blocks that adorn many of the stores. Eat lunch at any of the cafes and visit the businesses.

**NEXT STOP: Tecumseh, NE**

Take Highways 41 and 50 to Tecumseh, the county seat of Johnson County. Visit the courthouse, an example of the Property Type capitol, which was built in 1888. Enjoy a Green River and a snack at Ramsey’s Family Fountain in downtown Tecumseh. View the large collection of photos of Johnson County military veterans, along with antiques.

**LAST STOP: Pawnee City, NE**

Head for Pawnee City on Highway 50. Visit the Pedal Clinic and view the more than 500 pedal cars, airplanes, tractors, and other toys. Call 402-852-2655 for reservations. Stop at SchillingBridge Winery &
Microbrewery and enjoy one of their award winning wines, hand-crafted microbrews (including the “Git R Done” light lager), or a hand-brewed root beer. Drive east on 50 & 8 to 71022 627th Ave. to the Amish greenhouse and L’s Bulk Foods Store at 62522 710 Trail.

Your tour ends here, and you can choose to head home or stay the night at one of the bed and breakfast inns in the county.