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CHICAGO, Oct. 24, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- While art and history museums may be more popular, there are a wide variety of collections that appeal to quirkier interests. The #travel experts at [The GO Group, LLC](#), the nation's largest [ground transportation](#) company, offer these unconventional options.

Located in downtown Washington D.C., the [International Spy Museum](#) is the first and only public #museum in the U.S. dedicated to the profession of espionage. It features the largest collection of international spy-related artifacts ever placed on public display. Visitors can view exhibits, films and interactive displays to learn about spies and their stories and the impact of espionage on a global scale.

The [Center for Wooden Boats](#) sits on the south shore of Lake Union just north of downtown Seattle, Wash.

It is a hands-on maritime museum letting visitors engage in heritage experiences including workshops in kayak building, sail making and woodworking. Visitors can go sailing or attend special events, too.

If heart valve collections, ancient amputation saws and detailed drawings of diseased organs are to your liking, don't miss the [International Museum of Surgical Science](#) in Chicago. Located in a historic mansion on Lake Shore Drive, the museum features exhibit from around the world that trace the story of surgery's development. The collections include art and artifacts that deal with surgery as well as history, science, health, and cultural studies.

Foodies and history buffs will enjoy the [Mill City Museum](#) in Minneapolis. The once burnt-out flour mill on the Mississippi was renovated and turned into a museum dedicated to the history of flour. In the early 20th century, the building, then known as

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Washburn Mill

#1, was the busiest flour mill in the world. This history is detailed in a collection of exhibits, including a 6-foot tall box of Bisquick; a short-film titled "The History of Minneapolis in Nineteen Minutes" and the Flour Tower, which is a presentation/elevator ride that ends with a trip to the top-floor viewing platform with great views of the structure.

The Indy 500 may be Indianapolis' biggest event, but the city also was home of American writer Kurt Vonnegut. His legacy has been preserved in the [Kurt](#)

[Vonnegut Memorial Library](#)

, a non-profit organization devoted to "carrying on the causes of literacy, freedom of speech, and plain old good writing," all in Vonnegut's name. Visitors can view possessions such as Vonnegut's typewriter; a gallery of his illustrations and a re-creation of his studio. Plus, witty attendees can leave messages on

[Kurt's Typewriter Twitter](#)

feed on a nearby typewriter.

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