Olivia is a beautiful historic city with walking tour highlights including the 1902 Renville County Courthouse. The newly renovated Courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places and is architecturally significant as one of Minnesota’s finest Victorian monumental buildings.

An example of a Romanesque style building is the 1925 Faith United Methodist Church.

Another notable structure includes St. Aloysius Catholic Church, built in 1925 in the Italian Romanesque style. The Church bell chimes are heard across the community throughout the day.

With it’s small town Charm and large city amenities, Olivia invites you to come and visit the Corn Capital of the World!

Olivia is located 90 miles west of the Twin Cities at the junction of U.S. Highways 71 and 212. With a population of 2,570, Olivia serves as the County Seat and service center for Renville County and the surrounding areas. Olivia is a friendly community with good schools, well maintained housing stock, beautiful parks, expanding commercial and industrial businesses and a rural quality of life. The downtown area features an attractive new streetscape and a variety of retail stores, financial institutions and service businesses.

As a world leader in agricultural innovation, Olivia has one of the highest concentration of seed research and processing companies in the world. This leadership in agricultural innovation earned Olivia the official designation as “Corn Capital of the World” by Minnesota Senate Resolution. Today the City has nine seed research companies, two contract seed production companies, an edible bean plant, an agricultural environmental solutions company, and is home to the world’s largest seed corn broker.

The Olivia Corn monument stands over 50 feet and attracts thousands of visitors every year. It is located right off Highway 212 at the Memorial Park. Celebrated as the largest Ear of Corn Statue in the world, it continues to be a trademark of Olivia and the rich agricultural area that surrounds it.

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Olivia is served by the 35-bed RC Hospital and Clinics. The hospital and clinics provide support, rehabilitation, diagnostic, surgical, audiology, outpatient, outreach, maternity, and coronary care services. The Golden Living Center skilled nursing facility employs 90 workers and provides for up to 76 residents.

Independent School District #2534 (BOLD) serves students in Bird Island, Olivia, and Lake Lillian. BOLD Schools provide education for 802 students in grades K-12. The BOLD School District is the City's largest employer with a staff of 200 and owns/operates the Elementary, Junior, & Senior High School complexes. Student teacher ratio for K-3 is typically under 20 students for each teacher, and for Grades 4-12 there are 20-30 students per teacher. St. Mary’s Catholic School, located in Bird Island, is a private school serving 142 students in grades K-8.

The Olivia Public Library is part of the Pioneerland Library System with 32 member libraries located in 9 counties in West Central Minnesota.

Fairview Place and Parkview Village collectively provide 50 congregate and assisted living units designed for privacy and independence. In addition, the city offers a dental clinic, an optometry clinic, a homeopathic clinic, and two drug stores. Heartland Express provides affordable public bus transportation to Renville County residents.

There are seven city parks in Olivia where residents and visitors can pause and relax. Memorial Park offers free overnight camping to travelers and is home to the Corn Monument. A public golf course, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, softball and soccer fields provide recreational opportunities.

Olivia celebrates Corn Capital Days during the last weekend of July. Activities include a parade, corn cob toss, corn-lympics, free corn feed, kiddie parade, Lion’s Walk-in, Fly-in, Drive-in breakfast and live music.