



Springfield, Illinois Community Profile Itinerary Options



A visit back in time to the home of America's sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln, awaits you on your journey to Always Legendary Springfield, the Capital City of Illinois. You'll get a sense of Lincoln as a man and father as well as a leader on his way to greatness. Start your exploration at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, a one-of-a-kind experience with two special effect theaters, state of the art interactive exhibits and a gallery of treasures that tell Lincoln's story from his birth in a small cabin in Kentucky through his election, presidency and assassination. From there, you can go out into the city and see the many of the actual historic sites depicted in the museum at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Old State Capitol, Lincoln Depot and Lincoln Tomb and Monument where Lincoln, his wife Mary and three of their four children are laid to rest.

Your visit to Springfield may begin with Lincoln but your trip only starts there. The Illinois State Capitol is a wondrous architectural achievement and a must see during your trip as is the Dana Thomas House, a Frank Lloyd Wright Design. The home is nearly complete with all of the original furniture, windows and fixtures from when Wright built the home.

Springfield is a foodie's dream with great local diners, high end cuisine, microbreweries and wineries. The city is also a retail hub for Central Illinois with many local boutique shops and all of the most popular nationally known chains. Enjoy an abundance of green space throughout the city and around Lake Springfield. Take in a round of golf or bike and hike on one of the many trails in and around the city. Culture abounds in Springfield with quality theatrical and dance productions, a variety of musical genres and numerous art galleries.

Settlement of Springfield began around 1820 when John Kelly built a cabin on what is now the corner of Second and Jefferson streets. The city was originally named Calhoun for U.S. Senator and Vice President John C. Calhoun, but became Springfield in 1832. Springfield became the state capital in 1837

through the efforts of Abraham Lincoln and the “Long Nine”. The group, including Lincoln, was known as the “Long Nine” because they were all at least 6 feet tall. As of the 2013, the city’s population was 117,006.



Route 66 travels directly through Springfield and was part of the original 1926 alignment. You can visit portions of the original road near Carpenter Park, Lake Springfield and a 1.25 mile stretch of historic brick road listed on the National Register of Historic Places near Auburn Illinois. Route 66 stops in Springfield include Cozy Dog Drive In, the Route 66 Drive In Theater, Mahan’s Filling Station and Lauterbach Giant

ATTRACTIONS:



[Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum](#)

Dedicated to the life and legacy of our 16th president, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum holds the world’s largest collection of documentary material related to Lincoln. It merges scholarship with showmanship, offering high-tech exhibits, interactive displays and multi-media programs, as well as a reproduction of the White House as it looked in 1861.

112-212 North Sixth Street

(800) 610-2094 or (217) 782-5764

[Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Official Website](#)



[Union Station – History to Hollywood](#)

Union Station opened in 1896 as a combined passenger terminal for several railroads serving Springfield and closed in 1971. It has been extensively restored and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum complex, it houses “Lincoln: History to Hollywood,” an exhibition of sets, costumes and props from the Steven Spielberg movie “Lincoln.”

500 East Madison Street

(217) 558-8934

[Union Station – History to Hollywood Official Website](#)



[Old State Capitol State Historic Site](#)

This is considered by many to be Lincoln’s capitol as it was here that he argued cases before the Illinois Supreme Court, served in the state legislature, first confronted Stephen Douglas, and where he delivered his famous “House Divided” speech.

1 South Old State Capitol Plaza

(217) 785-7960

[Old State Capitol Official Website](#)



[Lincoln Home National Historic Site](#)

The Lincoln Home has been restored to its 1860 appearance, revealing Lincoln as a husband, father and politician. Your tour of this national treasure will be conducted by National Park Service rangers. Free tickets are required and may be obtained at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center.

426 South 7th Street

(217) 391-3221

[Lincoln Home National Historic Site Official Website](#)



[Cozy Dog Drive-In](#)

The restaurant is a shrine to Route 66 and to itself, packed with mementos, clippings, and old signs, as well as with Mother Road souvenirs for sale. The "corn dog on a stick" was invented during World War II by Ed Waldmire when he was in the Air Force stationed in Texas. Cozy Dogs were officially launched at the Lake Springfield Beach House in 1946, and a stand was opened on Ash and MacArthur.

2935 South Sixth Street

(217) 525-1992

[Cozy Dog Drive In Official Website](#)



[Knight's Action Park & Splash Kingdom](#)

Knight's Action Park opened in 1930 as a golf driving range by George Knight Sr. It has evolved into a diverse family fun park with water slides, wave pool, go karts, pedal boats, bumper boats, miniature golf courses, batting cages and more.

1700 Recreation Drive

(217) 546-8881

[Knights Action Park & Splash Kingdom Official Website](#)



[Route 66 Drive-In](#)

The Green Meadows Drive-In opened in 1978 and lasted just 4 years. Restored in 2002 as the Route 66 Drive-In, it now shows double features on weekends in April and May then nightly from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day and on weekends through October. The drive-in is located right next to Knight's Action Park.

1700 Recreation Drive

(217) 698-0066

[Route 66 Drive Inn Official Website](#)



[Frank Lloyd Wright Dana-Thomas House](#)

The Dana-Thomas House is a famous Frank Lloyd Wright prairie-style home. In 1902, architect Frank Lloyd Wright was commissioned to design a home for Susan Lawrence Dana, a forward-thinking socialite in Springfield. The building contains the largest collection of site-specific, original Wright art glass and furniture. Wright traveled Route 66 with his entourage of students to reach Taliesin West, and would periodically stop by the house.

301 East Lawrence

(217) 782-6776

[Dana Thomas House Official Website](#)



[Lauterbach Giant](#)

Lauterbach Tire and Auto Service has a fiberglass “muffler man” giant standing in the parking lot. He used to hold a tire, but was recently upgraded to be more patriotic with a U.S. flag. In 2006, the muffler man lost his head during a tornado, but was skillfully repaired by the station.

1569 Wabash Avenue

(217) 546-2600

[Lauterbach Giant Official Website](#)



[Hoogland Center for the Arts](#)

Originally built as a Masonic Temple in 1909, the Hoogland is an 80,000 square foot facility that houses three performance theaters and additional gathering areas. Home to a variety of concerts, plays, musicals, recitals, gallery showings and more.

420 South Sixth Street

(217) 523-2787

[Hoogland Center for the Arts Official Website](#)



[Springfield Antique Mall](#)

Located on the 1940 alignment of Route 66, this mall is an antique lover's dream! Over 50 booths to pick through.

3031 Reilly Drive

(217) 522-3031

[The Springfield Antique Mall Official Website](#)



[Illinois State Capitol](#)

Topped with a 405-foot dome, the Illinois State Capitol has served the people of the state as its seat of government since 1877. See politics in action from balcony level seating when the Illinois legislature is in session (January – May) and (October -November). Guided tours of this beautiful building are available year round.

301 South Second Street
(217) 782-2099

[Illinois State Capitol Official Website](#)



[Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site](#)

On the day President Lincoln died, April 15, 1865, Springfield citizens began raising funds to build a memorial. On May 3, the body was delivered to Springfield and stored in a receiving vault at Oak Ridge Cemetery. The tomb, built of granite with a 117-foot high obelisk, was completed in 1874. This is the final resting place for Abraham Lincoln, his wife Mary Todd, and three of their four sons.

1500 Monument Avenue
(217) 782-2717

[Lincoln Tomb Official Website](#)



[Illinois War Memorials](#)

Oak Ridge Cemetery is home to the World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Purple Heart Memorial Exhibits, each with a distinctive design and a distinguished tribute to the surviving veterans and those who lost their lives during these conflicts.

1500 Monument Avenue
(217) 782-2717

[Illinois War Memorials Official Website](#)



[Lincoln Memorial Garden](#)

Lincoln Memorial Garden was founded in 1936 as a living memorial to Abraham Lincoln. All plants in the garden are native to the three states Lincoln lived in—Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. Located on Lake Springfield, the gardens were designed by famed Chicago landscape architect, Jens Jensen. Because of this association with Jensen, the gardens were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992. Visit the nature center and gift shop.

2301 East Lakeshore Drive
(217) 529-1111

[Lincoln Memorial Garden Official Site](#)



[Lincoln Depot](#)

Take a self-guided exhibit at the restored train depot built in 1852 from which President- Elect, Abraham Lincoln, departed for Washington D.C. on February 11, 1861. Lincoln gave one of his most compelling speeches from the back of the special train that would take him to Washington.

930 East Monroe Street
(217) 544-8441

[The Lincoln Depot Official Website](#)



[Illinois State Military Museum](#)

Located at the headquarters of the Illinois National Guard, this museum preserves a diverse and rare military collection of artifacts, flags, uniforms, vehicles and weapons depicting Illinois' military history. You'll even find the artificial leg of Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, and the wooden target board Abraham Lincoln used to test the Spencer rifle in 1863.

1301 North MacArthur

(217) 761-3910

[Illinois State Military Museum Official Website](#)



[Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery](#)

Located in an historic mansion and carriage house – just steps from the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, this locally owned establishment features an array of microbrews made on site, along with a great menu of delicious eats. There's a beautiful outside patio for enjoying warm evenings in this historic district. This is a popular spot for locals and visitors alike.

500 South Sixth Street

(217) 670-0627

[Obed and Isaacs Official Website](#)



[Jungle Jim's Café](#)

Jungle Jim's Café is a quintessential roadside diner located directly on the 1930-40 alignment of Route 66 in Springfield. The cafe is famous for their all-day breakfast & other home-style American diner food with race car memorabilia and Route 66 décor covering the walls for ambiance. Chances are that Jungle Jim himself will be there to greet you. Featuring great home cooking, friendly service and very reasonable prices! Open for breakfast and lunch.

1923 North Peoria Road

(217) 789-6173

[Jungle Jim's Café Official Website](#)



[Charlie Parker's Diner](#)

Charlie Parker's Diner has been serving up breakfast and lunch to locals and travelers alike in a Quonset hut since the early '90's. The favorite eatery has won numerous awards and received regional and national press for their great food and outstanding service, including being featured by Guy Fieri on "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." Finish a stack of their giant pancakes (the pancakes are pizza sized, by the way) and they're free. Recipient of the "Enjoy Illinois: Delicious Destination" award by the Illinois Office of Tourism.

700 North Street

(217) 241-2104

[Charlie Parker's Diner Official Website](#)



[The Chili Parlor](#)

Formerly Joe Rogers' "The Den" Chili Parlor. Founder Joe Rogers created his "perfect chili recipe," and on December 31, 1945 he opened his first chili parlor that consisted of only 11 lunch counter stools. Locals swear that the secret to their great chili is in the customers' ability to order it "your way." From mild to Firebrand, meat or no meat, beans or no beans, you order it they'll make it.

820 South 9th Street

(217) 523-4989

[The Chili Parlor Official Website](#)



[The Curve Inn](#)

The Curve Inn opened on Route 66 south of Springfield in 1945. The original owner, Guido Manci, served the public in the main tavern area, while “special” customers could ring a buzzer at the bottom of the back stairs to gain entrance to the gambling parlor on the upper floor. It was inducted into the Illinois Route 66 Hall of Fame in 2007.

3219 South Sixth Street Road

(217) 529-5806

[The Curve Inn Official Website](#)



[Merchant House](#)

Formerly known as Widow at Windsor, this beautiful store is a place where European and Asian styles still abound. In addition to fine antiques, visitors will find a wide variety of contemporary home furnishings, accessories and gifts.

625 East Monroe Street

(217) 744-3735

[Merchant House Official Website](#)



[Wm. Van's Coffee House](#)

Wm. Van's is a classic coffee house experience situated in a 1850s mansion in which Abraham Lincoln himself assisted with the construction costs. Featuring coffees and specialty drinks from around the world, as well as sandwiches, salads and pastries.

503 South 7th Street

(217) 679-4726

[Wm Van's Coffee House Official Website](#)



[Ace Sign Company Antique Sign Museum](#)

The Ace Sign Company Antique Sign Museum is located in the new location for the company on First Street in Springfield. Ace Sign Company is a 75+ year old company with four generations of family ownership and operation. The museum has a large collection of signs, featuring neon signs and also artifacts from the Bel-Aire Motel in Springfield, including the fully restored Sputnik.

2540 South 1st Street

(217) 522-8417

[Ace Sign Company Antique Sign Museum Official Website](#)



[Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta](#)

The family restaurant, Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta, opened originally as "Custard Castle" in 1979 by John and Sandra Fulgenzi along with their three sons John-John, Jeff, and Joel. The facility started as a walk-up ice cream stand located across from the Illinois State Fairgrounds and also served Castle burgers and Chili Dogs. In 1983, Fulgenzi's added the "World's Greatest Hamburgers" and in 1987 they added pasta with homemade Italian sauce. The latest addition is the delicious thin-crust pizza, regarded by many as the best pizza in town.

1168 Sangamon Avenue

(217) 544-8520

[Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta Official Website](#)



[Hall's Harley Davidson](#)

Stop in and check out the magnificent 10,000 square foot Harley Davidson showroom. Hall's has a huge selection of motorcycles, apparel and customized collectibles for all ages. Located on the 1940-1977 Route 66 alignment in Springfield.

2301 North Dirksen Parkway

(217) 528-8356

[Hall's Harley Davidson Official Website](#)



[Mahan's Filling Station at Fulgenzi's](#)

Mahan's Filling Station, a unique example of the earliest of gas stations, is now on display at Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta located across from the Historic Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The roadside attraction is now accessible as a great photo and souvenir opportunity for Route 66 visitors. Fulgenzi's restaurant property itself was once the site of two Route 66 motels and a car painting business in the heyday of the road. Fulgenzi's opened their original family restaurant in 1979 as a "Custard Castle", which has become a regular stop for 66 travelers.

1168 Sangamon Avenue

(217) 544-8520

[Mahan Filling Station Official Website](#)



[Nancy's Pizza](#)

Now you can get Chicago-style stuffed pizza in Springfield! Nancy's Pizza dates back to 1971 when Italian immigrants, Nancy and Rocco Palese, opened their first pizza parlor in Chicago. They have been recognized by the restaurant industry and the media for numerous accolades, including for Best Pizza in Chicago. Featuring the first stuffed pizza in America, based on a family recipe for scarciiedda, which is an Easter specialty cake. Also enjoy their famous thin crust pizza, fettuccine alfredo and many other delicious pastas.

2301 West Monroe Street
(217) 679-0456

[Nancy's Pizza Official Website](#)



[Illinois State Museum](#)

The Illinois State Museum is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the natural history, anthropology, history, and art of Illinois. Explore three floors of exhibits that display a vast array of items drawn from the Museum's collections of over 13.5 million artifacts including skeletal specimens of the Mastodon, and the giant Jefferson Ground Sloth.

502 South Spring Street
(217) 782-7386

[Illinois State Museum Official Website](#)



[Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site](#)

Just a few miles outside of Springfield in historic Petersburg, you can step back in time nearly 200 years as you walk through the reconstructed pioneer village of New Salem, where a young Abraham Lincoln lived and worked before he embarked on his career as lawyer and legislator leading to becoming President of the United States.

15588 History Lane (Route 97 Petersburg)

(217) 632-4000

[Lincoln's New Salem Official Website](#)



[Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum](#)

Through exhibits, gatherings and interpretation, this Museum features the history and culture that tell the story of the African American experience living in Springfield and Central Illinois during the 19th 20th centuries.

1440 Monument Ave

(217) 391-6323

[Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum Official Website](#)



[Edwards Place](#)

Edwards Place was home to Benjamin and Helen Edwards and tells the story of social and domestic life in antebellum Springfield. A center for social activity, prominent citizens and politicians such as Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas were entertained at lavish dinner parties and picnics. Your visit to Edwards Place will include a tour of this wonderful Italianate mansion and its fascinating collection of furnishings, including the "courting couch" on which Mary and Lincoln sat while they were courting. Due to restoration efforts, Edwards Place is closed and will resume tours in March 2018.

700 N. Fourth Street

(217) 523-2631

[Edwards Place Official Website](#)



[Elijah Iles House/Museum of Springfield History](#)

Learn about early Springfield at the home of one of the city's founding fathers, Elijah Iles. Standing as the oldest surviving home in Springfield, the house was home to Springfield's first merchant and a friend and supporter of Abraham Lincoln. Iles served with Lincoln in the Blackhawk War of 1832, and helped Lincoln secure the state capital's move from Vandalia to Springfield.

628 S. Seventh Street

(217) 492-5929

[Elijah Iles House Official Website](#)



[Lincoln Family Pew](#)

Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, like many of their neighbors, maintained a family pew in their place of worship. You may view it, and seven beautiful Tiffany windows, in the First Presbyterian Church, which is downtown Springfield.

321 S. Seventh Street

(217) 528-4311

[Lincoln Family Pew Official Website](#)



[Vachel Lindsay Home](#)

The 1879 birthplace of the native Springfield poet/artist, this house remained Lindsay's only home until his death there in 1931. The house was built in the late 1840s; an early owner was C.M. Smith, whose wife, Ann, was the sister of Mary Todd Lincoln. Both Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln were frequent visitors. The house was purchased in 1878 by Lindsay's parents and remained in the Lindsay family for 80 years.

603 S. Fifth Street

(217) 524-0901

[Vachel Lindsay Home Official Website](#)



[Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon](#)

The magnificent bell tower in Washington Park holds one of the few Carillons in the world open to the public. A carillon is a musical instrument consisting of, in this case, 67 bells and is being played by a carillonist. Tours are available and a spectacular view of the city await your ascent.

(217) 546-3853

1740 W. Fayette Avenue

[Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon Official Website](#)



[Washington Park Botanical Gardens](#)

Come smell the flowers in Washington Park Botanical Garden. See more than 1,800 species of beautiful plants, along with other various horticultural charms: a cactus garden, perennial border, peony collection, rose garden, shade garden and Roman Cultural Garden, among many others.

1740 W. Fayette Avenue (Washington Park)

(217) 546-4116

[Washington Park Botanical Gardens Official Website](#)



[Air Combat Museum](#)

The Air Combat Museum showcases the role of military aviation and features a collection of historic aircraft and aviation memorabilia including a Beechcraft AT-11 used to train bombardiers in World War II, a P-51 Mustang, a Vought F4U-S Corsair, a 1930s Fleet Model 9 biplane, and a Soko G-21 Galeb, the first Yugoslavian jet.

835 S. Airport Drive

(217) 522-2181

[Air Combat Museum Official Website](#)



[Camp Butler National Cemetery](#)

Camp Butler was once the site of Illinois' second largest Union Army training camp during the Civil War and also became a Confederate POW prison after the fall of Fort Donelson in February 1862. It is one of the fourteen original national cemeteries authorized by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862 and continues to afford final resting places for veterans and their eligible dependents. There are over 25,000 persons interred in the cemetery, including 866 Union and 776 Confederate soldiers who died at the camp between 1862 and 1865.

5063 Camp Butler Road
(217) 492-4070

[Camp Butler National Cemetery Official Website](#)



[Illinois Fire Museum](#)

Step back in time inside the Old Firehouse Building #7 on the grounds of the Illinois State Fair and see antique fire service memorabilia, art work, equipment, and sculptures. The museum is home to one of the nation's largest collections of firefighter patches.

Illinois State Fairgrounds
(217) 785-7487

[Illinois Fire Museum Official Website](#)



[Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation Museum](#)

Opened to the public in April 2005, this museum contains a collection of uniforms, badges, photographs, vintage squad cars and other artifacts from the long history of the Illinois State Police starting in 1922.

4000 N. Peoria Road
(217) 525-1922 or (217) 528-0764

[Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation Museum Official Website](#)



[Henson Robinson Zoo](#)

The Henson Robinson Zoo is home to animals native to Australia, Africa, Asia and North and South America. Over 90 species of native and exotic animals are housed here among naturalistic exhibits. Special events are held throughout the year and provide many hands-on experiences for children and adults alike. Also, take a Zooper Edventure with the zoo's education programs for children ages 2 to 17. Facilities include a gift shop, concessions and a petting area.

1100 E. Lake Shore Drive
(217) 585-1821

[Henson Robinson Zoo Official Website](#)

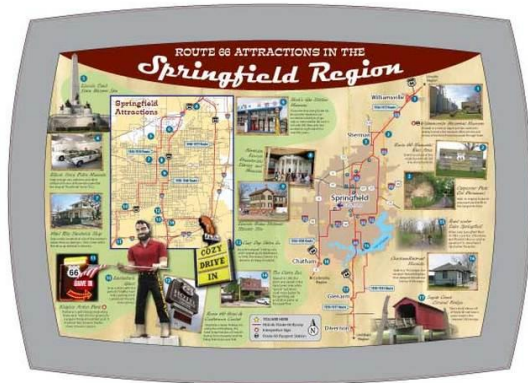


[Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Museum](#)

The war that helped shape a country is remembered here in War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. The museum also contains medals, photos, actual battle swords, currency, drums and other musical instruments, books, documents, a Union soldier's uniform, and dresses from the Civil War era.

503 S. Walnut Street
(217) 544-0616

[Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Museum Official Website](#)



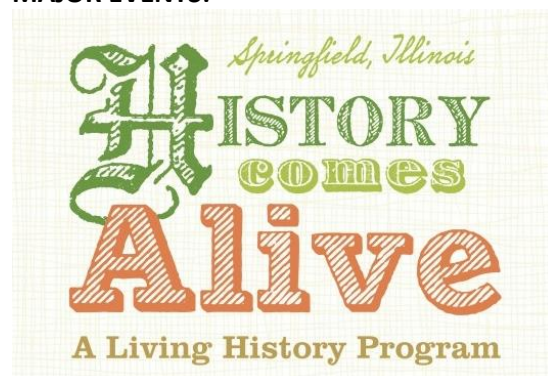
[Springfield Illinois Route 66 Experience Hub and Wayside Exhibits](#)

Springfield, the hub of Illinois and the heart of Lincoln Land, has long been a tourist destination on Route 66. Motorists were met with a galaxy of neon signs promoting local temptations like Cozy Dogs, Mel-O-Cream Donuts, and Horseshoe Sandwiches. Motels thrived along the dazzling thoroughfare leading into the capital city. Just like today, people flocked to experience the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

It was an adventure to stay in a 1950s motor court. In Springfield, some motels were fashioned like adobe and promised a southwestern destination. Others lured visitors with space age symbols of Sputnik. Motels competed with increasingly luxurious amenities such playgrounds, swimming pools, and color television.

Hungry Route 66 travelers have always savored famous food innovations that originated here in Springfield. Tackle a horseshoe sandwich, nibble a genuine Cozy Dog, and savor a Mel-O-Cream donut. Most restaurants along Route 66 offer their own signature Horseshoe Sandwiches. They are made of several layers: Bread on the bottom, ham steak or hamburger patties in the middle, fries on top, and everything smothered with cheese sauce. Mel- o - Cream Donuts was founded as a retail shop in Springfield in 1932. They primarily sell to restaurants and grocery stores. But in Springfield, you can stop by a donut shop and get them fresh from the oven. Cozy Dogs are the original "hot dog on a stick" deep fried in batter. They were first served in 1946 at the Lake Springfield Beach House. They're still served up hot at the Cozy Dog Drive In along Route 66.

MAJOR EVENTS:



[History Comes Alive](#)

Step into 19th century America when History Comes Alive each summer in Springfield. Visit Springfield's historic sites and interact with 19th century characters or enjoy period music. You might even meet Mr. Lincoln himself! Many sites and attractions in historic Springfield will be brimming with free live performances and fun activities that will transport you and your family back in time – to the Springfield Abraham Lincoln knew and loved. History Comes Alive will runs June through August.

(217) 789-2360

[History Comes Alive Official Website](#)



[Illinois State Fair](#)

August 9-19, 2018

You get everything you can possibly imagine when you attend the Illinois State Fair in Springfield this August, including top-notch performers at the grandstand shows!

Daily Events

Each day of the fair has its own unique theme. Come and enjoy each day's activities as they revolve around that day's theme. Or, search through the database to find when your favorite act or event is scheduled.

Grandstand

From country to classical the Illinois State Fair offers nightly concerts for everyone to enjoy. During the day, watch tractor pulls, horse races, and automotive races.

The Arena

Come see some great entertainment under the tents of the multi-purpose Arena. This area offers a unique venue from concerts to cow pokes. Don't miss a minute of the excitement.

Free Stages

Fairgoers will be hard pressed not to find free entertainment and music when roaming the fairgrounds. The fair will host 12 free entertainment stages throughout the fairgrounds, with many offering performances from open to close for the entire duration of the fair.

(217) 782-6661

[Illinois State Fair Official Website](#)



[International Route 66 Mother Road Festival](#)

September 28-30, 2017

Held annually the last full weekend of September, thousands of people from around the world flock to this event featuring hundreds of classic and vintage vehicles, live entertainment, celebrities, dozens of food booths, one-of-a-kind exhibits and more – all in a 20 block area of the historic downtown.

Historic Downtown Springfield

(800) 545-7300

[International Route 66 Mother Road Festival Official Website](#)

[St. Patrick's Day Parade](#)

[Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon](#)

[Fat Ass 5k](#)

[Old State Capitol Art Fair](#)

[Harley-Davidson Springfield Mile](#)

[Flag Lowering Ceremony](#)

[International Carillon Festival](#)

[Legacy of Giving Festival](#)

[Capital City Celebration/Rock the Dock/Knights Action Park](#)

[Amaranth Apple Festival](#)

[Downhome Music Festival](#)

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[Springfield Oyster and Brew Fest](#)

[Edwards Place Fine Art Fair](#)

[Indian Summer Festival](#)

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AMENITIES:



City of Springfield

[City of Springfield Official Website](#)



Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau

109 N 7th Street

Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 789-2360

[Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau Official Website](#)



[Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area](#)

Looking for Lincoln? You'll find him here – in the many places in Illinois Lincoln lived and traveled for nearly 30 years. Throughout 42 counties, you'll have a front row seat as the life and times of Abraham Lincoln unfold before your eyes through amazing historic attractions, living history special events, and stories of the people and places that would shape man who would become our nation's 16th president.
(217) 782-6817

[Springfield Accommodations](#)



[Carpenter Street Hotel](#)

When Carpenter Street Hotel opened in 1997, it catered to patients and families from Prairie Heart Institute/St. John's Hospital, but was soon discovered by visitors to other medical facilities, as well as tourists and business travelers. The hotel is within walking distance of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, Lincoln's home and the surrounding historic district, the Old State Capitol and countless shops, eateries and night spots. Shuttle service is available to and from the airport or train station, local hospitals and medical facilities. During the 10-day Illinois State Fair, shuttle service will drop off and pick up at the front gate.

525 North Sixth Street
(217) 789-9100

[Carpenter Street Hotel Official Website](#)



[Historic Inn at 835](#)

This elegantly restored 1909 apartment building is the only lodging facility in Springfield listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Thirteen guest suites and attached event space all reflect the original history of the building. Just blocks south of the Illinois Capitol Building.

835 South 2nd Street
(888) 217-4835

[Inn at 835 Official Website](#)



[Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center](#)

The Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, situated at 6th and Stevenson Drive, was originally built in 1957 as Illinois' first Holiday Inn on the original Route 66. The hotel has been fully remodeled and the main hallways are literally covered with historical pictures among a wide variety of unusual collectibles that bring back lots of memories. Some people spend hours looking at all of the memorabilia. New restaurant on-site and over 4000-square-feet of banquet space is available to host your event!

625 East Saint Joseph Street (6th Street & Stevenson Drive)
(217) 529-6626

[Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center Official Website](#)

[Springfield Dining](#)

[Springfield Shopping](#)

[CLICK HERE – Springfield Google Map](#)



Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway

700 East Adams
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