

# Abraham Lincoln Heritage Trail...

## THE EARLY YEARS

OCTOBER 14-17, 2019



Join the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center and local Abraham Lincoln expert, Steve Rogstad, on this four-day excursion along the Abraham Lincoln Heritage Trail. Listen to Steve's captivating commentary as you explore the places in Indiana and Kentucky where our sixteenth president spent this youth. Visit Former President Lincoln's birthplace, early childhood home, and The Lincoln Museum. Tour Mrs. Lincoln's elegant family home and the Henry Clay Estate in Lexington. Just for fun... see how the famous Louisville Slugger baseball bats are made, enjoy a dinner show at Derby Dinner Playhouse and much more.

### MONDAY OCTOBER 14

Our journey through Indiana and Kentucky begins as we board our deluxe motorcoach and meet our fellow travelers. The route takes us down Highway 41 along the Illinois/Indiana state line. After lunch in Carbondale, Indiana we continue on to Vincennes and the



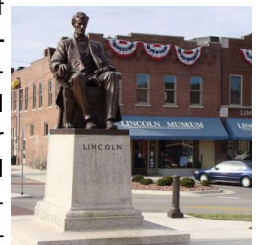
**Lincoln Memorial Bridge.** The deck arch bridge carries U.S. Route 50 Business over the Wabash River. It is said to mark the point where Abraham Lincoln crossed on his way to Illinois in 1830. The Lincoln Trail State Memorial marks the western end of the bridge. We check into our hotel in Jasper, Indiana. An included dinner is planned at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. (D)

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 15

Our destination today is Bardstown, Kentucky, but on our way we make stops in Lincoln City, Indiana and Hodgenville, Kentucky. First, we visit the **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial** in Lincoln City. We begin at the Memorial Visitor Center where we view an orientation film that tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's youth. Browse

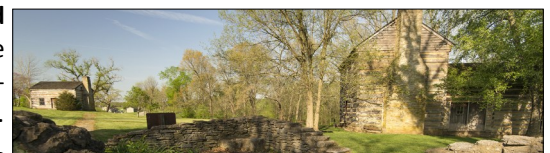


through the park museum, containing artifacts and exhibits that portray the family and frontier life of Former President Lincoln. A tree-lined trail leads to Pioneer Cemetery and the gravesite of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Then it is on to the **Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site** near Hodgenville. The Birthplace unit at Sinking Spring Farm features a visitor center containing a symbolic cabin. When Lincoln was two years old, his family moved to Knob Creek where he lived until the age of seven. At the Knob Creek unit we'll find a 19th-century log cabin and a 20th century tavern. Our final stop for the day is at **The Lincoln Museum** in downtown Hodgenville. Wander through the pivotal points in the life of Former President Lincoln with a series of life-size dioramas, period artifacts, and a superb collection of wax figures. From the "cabin years" to "Ford's Theatre" we enjoy this close-up experience. Overnight accommodations are in Bardstown, Kentucky. (B, D)



### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16

This morning a short drive takes us to **Lincoln Homestead State Park**, located just north of Springfield, Kentucky. The park features both historic and reconstructed buildings associated with Thomas Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's father.



The Francis Berry House, the only original structure, is where Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, lived and worked as a seamstress while being courted by Thomas. We will also find replicas of Thomas' boyhood home and the blacksmith shop where he learned his trade. We head to Lexington, the center of thoroughbred horse country, for a visit to the **Mary Todd Lincoln House**. Sophisticated and educated, Mary Lincoln was versed in politics and dedicated to her husband.

Learn about the complex life of Mary while visiting the first historic site restored to honor a first lady. Located in the heart of downtown Lexington, the 14-room house contains family portraits and furnishings from the Todd and Lincoln families. Also in Lexington is **Ashland, Henry Clay Estate**, a plantation and mansion once belonging to famed Kentucky statesman Henry Clay. Clay was a U.S. Senator and served as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. He began acquiring the 600-acre estate in 1811 and built the mansion the following year. Ashland has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Tonight we have the option of attending a dinner show at **Derby Dinner Playhouse (\$40pp)**. The production is *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*. Based on the classic Sherlock Holmes story, everyone's favorite detective must crack the case before a family curse dooms its newest heir. What a murderously funny adventure! Our hotel for the night is in suburban Louisville. **(B)**



**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 17**

First thing this morning we are off to the **Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory**. We view collections of baseball memorabilia before moving on to the Hillerich & Bradsby Co. manufacturing facility to see bats being produced. A short film, interactive exhibits and batting



cages are available. Next on our agenda is the **Lincoln Memorial at Waterfront Park** in Louisville. The memorial uses a sculpture and Lincoln's own words to convey his lifelong ties to Kentucky and the state's influence on his life. It offers glimpses of different stages in Lincoln's life, including his childhood in Kentucky, his political and social rise, the impact of the Civil War on Lincoln, his family, and the nation, and the roots of his abhorrence of slavery. Before we know it we will be back in Southeastern Wisconsin with new insights into the life of Former President Abraham Lincoln and memories of a fun-filled trip through Indiana and Kentucky. **(B)**

**MEAL CODE: B-Breakfast D-Dinner**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: Average-You should be able to climb stairs, tolerate periods of standing, and walk reasonable distances.**



**TOUR PRICE:** \$799 Per Person Double Occupancy  
\$999 Single Occupancy

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- \* Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- \* Hotel Accommodations for 3 Nights
- \* Sightseeing and Attractions Per Itinerary
- \* Lincoln Expertise of Steve Rogstad
- \* 3 Breakfasts
- \* 2 Dinners
- \* Luggage Handling for 1 Suitcase Per Person
- \* Services of a Personalized Tour Director



Due to the nature of the attractions included in this tour, all children must be at least twelve years of age.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

\$200 Deposit Due with Reservation  
Balance Due August 14, 2019

**TRAVEL INSURED TRAVEL PROTECTION:**

\$44 Per Person Double \$52 Single

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