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St. Joseph, just an hour's drive from Kansas City via Interstate 29, is rich in the heritage of early America. It was the starting point for the Pony Express in 1860. The Pony Express Museum contains memorabilia from the era, as well as from Jesse James, the infamous outlaw. Nearby is the Patee House Museum. At one time, it was the largest hotel west of the Mississippi River, and served as the headquarters for the Pony Express. It also contains a replica of an early railway mail car.

Groups will enjoy visiting the Missouri Theater, a fine example of the 1920's movie palace era. The Allied Arts Council represents fourteen arts organizations that often have special performances and exhibitions for tour groups.

The Psychiatric Museum, one of only six in the U.S., spans 400 years of treatment and features original and replicas of equipment used centuries ago.

For a glimpse of the past, one can ride the "First Street Trollies" through the historic districts. Several gracious old homes offer home tours and open houses. During the summer months, you may enjoy riding the paddle-wheel riverboat "Spirit of St. Joseph" on the Missouri. You can eat a home-style cooked meal at Jerre Anne's or Galvins.

St. Joseph has three enclosed antique and craft malls, a symphony orchestra that performs a holiday pops concert, and the Robidoux Resident Theatre that produces two Christmas plays, presented by a professional touring company.

You must visit Savannah, just a few miles away. This is the site of the Andrew County Museum that houses one of the largest Kewpie doll collections, a French doll collection and antique cars. There is also information available at the museum about the first Blacks who settled in the county. A visit to an original log cabin located on the grounds will complete your trip. This column is written by Dr. Inez Kaiser.

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