

## DAY & MULTI-DAY TRIPS



### Tour 1

## LEGENDS & LAUGHTER

Sample Itinerary

### Day 1

#### George Rogers Clark National Historical Park

**Duration: 1 hr.**

The largest national monument west of Washington D.C stands on the site of former British-held Fort Sackville. In commemoration of a momentous Revolutionary War victory, this massive granite memorial was erected to honor Colonel George Rogers Clark and his brave soldiers who, in a surprise capture, reclaimed the fort in February of 1779. Clark and his men marched through Illinois and across the frigid, flooded waters of the Wabash River during this daring military maneuver. The Park's Visitor's Center\* displays period exhibits and features a film on the significant Revolutionary War victory.

(\*Handicap accessible)

#### Indiana Military Museum & Annex

**Duration: 1 ½ hrs.**

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#### Old Cathedral Complex & Library/Museum

**Duration: 1 hr.**

The current Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, "Old Cathedral," is Indiana's first church. Parish records date back to 1732 when the first Catholic parish in Indiana was formed. The current Old Cathedral was built in 1826 and stands on the site of its three previous churches. Four bishops are buried in the church's crypt and the adjoining cemetery is the final resting place of over 4,000 early citizens of Vincennes. The Library/Museum houses the oldest library in Indiana containing over 10,000 rare books, displays and documents. The collection's oldest document is a papal bull issued by Pope John XXII in 1319.



Old Cathedral Alter

### DAY 2

#### Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy

**Duration: 1 hr.**

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#### Grouseland

**Duration: 1 hr.**

Grouseland, a stately Federal mansion, was completed in 1804 and home to William Henry Harrison and his family during his term as Governor of the Indiana Territory (1800 – 1812). This National Historic Landmark also served as the principal site of public and official business of the territory. While at Grouseland, Harrison frequently entertained legislators and other guests and dignitaries, and held meetings with native tribal leaders negotiating important land treaties. Grouseland is also designated as the presidential home of Harrison, our 9th U. S. President.

#### Vincennes State Historic Sites

**Duration: 1 hr.**

These three historical landmarks at the Vincennes State Historic Sites hold great significance. Walk through the original Indiana Territory Capitol to see where Governor Harrison made decisions that changed the future of the entire Midwest during his tenure from 1801 - 1812. Step into the past at the Jefferson Academy, Indiana's first college founded in 1801, and view an authentic Ramage press in a replica of Elihu Stout's Print Shop. Stout published Indiana's first newspaper in 1804, the Indiana Gazette.



Red Skelton Museum  
of American Comedy

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## Tour 2

### RENDEZVOUS IN VINCENNES

Sample Itinerary, Day Trip or Overnight

#### Day 1

##### Morning and Afternoon

The Annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous offers visitors the chance to relive the story of the past as it was for settlers and soldiers during the Revolutionary War. Daily battles, period music and entertainment, food and period artisans are offered by historically-clad reenactors, giving spectators an authentic understanding and unique experience of the era.

##### Evening

Visitors conclude their day with excellent dining at a one of our local restaurants followed by personal candlelight tours of Grouseland and the Vincennes State Historic Sites arranged through our office.

#### DAY 2 Optional

Return to the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous for another day of entertainment!



## Tour 3

### AGRICULTURE, MELONS AND MORE IN THE HEART OF THE MIDWEST

Sample Itinerary

Vincennes and Knox County boast remarkable produce during our prime growing seasons! Begin your day with a tour of [Apple Hill Orchard](#). Apple Hill's unique trellis orchard covers over 96 acres and produces exceptional apples, peaches and nectarines. The orchard offers apple-related merchandise as well as baskets of fruit off the trees. Enjoy freshly-baked pies, donuts and their freshly-pressed cider made on site!

\*Open July – November

##### Southwest Purdue University Agricultural Cnt.

Part of Purdue University's regional farm system, the SWPAC is a 200-acre research farm featuring grapes, melon and other produce. The farm examines and determines agriculture's best practices. Tours must be scheduled prior to visit date.

\*Open all year long

##### Melon Acres

Family owned and operated by three generations, Melon Acres cultivates over 1,000 acres of asparagus, cucumbers, sweet corn, cantaloupes and watermelons. Advanced growing techniques allow this successful farm to supply fresh produce commercially and on a local level, always operating under USDA food safety guidelines.

\*Open during growing season

##### Windy Knoll Winery

Windy Knoll Winery selects the best grapes from the 14-plus acres of vines to produce its wine in small batches, ensuring the highest quality and flavor. Visit this quaint winery for a free tasting or enjoy a slushy while you are browsing the gift shop. Enjoy indoor or outdoor seating while savoring a glass of wine with a view of the vineyards.

\*Open 12:00pm – 6:00pm daily

##### Azalea Path Arboretum

Located in neighboring Gibson County, the Azalea Path Arboretum and Botanical Gardens features more than 4,000 beautiful Azaleas, varieties of unusual plants and native Indiana trees. Visitors can enjoy a nature walk through one of the largest collections in the Midwest

\*Opens in blooming season



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### Tour 4

## VINTAGE VINCENNES

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### Shaker's Landing

Shakers Landing Antiques offers 10,000 square feet of antiques, historical military collectibles, and architectural salvage, including doors, windows, shutters, barn wood, lawn and garden items, a custom frame shop and much more!

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Indiana Military Museum

### Tour 5

## COLOR YOUR WORLD WITH ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK, SPRING ON MAIN, AND AUTUMN ON MAIN

Sample Itinerary

### Downtown Art Galleries

Vincennes downtown art galleries, ArtSpace, Open Gallery and the Northwest Territory Art Guild Gallery offer a chance to view and purchase work by accomplished artists on the first Friday of each month. Patrons are invited to browse, enjoy appetizers and good company!

### Spring on Main & Autumn on Main

Both after-hours events team up with the First Friday Art Walk for an evening of great art works, music, beer and wine tasting, classic vehicle show and cruise-in, food truck vendors, children's programs and much more! Stroll down Main Street to view our historic buildings in the architectural tour while you are enjoying what the evening has to offer.

### Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy

Interactive exhibits and showcases display a look into Red's career and other comedians of the past at this museum.

### Red Skelton Performing Arts Center & Theatre

This state of the art theater features 800 plus seats in a European opera-style setting. Theatre and music student and professional performances are offered to the public.

### Old Town Players Theatre

Local talented individuals dedicate their time to produce exceptional performances at this community theatre. The Old Town Players Theatre exists not only as entertainment, but to engage the public in nurturing the arts.



Downtown  
Main Street

## OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

**River Walk/Kimmell Park and boat launch**

**Sieur de Vincennes statue**

**Lincoln Memorial Bridge**

**U.S.S. Vincennes Monument**

**Pantheon Theatre**

**Vincennes Masonic Lodge**

**Old French House & Indian Museum**

**Tecumseh handcarved sculpture**

**Red Skelton Birthplace**

**Red Skelton Bridge**

**Sugarloaf Indian Mound**

**Ft. Knox II**

**Miles of hiking at Oubache Trails/Guided Nature Walk every  
second Sunday**

**Knox County Public Library**

**Vincennes University**