## **Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary**

## CHAMPAGNE & CHAMPAIGN

**SUN-FRI OCT 22-27, 2017** 

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, Middleburg Hts, North Olmsted, Elyria, Sandusky

Here's another of our brand-new tours that has a "sparkle" in it for everyone, especially if you are over 21 years of age. On this tour, we will be "highlighting" several of our visits and meals with a "touch of the bubbly" . . . and an evening mystery destination that is totally unique, and should be most enjoyable.

SUNDAY -- This tour takes us to a state that has two nicknames, "The Prairie State" and a second name that probably is more familiar to you, "The Land of Lincoln", since it appears on the commemorative quarter for the state . . . Illinois. As we are traveling through Indiana on this leisurely trip, we will be making a number of stops including "stepping back in time" as we visit a National Historic Landmark, the historically-rich company decostyled showroom where, in the 1930's, products of the Cord Corporation were proudly displayed. You'll be standing in the only clay-model studio where the Cord 810 was sculpted and seeing the view from the staircase the E.L. Cord climbed to his office that overlooked the factory complex. Of course, we will also be seeing some of the Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg motorcars of the classic era. Since we are so close-by, we will also be visiting another museum in Auburn, Indiana, that takes us on a "road trip back in time". Among their many exhibits, you will be seeing a 1948 diner, a carriage factory, roadside cabins from the pre-motel era and even a toy & model display with over 4,000 die-cast models.





This afternoon we have a delicious Sunday afternoon dinner planned before we arrive at the hotel.

**MONDAY** -- Today we will be enjoying a leisurely breakfast and then heading on to Springfield's historic Edwards Place, a center for social and political life, attracting Abraham and Mary Lincoln as occasional visitors, leading to their marriage in 1842. We will also be guests at the Lincoln home, the only one they ever owned. It reveals Mr. Lincoln as a

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husband, father and politician. Upon checking into our hotel, you will be enjoying a wine (yes, the "fruit of the vine" has already started) & cheese reception to welcome you, as well as a special Lincoln souvenir on your pillow . . . a little something that we've arranged for you. Dinner awaits you at the grand, historic home built in 1857 . . . Chesapeake Bay. Here we will be enjoying the story-telling by Abe Lincoln.

**TUESDAY** -- We will, following breakfast, be visiting the reconstructed fifth State Capitol where President Lincoln and Stephen Douglas delivered his "House Divided" speech in Representatives Hall and used the Governor's rooms as headquarters during the 1860 presidential campaign. We will also be visiting Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, the second most-visited cemetery in the United States. The beautiful monuments mark the final resting place of Abraham, Mary Todd and three of their four sons, Thomas, Edward and William Lincoln; the eldest, Robert, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Harkening back to the olden days, we will be having lunch at the drive-in restaurant that is a shrine to Route 66 due to all of the mementos, clippings and old signs; it is best known for having created the "Cozy Dog" with their "secret batter".

**WEDNESDAY** -- We will be experiencing "Ghosts of the Library" at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum & Library; special effects allow the ghosts of Lincoln and his colleagues to come back to life. We will be visiting the state-of-the-art theater that will take you through Lincoln's life and times as well as learning more about the Civil War. After some time to "freshen up", we will head over to wild west themed Alexander's Steakhouse in Champaign for a steak dinner . . . and maybe another glass of champagne.



We'll be experiencing life above the Arctic Circle in the "Land of the Midnight Sun", seeing amazing footage of the Northern Lights plus an expression of "Happy Trails" at the end of the show.

**THURSDAY** -- It's "All Aboard" as the conductor punches your tickets as we embark on a train ride through the countryside, running originally on the rails of the former Illinois Terminal Railroad right-of-way, operating Monticello and White Heath; that railroad operated from 1896 to 1982. Watch for the clues and events that might lead to your



"getting closer" to solving our "mystery" during this tour. Enjoy a visit through the adjacent museum.

This evening "the mystery will be solved" as we discover all the unique inclusions that have been put into this brand-new tour. We can't tell you, at least at this time, about the great meal, dinner-show and the scenic ride that awaits you during a "really good time". Trust us!

**FRIDAY** -- Before departing this area, we will be joining with a rep to better understand the work of the late Robert Norman "Bob" Ross, the American painter, art instructor, and television host. He was widely known as the creator and host of "The Joy of Painting", an instructional television program. Who knows, you may be taking home a souvenir painting of an Alaskan landscape with Northern Lights. Then it's off to meet with Allen Strong, whom you may have seen on television with Jay Leno, and seeing some one-of-a-kind automobiles, primarily Packards. Our luncheon will be at an upscale dining venue that is spectacularly located in a greenhouse. Especially for our group, we will be entertained with live "Music from Around the World".

Afterwards we will be traveling to the Anderson, Indiana, area where we will be seeing some additional attractions with time to enjoy some gaming and dinner at the Hoosier Race Track & Casino. Additional meals will be included during this visit.

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