

Destination	Location	State	Description	URL	Comments
American Precision Museum	Windsor	VT	History of machine tools	http://www.americanprecision.org/	On display is the history fo the American Machine Tool Industry
Air Zoo	Kalamazoo	MI	Very nice aiviation museum	http://www.airzoo.org/	
Auburn, Cord and Dusenbug Museum	Auburn	IN	Name says it all	http://www.acdmuseum.org/	Even if you are not an old car enthusiast if you appreciate fine (superb really) workmanship don't miss this place
Baltimore Museum of Industry	Baltimore	MD		http://www.thebmi.org/	Not strictly machining. but a nice time capsule of a previous era
Boeing Aircraft	Everett	WA	Aircraft Manufacture	http://www.boeing.com/flash.html	Museum of Flight, at Boeing Field.
C.G. Martin Guitar	Nazareth	PA	Manufacturer of Acoustic Guitars	http://www.mguitar.com/	When we went to visit Martin Guitars I think I expected a hand full of workers in a garage. What I found was a modern factory using the latest CNC equipment combined with old world hand craftsmanship to make world class instruments. Highly
Chrysler Voyager and Caravan Assembly Plant	Fenton	MO	Home of the Chrysler Mini Vans.		Pieces come in one end and Mini Vans go out the other end! Amazing to see. They offer tours but the day wa wanted to visit there was not a tour scheduled. Some sincere pleading and sobbing got us in and it was well worth it! We visited the Mini Van plant but right next door you can see Dodge Ram trucks being assembled.
Connecticut Antique Machinery Assnociation	Kent	CT		http://www.ctamachinery.com/	Fine collection of old steam machinery inc. trains
Copper Mine	Salt Lake City	UT		http://www.utah.com/attractions/kennecott.htm	The largest excavation on earth is copper mine a few miles south of Salt Lake City. The top 800' have been removed from the mountain, and the hole is 2.5 miles across and 1/2 mile deep. About 250,000 tons a day are removed. No tours into the pit, but you can see the entire operation from the visitor center.
Corning Glass Works	Corning	NY		http://www.cmog.org/	They have glass blowing exhibits and you can view artisans actually working in the shop. Also the glass museum is one of the best exhibits I have ever seen plus they have one of the nicest gift shops to be found. There is a small fee, but the visit will be worth many times the fee. This is the kind of place that has something for everyone.
D Day Memorial	Bedford	VA		http://www.dday.org/	Moving memorial to one of the most important days in our history
D. Picking Copper Kettle Company	Bucyrus	OH	Manufactures of hand made copper kettels and other products	http://www.ohiotraveler.com/Venue%20Files/picking%20company.htm	See copper being manipulated by old time craftsmen
EAA Airventure	Oshkosh	WI	Experimental Aircraft Association Annual Convention and Fly In	http://eaa.org/	One of the largest aviation events in the world. This annual fly in attract almost a million people a year. Worth the trip from anywhere.
EAA Aviation Museum	Oshkosh	WI	Aviation Museum	http://www.airventure.org/	Don't forget the Experimental Aircraft Association museum in Oshkosh,WI. Awesome, second only to the NASM in DC. A very
Erie Canal Village	Rome	NY	Restored village from the canal era.	http://www.stepintohistory.com/states/NY/Erie_Village.htm	Take the boat ride. Step back into history that opened the country.
Gerald R. Ford Museum	Grand Rapids	MI	Presidential library	http://www.ford.utexas.edu/	
Glen Curtis Museum of Early Aviation	Hammondsport	NY		http://www.linkny.com/CurtissMuseum/	One of my favorite place to re visit

Hagley Museum	Willminton	DE	Restored mansion and machine shop	http://www.hagley.lib.de.us/	Restored mansions for her, machine shop (walk in, with chips on floor), old cars, and powder mill for you. Very pretty location along the Brandywine River.
Hamilton Ontario Steam and Technology Museum	Hamilton, Ontario	Canada		http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/CityandGovernment/CultureandRecreation/Arts_Culture_And_Museums/HamiltonCivicMuseums/SteamTechnology/	Superb steam pumping station restoration
Harley Davidson Motorcycles	York	PA	Assembly Plant for Harleys	http://pw1.netcom.com/~pow/harleyfactorytour.html	You may want to add the Harley-Davidson Plant in York, PA. I took my employee's there for the tour. Great to see how they set up there work cells, and the work flow along with the just in time delivery. A very good tour for those of us in the manufacturing business.
Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village	Detroit	MI	Industrial Oriented Museum and recreated early 1900 village	http://www.roadsideamerica.com/attract/MIDEAford.html	Terrific old time machine shop, Thomas Edisons workshop, Wright Brothers Bike shop and, train ride and wonderful carousel.
House on the Rock	Spring Green	WI	Museum, collection of EVERYTHING	http://www.thehouseontherock.com/	A fabulous place with items of interest for everyone. From huge antique cannon to a wonderful carousel, You really DO have to visit it to believe it!
Hull, Rust, Hibbing Mine	Hibbing	MN	Mahoning open pit iron mine overlook	http://nrhp.mnhs.org/property_overview.cfm?propertyID=2	Just plain big, you'd think you were at the grand canyon or something.
Independant Stave Com[any	Lebanon	MO	Claim to be the largest barrel maker in the country. 900 wine barrels and 1200 whiskey barrels per day!		900 wine barrels and 1200 whiskey barrels per day! They offer a tour BUT the day we were there (and we went quite a bit out of the way) they had a lame excuse for not running tours that day. It was a disapointment but still interesting.
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial	St. Louis	MO		http://www.nps.gov/jeff/	Beautiful monument on the Mississippi River. Well worth the visit. Be sure to ride the tram to the top and take time to watch the movie on the building of the Arch.
John Deere Combine Plant	Moline	IL	Manufactures harvesting combines	http://www.deere.com/en_US/deerecom/usa_canada.html	Fasinating tour that shows the construction of combines from flat sheet steel to finished, driving equipment.
John W. Brown Liberty Ship	Baltimore	MD	One of two surviving Liberty ships from WWII	http://www.liberty-ship.com/	
Kitimat Aluminum	Kitimat BC	Canada		http://www.sno.net/alcan/tours.htm	I took a tour of the Kitimat aluminum smelter a while back. Most interesting part was when the bus drove alongside the pot line. The driver, who doubled as the tour guide then proceeded to demonstrate the reason why we had been told to leave our watches at the gate. he placed a three inch nail in the palm of his hand and the nail was held in an upright position by the magnetic field from the pots - inside a steel bus!
L.S. Starrett Company	Athol	MA	Factory tour	http://www.lsstarrett.com/	Located west of Boston about an hour you can usually just show up at the door and they will assign an apprentice to show you through the factory. But it wouldn't hurt to call ahead.
Local Bank	Fremont,	IN			The little bank in town is full of the best indian relics you'll find outside of the Smithsonian.
Longaberger Baskets	Dresden	OH	Basket manufacturer	Please do a Google search on Longaberger Baskets, a	Self paced tour of the 1,000,000 sq. Ft.
Luray Caverns	Luary	VA	Natural Wonder	http://www.luraycaverns.com/	Worth the trip!!
Meijer Gardens	Grand Rapids	MI	Gardens and butterfly collections	http://www.meijergardens.org/	

Miller Brewing Co	Milwaukee	WI		http://www.milwaukee.worldweb.com/ToursActivitiesAdventures/BreweryTours/	
Museum of Flight at Boeing Field	Seattle	WA	Aviation Museum	http://www.museumofflight.org/visit/	For an aviation fan t rivals the Smithsonian, but in many ways is really more interesting because it is run by a bunch of engineers, not a white-gloves government operation. Also has a frozen-in-time Boeing lineshaft machine shop.
National D-Day Memorial	Bedford	VA	Beautiful memorial to the heros of the D-Day invasion	http://www.dday.org/home.html	Located in Bedford VA as that town lost the highest number of sons and husbands per capita of any city in the US. Beautiful and moving but brutally hot when we visited in August 2001.
National Inventors Hall of Fame	Akron	OH		http://www.invent.org/index.asp	Very interesting. Near by Sheraton or Hilton hotel is built around old grain silos. Stay in a room with curved walls. Neat..
New England Wireless and Steam Museum	East Greenwich	RI	Fine collection of early wireless and steam equipment	http://users.ids.net/~newsm/	A small museum that is worth the time to seek out
Oil and Gas Museum	Parkersburg	WV		http://little-mountain.com/oilandgasmuseum/	Very interesting, low key, and informative
Old Threshers Museum	Mt. Pleasant	IA	Antique machines of all types	http://www.oldthreshers.org/	Awesome display of antique machines of all types but specializing in Steam Tractors Labor day is a lifetime experience and takes 2-3 days to see most of it.
Pratt Institute	Brooklyn	NY		http://www.pratt.edu/index.php	They have many large working steam engines, pumps and other items in the school - they dont have a formal tour but you can contact the school and they will arrange a guided tour
Quincy Mine Hoist	Hancock	MI	Large steam hoist @ Quincy Copper Mine and Mine tout.	http://www.quincymine.com/	
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame	Cleveland	OH		http://www.rockhall.com/	
Rock Island Arsenal Museum	Rock Island	IL	U.S. Army Arsenal Museum	http://riamwr.com/museum.htm	
S.S. Keewatin Maritime Museum	Douglas	MI	Laker Passenger ship	http://www.keewatinmaritimemuseum.com/	
Sandpaper Museum	Tow Harbors	MN	History of 3M Company	http://www.roadsideamerica.com/cheese/che4.html	Small but interesting, At the waterfront see the ore docksometimes loading a boat if you are lucky. Nice tugboat though no tours.
Saturn Plant	Spring Hill	TN	Manufactures of the Saturn Automobile	http://www.saturnbp.com/company/visit_us/tour_center/	Excellent plant tour that gets more 'up close' than most tours.
Soudan Iron Mine	Soudan	MN	Deep shaft iron mine	http://www.ohwy.com/mn/s/souiro.mi.htm	Very good tour, travel to bottom, in skip car winched by a pretty large drum hoist. Also University proton decay experimnet that can be toured by prior arrangement.
Springfield Armory Museum	Springfield	MA		http://www.nps.gov/spar/	Great collection of firearms.
Steamtown N.H.S.	Scranton	PA		http://www.nps.gov/stea/	
Thunder Basin Mine	Wright	WY	Open pit coal mine	http://www.mining-technology.com/projects/thunder/	At Thunder Basin they have the 2nd largest shovel in the world - Ursa Major. That is a sight to behold!
U.S.S. Nautilus Museum	Groton	CT	USS Nautilus and Sbumarine Service Museum	http://www.usснаutilus.org/	1/2 Mile north of General Cynamics Electic Boat shipyard. It is usually possible to see portion of subs under construction.
United States Air Force Museum	Dayton	OH	One of the best aviation museum	http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/	Over 300 aircraft on display
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W.B. Irvin Ore Boat Tour	Duluth	MN	Good tour, engine room, bridge etc. Also good railroad museum nearby.		
Warther Carvings	Dover	OH	Fascinating carved steam locos	http://www.warthers.com/	Worth the trip from ANYWHERE

Watervliet Arsenal Museum	Watervliet	NY	Excellent arms museum	http://www.wva.army.mil/MUSEUM.HTM	The Arsenal has been making cannon for the U.S. Army since the war of 1812
Winnebago Industries	Forest City	IA	Motorhome manufacturer	http://www.winnebagoind.com/FactoryTour.htm	See motorhomes being built
WW II Memorial	Washington	D.C.		http://www.wiimemorial.com/	

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