

SPRINGFIELD

Get to know the Land of Lincoln's most famous statesman. Travel back to the mid-19th century at sites such as Abraham Lincoln's Greek Revival home, the Old State Capital, the Presidential Museum, and Lincoln's Tomb.

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ONE-DAY TRIP

- Board your private motor coach and travel to Springfield.
- Visit **Oak Ridge Cemetery**, established in 1865. Since then, it has become the country's second-most visited cemetery. The site includes memorials to Illinois veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. It is also the final resting place of President Abraham Lincoln.
- Tour the **Old State Capitol**, a Greek Revival building where then-Senator Lincoln delivered his famous "House Divided" speech. This is also the site where Barack Obama, later our 44th president, announced his candidacy.
- Explore the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**. Travel through the stages of his life through exhibits, presentations, and life-size displays. From his childhood through his final day, experience the legacy of our 16th president.
- Enjoy lunch at the Presidential Museum.
- Get an intimate look at Honest Abe's family life during a visit to **Lincoln's Home and Neighborhood**. Originally a simple structure, the Lincolns remodeled and expanded the home to fit their growing family. They lived in the house until Abraham Lincoln was elected president, at which time the family relocated to the White House in Washington, DC. Take note as you walk down the stairs: one of the banisters is original to the house!
- While at the **Illinois State Capitol**, sit in on a session of the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate or explore the history of this architectural marvel. At one time, the building was the tallest capitol in the nation and had water-powered elevators.
- Enjoy dinner and depart for home.

TWO-DAY TRIP

Day 1:

- Board your private motor coach and travel to Springfield.
- Explore the **Illinois State Military Museum** on a guided tour.
- Visit **Oak Ridge Cemetery**, final resting place of President Abraham Lincoln.
- Get an intimate look at Honest Abe's family life before he was president during a visit to **Lincoln's Home and Neighborhood**.
- Explore the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**. Travel through the stages of his life through exhibits, presentations, and life-size displays. From his childhood through his final day, experience the legacy of our 16th president.
- Spend the evening at **Knight's Action Park**, featuring mini golf, go-karts, a driving range, an indoor arcade, and a variety of carnival rides.
- Experience the spooky side of the state capital on a **walking ghost tour**. By the light of lanterns, your group will hear haunting stories of Lincoln's life and death, Mary's White House séances, spiritualism, and odd occurrences at Lincoln's tomb.

Day 2:

- Visit a treasure of American architecture with a tour of the **Dana Thomas House**, built by Frank Lloyd Wright for local aristocrat Susan Lawrence Dana. Every room offers new discoveries, including stunning stained glass, subtly-placed butterflies, and eccentric decor.
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