



ONE DAY ADVENTURE!

Springfield, Illinois
Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Trip 21-B

**Saturday
October 23, 2021**

One of the great museums of Illinois is just a three-block walk from the Amtrak station in Springfield. Come along with us for a Saturday and discover the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

**Price \$ 70
Members \$ 65
Children under 12 \$ 50**

Payment Due October 8, 2021

Trip includes

- Round trip Amtrak coach ticket Chicago, Illinois to Springfield, Illinois
- Midwest Rail Rangers Narrated guides
- Museum admission is optional \$ 15 per person

Meet our group at Chicago Union Station Great Hall at 8:30am for boarding Amtrak's early-morning (9:25am) *Lincoln Service* Train. You may also catch the train at the Summit, IL stop at 9:48am or the Joliet, IL stop (10:15am). Our train route was once the Chicago & Alton Railroad. It's now part of the Union Pacific. This route is also part of the Illinois high speed rail project. Look out the right-side windows for remnants of historic, two-lane Route 66. Head to the Café car for breakfast or a snack on your own at the tables, (if available) or "carry out" to the tray table at your seat.

The Midwest Rail Rangers guides will narrate on the trip down pointing out historical and informative points of interest.

On arrival at Springfield (12:47pm), it's an easy walk to the museum. Explore at your own pace the 40,000 square feet of single-level displays. The Journey areas show with full size, eye level figures the life of Lincoln, from frontier cabin to the White House. You can even take your photo with Abe and family in the central rotunda.

In the Union Theater, there is a multi-screen, multi-stage special effects presentation. Running throughout the day in Union Theater – usually, twice an hour "*Lincoln's Eyes*" is a show that looks at pivotal moments in Abraham Lincoln's life in a remarkable, always-surprising way.

If you have already visited the Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library, you can choose to visit the Lincoln Home



National Historic Site or the Old State Capitol building and other sites in the walkable downtown area.

In addition, should you choose to avail yourself of local cafes and restaurants, you may want to try the signature Horseshoe Sandwich. The Signature Horseshoe Sandwich was created in 1928 at the Old Leland Hotel by Joe Schweska. The idea came about with the help of Elizabeth, Chef Schweska's wife, after he came home saying he was in need of a new lunch item for the Leland Hotel Restaurant.

The name "horseshoe" was derived from the shape of the cut of ham used in the original sandwich. The French fries represent the nails of the shoe, and the sizzle platter represents the hot anvil.

Returning we will depart Springfield at 4:56pm arriving back in Joliet at 7:26pm, Summit at 7:51pm, and finally Union Station at 8:40pm.

No matter what you choose to do, the 20th Century RR Club will get you there and back!