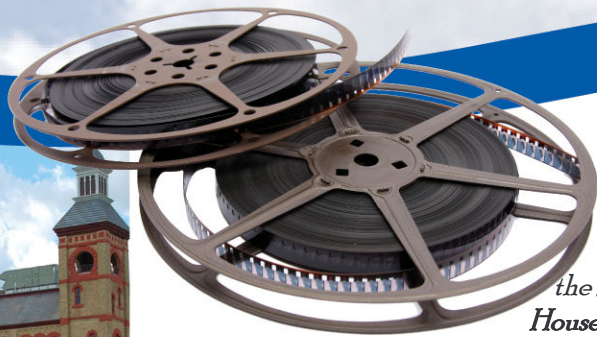


# Always a Groundhog, Never a Bride

LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

*Tour movie locations of two of the most adored and iconic films of the 1990's— "My Best Friend's Wedding" starring Julia Roberts and "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray!*



*Day One: Woodstock, Illinois was the movie set for "Groundhog Day". Take a walking tour of sites on the **Historic Woodstock Square**. Tour the **Woodstock Opera House** which became the **Pennsylvania Hotel** in the movie.*

*Have lunch on the Square and then leisurely discover Woodstock's charm. Is that Ned Ryerson, rounding the bend? Bing! Do you hear faint sounds of the Pennsylvania Polka? Woodstock celebrates its starring role every year with the Groundhog Days festival on February 2. Will it be an early spring or six more weeks of winter? Anytime of the year, you'll want to relive this town over and over again!*

*Check into your hotel to relax—McHenry County has many full and limited-service national chain accommodations from which to choose. Enjoy a casual dinner at the **Warsaw Inn** or **Port Edward**. Take in a performance at the **Woodstock Opera House** or the **Raue Center for the Arts** in Crystal Lake. How about a private screening of the movie, "Groundhog Day" complete with popcorn and soda?*

*Day Two: Arise the next morning to continue your movie adventure. Movie & TV car buffs will reminisce fondly when they see the famous cars at the **Volo Auto Museum**. Batman, The Blues Brothers, Back to the Future cars and more will get your heart racing! Lunch at **Wildfire Restaurant** offers a 1940's steakhouse atmosphere. Greta Garbo or Clark Gable could walk through the door at any moment...*

*Hopefully you RSVP'ed for your next stop and lucky for you, tuxedos are optional. Tucked into the Chicagoland suburbs is the magnificent **Cuneo Museum and Gardens**, which had many scenes in "My Best Friend's Wedding". The spacious lawn and gardens set the scene for the revealing best friend kiss, the wedding reception and the winding drive which lit up as the newly married couple drove off to their honeymoon. Did they ever get a song? Will Julia dance? Isn't Rupert debonair?*

*Take a drive down the **Amstutz Highway** where Bill Murray tried to leave town before the snow-storm in "Groundhog Day". Senior groups will love a tour of the **Genesee Theatre**, a restored movie palace which hosted Jack Benny movie premieres and Hollywood stars & starlets. Relax in one of Lake County's 60+ hotels. End the day at the **King's Wharf Restaurant** and **Marriott Theatre** for a dinner and theatre experience. Many of the theatre's musicals have become or were based on beloved movies. Drift off to sleep with visions of search lights, red carpets and paparazzi.*

*Create your own movie script, (I mean) itinerary with our help; there are more locations to discover. We'll help you feel like a star, you know the Oscar statues are made in Chicago!!*

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