

Sunday: Registration will be held from 3:00 – 6:00 in the host hotel. At 6:30 a welcome dinner will be held at the Metropolis Masonic Lodge at 113 East Third St. The lodge is 1 block from the hotel.

Monday: The first stop will be in Kevil, KY to see a private car collection. From there we will head toward the Mississippi River to visit an ancient mound burial site, lunch at a famous restaurant in Sikeston, MO, and then Cairo, IL, where the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers meet.

Tuesday: Today's route leads to the quaint town of Golconda, IL and on to the Garden of the Gods. After an easy walk we will be at Camel Rock which was designated the image for the Illinois state quarter in 2016. Then on to Equality, IL for lunch at the Red Onion. After lunch we will visit Cave-in-Rock, IL, a famous lair for outlaws and river pirates along the Ohio River, and then the Flourspar Museum. Today will include a little easy walking.



Wednesday: A new direction is scheduled for today. We will head to Vienna, IL and Ferne Clyffe State Park where you may see a waterfall (depending on the rainfall). From there we travel to Giant City State Park for a delicious chicken lunch. After lunch the highlight will be the Bald Knob cross, where we will have an afternoon dessert. The site of the Lincoln-Douglas debates and the Cache River Wetlands will complete our day.

Thursday: We will be traveling across the 1920 vintage steel grated Brookport bridge. Then on to a drive through Land Between Lakes, a 170,000-acre National Recreation Area. We will stop at the Nature Center, have lunch at Golden Pond, and visit the Planetarium and Homeplace.

Friday: Fort Massac will be our first stop of today. The fort was first built by the French in 1757. We will then head to Paducah, KY, a Unesco Creative City, where we will visit a private car collection. Then on to downtown Paducah, home to the National Quilt Museum, River Discovery Museum, Railroad Museum, flood wall art and many shops and restaurants. The closing dinner will be back at the Masonic Lodge at 6:30.



CAMPING

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