

2022 Travel Logistics Recommendations

Tour event dates: Saturday, September the 3rd – Saturday, September the 10th

Since there are number of you that will be attending the ISA conference this year, we are offering a 3 day loop of Des Moines to Pella to Ames and back to Des Moines that will conclude on Tuesday, September the 6th. This will allow those attending the conference to also have the opportunity to participate in the Tour.

Pre-Tour and Post-Tour Lodging at the [Downtown Des Moines Embassy Suites](#) - 101 East Locust Street (515) 244-1700

- There are a limited number of rooms available, on a first come first serve basis, prior to and after the Tour. The group rate is \$159 + 12% occupancy tax.
- When booking your pre & post Tour rooms use the Group Code = CESTDT to receive the discounted rate. And remember you only need to book rooms that are not covered by the Tour. The Tour des Trees room block starts on Saturday September the 3rd and concludes on Friday September the 9th.

Getting To and Departing From the Tour

- For the 3 day loop and full Tour participants who are driving in, I would recommend flying into and out of the [Des Moines International Airport \(DSM\)](#).
- For full Tour participants who are flying in, I recommend flying into the [Des Moines International Airport \(DSM\)](#) and out of [Omaha's Eppley Airfield \(OMA\)](#)
- The Embassy Suites has free shuttle service from DSM. You can schedule a pickup when you arrive by calling the hotel at (515) 244-1700.
- The Arbor Day Foundation will be providing shuttles from the Arbor Day Farm Saturday at 10:00 am to OMA, the shuttle should take approximately 1 hour. There is a \$65 fee for this shuttle service.
- For those who will be returning to Des Moines from the Arbor Day Farm, the support caravan/shuttle will also depart at 10:00 am and our drive should take between 2.5 and 3 hours.

Parking

- There is a city parking lot across the street (Locust St, Robert D. Ray Dr.) from the Embassy Suites where you can leave your car during the Tour for \$10/day. [ParkDSM](#)

Shipping Your Bike

- You may ship your bike directly to the [Downtown Des Moines Embassy Suites](#) - 101 East Locust Street - Des Moines, IA 50309
- Make sure your bike box label has both your name and the Tour des Trees on it.
- Time your shipment to arrive at the hotel between August the 30th and September the 1st.
- I recommended using [Bike Flights](#) to ship your bike. It is simple and very cost effective. I know that we've had a number of issues with Bike Flights, but I still think they are the best in the business.
- The hotel is not charging any fees for the receipt and storage of Tour participants for bikes.
- You will also be able to ship your bike home from the Embassy Suites after the Tour. Just make sure you have a prepaid sticker to affix to your bike box.