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The Hidden Histories of Indiana Tour

August 10-13, 2023
4-day, 3-night tour
$895 per person*

Register today at hsmichigan.org or by calling (800) 692-1828

*Includes motorcoach transportation; all lodging; all dinners and breakfasts; and all admission fees, taxes, and gratuities. HSM membership required. Price is per person based on double occupancy.
We know what you’re thinking... Indiana? Really? As Michiganders, we’re usually not too keen about visiting our cornfield neighbors below the border. But trust us—this Michiganders on the Road 4-day adventure is going to be one-of-a-kind! (And worth voyaging into Hoosier country.) Join us for the Auburn Cord Dusenberg Automobile Museum, the Benjamin Harrison House, the Indiana War Memorial Museum, an evening at the Beef & Board Dinner Theatre, the Indianapolis Zoo, and the amazing living history experience at Connor Prairie. Join HSM’s Bob Myers, director of history programming, for a one-of-a-kind tour filled with good eats and good memories.

**DAY 1**
August 10, Thursday

We leave Lansing on Thursday morning with a pick-up stop along the way in Coldwater. The Lansing location is at our office building on the city’s west edge; the Coldwater location is a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Park and Ride lot where can leave your car during the tour. As we motor through Indiana, you can snooze, watch a movie on the coach’s DVD system, or play one of Bob’s Useless Trivia Games.

Our first stop is a visit to the Auburn-Cord-Dusenberg Automobile Museum in Fort Wayne, which ranks among the best of America’s automotive history museums. Founded in 1974, the museum is located in the former administration building of the Auburn Automobile Company. The Art Deco building was designed by architect Alvin M. Strauss and is now a National Historic Landmark. The museum’s seven galleries display more than 120 cars, and also feature related exhibits such as restored Auburn Automobile company offices. Interactive kiosks allow visitors to hear the sounds the cars make when running and to see related videos and photographs about their engineering.

Dinner tonight is in Charleston’s Restaurant in Carmel, Indiana; lodging for all three nights is at the Holiday Inn Express in nearby Fisher’s, Indiana. Dinners on our Michiganders on the Road® tours are at local-owned restaurants, not chains, and always include dessert so that we can keep up our strength for touring! The Holiday Inn, where we’ll stay all three nights, includes a complimentary breakfast so we can be ready to hit the road in the morning.

**DAY 2**
August 11, Friday

Today starts with a visit to the Indiana State Museum in downtown Indianapolis. Museum galleries offer visitors more than 40,000 square feet of exhibit space, and cover the natural history and wide-ranging aspects of Indiana social, economic, political, and cultural history. We’ll also enjoy lunch on-site at the museum’s cafeteria.

After lunch we’ll head over to the Indianapolis Statehouse for a tour of the Hoosier State’s capitol building. The present statehouse was completed in 1888 and designed by
Indianapolis architect Edwin May. The builders incorporated native Indiana materials whenever possible, including doors made of Indiana oak and structural elements of Indiana limestone.

After touring the statehouse, we’ll visit the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site. The former home of the 23rd president of the United States was built in 1874-1875. Here, Harrison launched his famous Front Porch Campaign in the 1888 United States presidential campaign, often speaking to crowds on the street. During our tour we’ll learn about President Harrison, one of two Hoosiers elected to the presidency. The other? That was Benjamin’s grandfather, William Henry Harrison.

We round out the day with dinner and a show at the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre for a buffet dinner and a production of Sophisticated Ladies. According to Beef & Boards, “The musical legacy of The Duke is celebrated in this stylish and brassy retrospective, taking audiences from Ellington’s early days at The Cotton Club through his widening acceptance around the world.”

Day 3 takes us to one of America’s premier living history sites: Conner Prairie. A Smithsonian Affiliate, Conner Prairie is a living history site where interpreters in historical clothing demonstrate the everyday lifestyles of Indiana residents of the 19th century. You’ll find the 1823 brick home of the William Conner family; “Prairietown,” a recreated 1836 pioneer community with blacksmith and pottery shops, an inn, a doctor’s office, store, carpentry shop, and a schoolhouse; and a Lenape (Delaware) Native American village. Weather permitting, we’ll also ascend 377 feet over Conner Prairie in a tethered helium balloon ride! Dinner tonight is at Matteo’s Ristorante Italiano in nearby Noblesville.

We’ll explore natural history on the last morning of our tour with a visit to the Indianapolis Zoo. One of America’s largest privately-run zoos, this one includes a zoo, aquarium, and botanical garden. The zoo is recognized for its leadership in animal conservation and research. It houses more than 1,400 animals of 235 species; the adjoining White River Gardens contains more than 50,000 plants of nearly 3,000 species, and offers a botanical garden with landscaped flower beds, reflecting pools, an atrium, and sculptures.

We’ll spend the morning at the zoo, have lunch on site, and then head back to Michigan. During the afternoon drive we’ll have time to watch a movie; play a couple more of Bob’s Useless Trivia Games; and reflect on the surprises we’ve encountered in Indianapolis.
Yes! I (we) want to join Michiganders on the Road® for The Hidden Histories of Indiana Tour for $895* per person.

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☐ I would like to pay the full tour price of $895 per person. Price is based on double occupancy.

☐ I would like to pay the $150 per person deposit for the tour. The balance of $745 per person will be due on or before the reservation deadline of June 30, 2023. Deposits are fully refundable on or before June 30, 2023. Deposits or payments made after the reservation deadline cannot be refunded.

☐ Are you a member of the Historical Society of Michigan? (Membership is required to participate in this tour.)

☐ Yes, I am already a member.

☐ I want to become a member for $39.95 so I can go on this tour. This membership includes Michigan History and Chronicle magazines.

☐ I am a single person and would like single-room accommodations. I understand there will be a $200 surcharge for this service.

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☐ I would like to have vegetarian meals.

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