

The Lincoln Highway - Phase One

NEW!

April 24 - May 5, 2015

From Coast to Coast - New York to California

Welcome to the Lincoln Highway, the first automobile road to cross the U. S. It was the first highway to be marked and promoted in an organized manner. This vision grew from one man, Carl Fisher, maker of the first headlights. Proclaimed in 1913 through private efforts, it pulled America out of the mud of the 19th century. It connected Times Square through fourteen states to San Francisco's Lincoln Park . . . and it changed our country forever.

It all began on July 1, 1913 when a group of industrialists envisioned a "continuous improved highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, open to lawful traffic of all descriptions without toll charges, and be a lasting memorial to Abraham Lincoln." By September of that year, the announcement was made that the route was to be 3,389 miles long. Existing roadbeds were chosen along with new sections built by local supporters and governments to complete the path.

In the first of two phases, we will cover New York through Iowa. Nothing will be predictable about the Lincoln Highway. In 1928 the Lincoln Highway was marked by concrete posts set in place by the Boy Scouts across America. A national headquarters was established in Franklin Grove in 1996. There is a lot to see and do along the Lincoln Highway. Many sections of this historic road ramble through small scenic towns that thrived in its heyday. Now these special places hold history in their clutches: brick sections of road, memorials to Lincoln and the road, leftover shops, reinvented restaurants, buildings that are renovated and inviting, and ruins just to be viewed. Whether you are seeking history, shopping, lost culture, recreation, scenic vistas, or dining in a century old restaurant . . . this road offers it all! The Lincoln Highway is a route for travelers, not tourists. Tourists flock to franchise eateries and chain motels because they know what to expect. They won't take a chance, even if it might lead them to a memorable place or a person they will never meet or find again. They have a tendency to gawk at history and culture from a far. They do not wish to get too close or take risks. Interstate Highways and turnpikes are their mode of travel. Travelers, on the other hand, are more apt to enjoy a cruise on the Lincoln Highway. People who hanker for the hidden places off the well beaten path. It is a crooked road curving, bent, and at times warped, but it also reflects a path of diversity, our heritage, and exceptional genius of what America was and promises to be. It is more than fitting that the historic road was named in honor of Abraham Lincoln.

In September 1928 the last major promotional activity occurred on the Lincoln Highway, then it faded from national identity, but did not die. By the 1980's a new generation of travelers was born. As this revival continues to take place, the Lincoln Highway is becoming as much a state of mind as it remains a road of genius. It was the costliest memorial ever planned.

Let's start our journey together with much anticipation!



1920 Seldon Truck



Reeds Corner Red Crown Station



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Home to New York City



- Fly direct to NYC
- Welcome Dinner in Times Square
- Broadway Show

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel: The Manhattan in Times Square

Day 2 - New York City

- Amazing Private Guided Tour of Manhattan: Grand Central Station, Radio City, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, Ground Zero Memorial, etc.
- LH Sign at 42nd and Broadway
- Evening to enjoy Times Square

Day 3 - NYC to Bird In Hand, PA

- We begin our journey on The Lincoln Highway
- The Lincoln Tunnel under The Hudson River
- Jersey City & Newark, New Jersey
- Travel JFK Boulevard
- Stanley Theatre
- Lincoln Park
- Famous Market & Broad Intersection
- Thomas Edison Tower in Menlo Park
- Princeton University
- Trenton, NJ
- Enter PA
- Broad Street in Philadelphia & Temple University
- The Liberty Bell & Independence Hall
- Villanova
- Lancaster County – Amish Country PA
- Millers Smorgasboard

Included Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Amishview Inn

Day 4 - Bird In Hand to Chambersburg, PA

- Lancaster, PA
- Picturesque Veterans Bridge across the Susquehanna River
- Haines Shoe House
- Maple Donuts Coffee Shop
- Abbottstown Murals
- Historic Gettysburg
- Gettysburg Battlefield
- Mcknightstown
- Round Barn

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn or Holiday Express

Day 5 - Chambersburg to Greensburg PA

- Downtown Chambersburg- Memorial Square
- Historic Texas Lunch, Gas Pump & Twist Cone
- Roadside Giant – 1920 Seldon Truck
- St. Thomas, Home of Nellie Fox
- Historic LH Toll House

An early Lincoln Highway Roadside Marker





- Beautiful “Sunday Drive” Mural
- Main street in Fort Loudon, PA
- Tuscarora Summit
- McConnellsburg – Harrisonville – Breezewood
- Everett: Union Hotel, Mural & Roadside Giant
- Bedford: 85% of buildings on National Historic Register!
- Dunkles Gulf Station (Beautiful Art Deco)
- World’s Largest Coffee Pot
- Lunch at Jean Bonnet Roadhouse Tavern
- Historic Lincoln Motor Court & Bison Corral Barn
- Grandview Hotel Site – Lookout Point
- Dupstadt’s General Store
- Flight 93 Memorial
- Ligonier – One of America’s Most Picturesque

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Hampton Inn or Holiday Express

Day 6 - Greensburg to Canton, OH

- Pittsburg
- Steubenville Pike
- Chester, West Virginia
- World’s Largest Tea Pot
- Newell Bridge across Ohio River
- Homer Laughlin’s Fiesta Ware Plant
- Lunch at historic Connie’s Corner
- Enter Ohio
- East Liverpool, OH (Home of Lou Holtz & Mother’s Day!)
- Lisbon, OH – 2nd Oldest town in Ohio
- Steel Trolley Diner & Minerva Cheese Factory
- The Red Brick Road
- Pro Football Hall of Fame

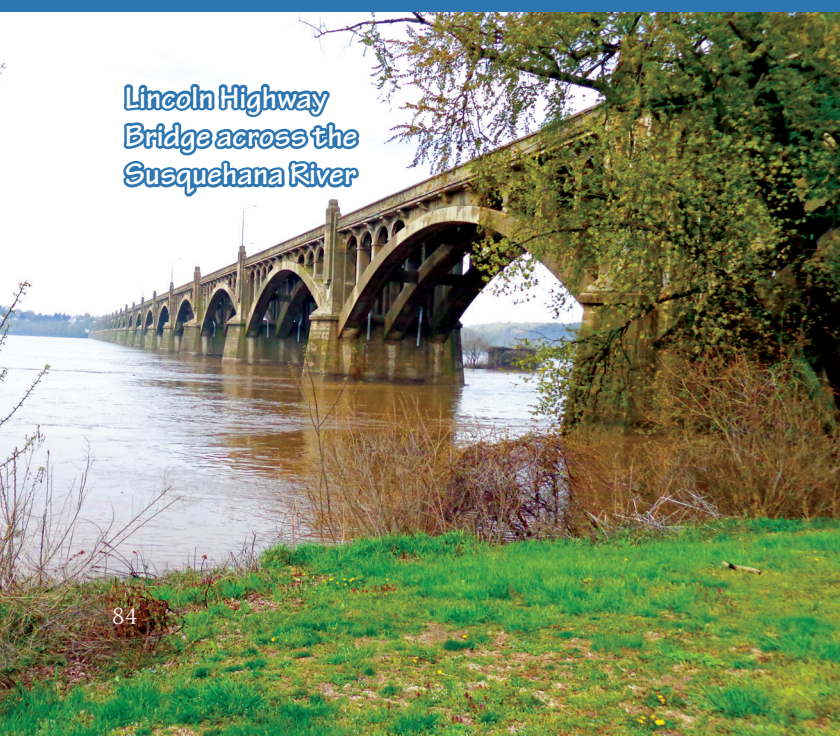
Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Hampton Inn



Day 7 - Canton to Upper Sandusky OH

- McKinley Presidential Memorial
- Lincoln Theatre Massillon
- Massillon Football Mural
- Shislars Cheese House
- Smuckers
- Wooster Main Street & Mansfield Town Square
- Lunch at Coney Island Inn
- Richland Carrousel (Fantastic!)
- Historic Ohio State Prison
- Bucyrus Downtown Square
- Amazing “Great American Crossroads” Mural
- Picturesque Lincoln Highway Farm
- Upper Sandusky Downtown Square

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Comfort Inn



Day 8 - Upper Sandusky to Schererville, IN

- Lincoln Highway crosses The Dixie Highway
- Delphos Main Steet – Murals
- Van Del Drive-In Theatre
- Van Wert
- Balyeats Coffee Shop (Coffee stop)
- Beautiful “Wedding Cake” Courthouse
- Famous Brumback Library & Lincoln Highway Presentation in Park
- Enter Indiana
- Ft. Wayne, IN & Columbia City Courthouse
- Warsaw & Winona Lake
- Plymouth Courthouse
- Valparaiso & Deep River Mill

- Dinner at World Famous Teibel's Restaurant

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn or Holiday Express

Day 9 - Schererville to Clinton, IA

- Lincoln Highway Ideal Section
- Enter Illinois
- Joliet Route 66 & Lincoln Highway Museum
- Lincoln Highway shares 3 blocks with Route 66
- Aurora Phillips Park LH Display & Mooseheart First Paved Section
- DeKalb LH Displays & Egyptian Theatre
- Hillside Restaurant Lunch
- Rochelle Old Standard Station
- Franklin Grove - LH Headquarters
- Dixon: Road Arch, Reagan Boyhood Home, Reagan /Lincoln Statues
- Sterling & Fulton IL
- Dutch Windmill on Mississippi River
- Cross Mississippi - Enter Iowa
- Smith Hardware - Famous, fascinating & historic
- Dine at Maid Rite

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn or Holiday Inn Express



The Red Brick Road



Famous Arch in Dixon



Day 10 - Clinton to Ames IA

- DeWitt
- Historic Lincoln Hotel - Lowden
- Mt. Vernon Old Brick Road
- Apple Creek School - Oldest in Iowa
- Cedar Rapids
- Youngville station
- Belle Plaine
- Lunch at the Lincoln Café
- George Preston's Gas Station
- King Tower Motel
- Lincoln Highway Bridge - Most Famous on Route
- Marshalltown Courthouse & State Center Iowa
- Nilands Café for pie!
- Reed Corner Red Crown Station
- Lincoln Head Carved Tree Trunk
- Iowa State University
- Dinner at Hickory Park Restaurant

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Hampton Inn or Holiday Inn Express



Woodbine, IA



Wedding Cake Courthouse

Please call if you have questions regarding details of this itinerary!
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Day 11 - Ames to Sioux City, IA

- Boone, IA
- Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace Home
- Four Bridges LH Interpretive Site - Incredible!
- Jefferson, IA Town Square & Mahanay Carillon Tower - Amazing!
- Lunch at Uptown Café
- Scranton (Oldest water tower on route)
- Carroll, IA & Northern most section of LH
- Denison: Home of Donna Reed
- Woodbine: Beautiful original brick street & Brick Street Station
- Lincoln Highway Iowa Welcome Center
- Missouri Valley

This completes the East Portion of The Lincoln Highway - 1389 miles!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 12 - Sioux City to Home

- Travel day. Return home filled with sights and history of the Lincoln Highway and with great anticipation for Lincoln Highway Phase Two!

2015 DATES & PRICES:	
DATES:	April 24 - May 5, 2015 (12 Days)
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$2,999 Double
	\$2,799 Triple
PRICE INCLUDES:	25 Meals & 3 Coffee Stops, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$200 p/p deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 45 days prior to departure.
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$200 Double per person / \$270 Single
TOUR PACE:	Moderate Walking
R&J TRAVEL BUCKS	\$40 Travel Bucks Earned With This Tour

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