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Land of Lincoln



## best of springfield

### From the local experts at Visit Springfield

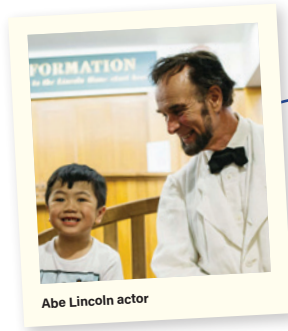
Experience the best of Springfield. Explore Abraham Lincoln and Route 66. Dive into family fun, outdoor adventure, and a hip arts and culture scene. Discover scrumptious food, from fine dining and tasty desserts to our local sandwich, the Horseshoe. Enjoy our area wineries and microbreweries. With accommodations for every budget, find the perfect place to stay with amenities to meet your needs.



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**129mi**  
(Approx)

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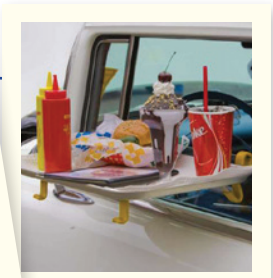
Abe Lincoln actor



Inside the Old State Capitol



Lincoln Tomb



Route 66 Twin Drive-In

Many attractions have reopened with limited capacity or different operating hours. Inquire with attractions ahead of time for up-to-date travel policies and health and safety information.

## Day 1 Springfield

Walk in the footsteps of our legendary 16th president. Here you will learn about Lincoln the husband, father and neighbor.

**The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum** tells the story of Lincoln's life through special effect theaters, interactive exhibits and one-of-a-kind artifacts that will leave even the faintest museum fan amazed. The Lincoln historic attractions in and around the city enhance your discovery of Lincoln. There's the recreated 1830s log cabin village at **Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site**. Visit the **Old State Capitol**, where Lincoln tried cases before the court, served in the Illinois Legislature and ran his presidential campaign.

Stop by the **Springfield Visitors Center** to see an exhibit depicting the Lincoln Herndon Law Office, then walk to **Lincoln Depot** where Lincoln delivered his Farewell Address as he departed for Washington D.C. in 1861. Finally, travel to **Lincoln Tomb** to pay your respects and remember the accomplishments of one of America's most beloved presidents. After dinner at **Maldaner's**, one of Springfield's finest restaurants, established in 1884, consider joining Lincoln's Ghost Walk. Overnight at the **Northfield Inn Suites and Conference Center**.

## Day 2 Springfield

People from around the world are drawn to the aura of Route 66. The "Road is Alive" in Springfield. Check out the **Route 66 Twin Drive-In** and experience the resurgence of this great American classic. See Springfield's own Muffler Man, the **Lauterbach Giant**. Take your selfie on the short stretch of **Original Historic Route 66 Brick Road** and snap a pic of **Mahan's Filling Station** at Fulgenzi's Pizza. Definitely shop at **Hall's Harley Davidson** for

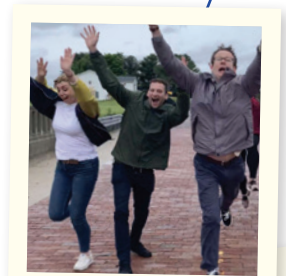
your Springfield Harley t-shirt and find all the neon and other signs that made Route 66 famous at **Ace Sign Museum**.

Route 66 is all about the food and do we have some options to make your mouth water! **Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum** is a great place for lovers of Route 66—it includes the largest outdoor Route 66 shield in the US! **Cozy Dog Drive In**, home of the "Original" hot dog on a stick, dipped in batter and deep fried, has been serving roadies on Route 66 since 1949. Or try **Maid Rite**, America's first drive thru restaurant, **The Chili Parlor** or chilli with two l's at **Dew Chilli Parlor**.

## Day 3 Springfield

Splash it up at **Knight's Action Park**, the area's best waterpark and dryland adventure. Hit the driving range or compete for bragging rights playing miniature golf. Ride the Ferris wheel at **SCHEELS** after shopping at this amazing 200,000 square foot retail store with an arcade, candy factory, café, home decor lodge, and gear for every sport imaginable. Enjoy the serenity of the Jens Jenson designed **Lincoln Memorial Garden**, with six miles of walking trails along Lake Springfield. The kiddos will love **Henson Robinson Zoo**, also located on the shores of Lake Springfield, with over 80 species of native and exotic animals.

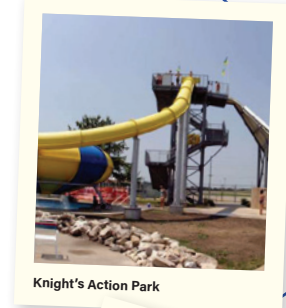
Go back over a million years to see the history of Illinois at the **Illinois State Museum** or tour the **Dana-Thomas House**, a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home from his early Prairie style period. You're sure to notice all the street art, murals and sculptures in the city during your visit, paying homage to the many talented local artists. Stop in one of our local galleries either by the **SAA Collective**, **The Pharmacy**, or others to find that perfect piece to add to your collection.



Route 66 brick road



Mahan's Filling Station



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