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Experience an in-depth look at the life of one of America's greatest presidents with our "Life of Lincoln" motor coach tour. The 4-day, 3-night tour includes a special visit to the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. We'll also tour Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, the Lincoln Home in Springfield, the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, and much more! Your guide will be Robert Myers, our Assistant Director for Education Programs and Events. Like all of our tours, we've planned every detail ourselves—no "off the rack" tours for us!



July 27,
Friday

We depart the Historical Society of Michigan offices in Lansing bright and early aboard a Great Lakes Transportation Company motor coach, stopping at two convenient Michigan Department of Transportation Park and Ride lots in Portage and Stevensville to pick up a few of our remaining members.

Heading through miles of cornfields in central Illinois, the prairie's gorgeous vistas open up into another spectacular...cornfield. All right, we have to confess that the drive to Lincoln country isn't the most exciting one in America, but we can watch a movie on the coach's DVD system, play one of Bob's Useless Trivia Games, or just take a morning nap. We'll enjoy a boxed lunch aboard the bus on the way down and arrive at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site at 2:30 p.m. We'll spend the afternoon touring New Salem, a reconstruction of the village where Abraham Lincoln spent his early adulthood. Lincoln moved to the hamlet of New Salem shortly after he turned 21, where he spent the next six years of his life. He worked at a variety of jobs and also went on to win the elections to the Illinois General Assembly in 1834 and 1836, moving to Springfield in 1837. Shortly thereafter, New Salem went into decline and the town eventually disappeared.



Twelve log houses; the Rutledge Tavern; ten buildings, including workshops, stores, and mills; and a school where church services were held have been reproduced and furnished as they might have appeared in the 1830s. Recreating New Salem involved archaeological investigations, research in period documents, and the recollections and drawings of former residents interviewed in the late 19th century. Today, New Salem comes alive with memories of Lincoln and his friends—we can't wait to see the artifacts and buildings as witnessed through their eyes!



We'll dine tonight at the Chesapeake Seafood House. The Chesapeake is a locally owned restaurant with fabulous food. Our dinners include entrées, desserts, and soft drinks—you're welcome to enjoy a glass of wine or beer, but you will have to pay for alcohol on your own. Lodging for all three nights is at the Country Inn & Suites in Springfield. The hotel includes a complimentary hot breakfast in the morning, as well as an indoor pool and fitness center.



July 28,
Saturday

We start our second day with a tour of the Abraham Lincoln House. Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln bought the single-story Greek Revival house in 1844, enlarging the home in 1856 to its current two stories. Three of the four Lincoln sons were born here, and one (Edward) died here in 1850 just before his fourth birthday. The house became a magnet for political festivities after the Republican Party nominated Lincoln for president. After holding farewell receptions there in 1861, the Lincolns moved out of the family home, intending to return there one day. They never did, and in 1887, Robert Todd Lincoln donated the house to the State of Illinois. Now a National Park Service site, it and the surrounding four-block area are restored to their appearance in 1860. Docents give a wonderful tour of the Lincoln House itself, and you can walk around the neighborhood to see the community as Lincoln would have known it. A

couple of houses next door contain excellent museum exhibits about the neighborhood as it existed in the 1850s.

At noon, we'll head over a couple of blocks to downtown Springfield. There are plenty of little eateries around the museum, so we'll have time to look around, find lunch, and maybe even hit one or two of the shops in the vicinity.



Our group will reconvene at 1:30 p.m. to visit the the Old State Capitol. Illinois built that capitol on Springfield's central square from 1837 to 1840. In that building, Lincoln served his final term as a state lawmaker from 1840 to 1841. There, as a lawyer, he pleaded cases before the state supreme court from 1841 to 1860, and in the Illinois House chamber, he made his "House Divided" speech in June 1858, announcing his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. It was to the same chamber, in May 1865, that his body was returned from Washington, D.C., prior to his final burial in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery. More recently, President Barack Obama chose the Old State Capitol as the site to announce his candidacy for president in 2007.

A tour of the current Illinois State Capitol starts our afternoon. The Illinois Legislature authorized construction of this State Capitol in 1867. It is Illinois' sixth capitol and the second located in Springfield. The Chicago architectural firm of Cochrane and Garnsey designed it in the French Renaissance style.



Construction began in 1868, but it took twenty years to complete. The capitol dome soars to a height of 361 feet - the tallest domed capitol building in the country, and taller even than the dome of the U.S. capitol in Washington, D.C. The dome's exterior is covered in zinc, which gives it a silvery appearance. The interior features stained glass windows and a plaster frieze, painted to resemble bronze, that depicts scenes from Illinois history. It's an impressive building - perhaps ranking only second to Michigan's capitol for sheer beauty.

Our dinner destination tonight is Mariah's, a real institution in Springfield. After dinner, we'll waddle back aboard the bus to head to our hotel.



July 29,
Sunday

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is the star attraction of our tour, and for good reason—it's fantastic! The museum opened in 2005 and immediately became the most visited presidential library and museum in America. Attendance topped 2 million in just four years.

The museum presents wonderful exhibits on Lincoln's life—among them is the museum's "Treasures Gallery," which features a rotating exhibit of significant artifacts related to Abraham Lincoln. Many items come from the Taper Collection, acknowledged as the largest privately held collection of Lincolniana in the world before its purchase by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation in 2007. In addition to permanent exhibits, temporary displays showcase other collections related to Lincoln's life and times. The first of many one-of-a-kind exhibits opened in



the museum's "Illinois Gallery" in 2007. There are full-scale reproductions of rooms in the White House and of Lincoln's boyhood log cabin, plus a gallery with many original Lincoln artifacts.



As a special treat, we'll walk across the street to visit the exhibit "Lincoln: History to Hollywood," at the Historic Union Station. The exhibit features props, costumes, and sets from the Steven Spielberg film *Lincoln*. The 2012 movie starred Daniel Day-Lewis and Sally Field and earned an Academy Award for Day-Lewis in the title role.

A visit to the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site completes our day. The tomb is the final resting place of Abraham Lincoln; his wife, Mary; and three of their four sons—Edward, William, and Thomas "Tad" Lincoln. Their eldest son, Robert Lincoln, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

A visit to the tomb is a deeply moving experience.

The tomb was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966. Lincoln's remains rest in a concrete vault ten feet below the marble floor of the burial chamber. Tad Lincoln, the president's youngest son, died on July 15, 1871, and was the first to be interred in the monument, followed by his father and two brothers on September 19, 1871. Mary Lincoln died at her sister's home in Springfield on July 16, 1882, and was laid to rest with her husband and sons a few days later.



We'll be as hungry as famished ogres after another full day of touring. Dinner tonight is at the Engrained Brewing Company. This is a relatively new microbrewery whose owners use products from Springfield-area farms and concentrate on energy efficiency and recycling. It's a great place and a lot of fun!



July 30,
Monday

We'll leave the hotel this morning for the return trip to Lansing. We'll make drop-off stops in Stevensville and Portage and arrive at the Historical Society of Michigan offices about 6 p.m.

The "Life of Lincoln" motor coach tour is a favorite among past participants, and we invite you to come along. We always have a great time, learn a lot, meet wonderful people, and eat far more than is good for us!

We're thrilled about this trip, and we hope you'll be able to join us! Give us a call at (517) 324-1828 or e-mail us at hsm@hsmichigan.org if you have any questions.



Yes! I (we) want to join "Michiganders on the Road" for the "Life of Lincoln" Tour for \$625 per person.*

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