

You're three hours or less from Chicago, St. Louis or Indianapolis.

Live as big or small as your heart desires! Nestled in the Illinois River Valley, the Greater Peoria area provides opportunities for a variety of lifestyles.

Live in the City of Peoria, with its urban amenities and hustle. Or choose a suburb, small town or rural life, with a laid-back vibe and community schools. Whatever you choose:

- · High quality of life with a lower cost of living
- Easy commutes everywhere
- · A variety of great dining and entertainment options
- · And, of course,



LET'S GET SPECIFIC

Education

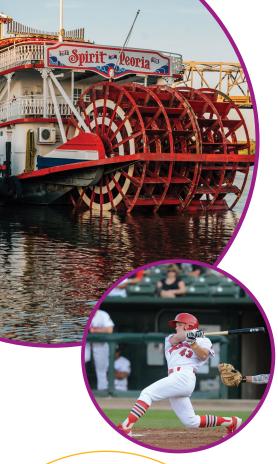
- Peoria ranks No. 6 in Illinois and No. 1 outside the Chicago suburbs with 14.2% of the population holding a post-graduate degree.
- , ranked the No. 4 regional university in the Midwest
- , which partners with and
- a nationally ranked STEM high school; several area high schools rank among best in Illinois

Exciting annual events

Hundreds to choose from, but these are the most famous:

- and the , world's fastest four-mile foot race
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- at 132 years,
 longest-running holiday parade in U.S.







Picture this

- observation deck: panoramic views of the Illinois River Valley
- , overlooking the Illinois River, proclaimed by President Theodore Roosevelt as the "World's Most Beautiful Drive"
- paddlewheel riverboat cruises
- , with 60 square miles of woods, trails, recreation fields, golf courses and the

Sports

Our calendar is full of high-caliber sports events:

- (NCAA Division I)
- hockey (SPHL)
- baseball (Midwest League, affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals)
 - state championships in baseball, cross country and softball

Arts and entertainment

Dating to vaudeville, we've given rise to entertainment icons like comedian Richard Pryor, opera singer Jerry Hadley and singer-songwriter Dan Fogelberg. Thanks to the and countless small

to medium-sized venues, both indoors and outside, the Greater Peoria area continues to draw national touring shows while nurturing local talent with opportunities like these:

- , featuring world renowned guest artists
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- celebrations of local art and music

Food and drink

Greater Peoria is home to a large and eclectic selection of locally owned restaurants, craft breweries and wineries. Run the gamut from the world-class, upscale creations of Chef Dustin Allen at to the original treats of . Treat your taste buds from the comfort food at to fried chicken at and the giant tenderloin sandwiches served at local joints throughout the area.

Check out COME VISIT.

- or better yet,

Note: Business hours and activities may have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please call ahead or check websites for up-to-date info.

Why Peoria? WHY NOT?