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Day and Multi-Day Tours

Tour 1 – “Legends & Laughter”

(Sample Itinerary)

DAY 1

George Rogers Clark National Historical Park (1 hr.)

The largest national monument west of Washington D.C., this massive granite memorial stands on the site of the former British Fort Sackville in commemoration of the capture by George Rogers Clark in 1779. The handicap accessible visitor’s center contains period exhibits and displays a film telling Clark’s story.

Indiana Military Museum (1 hr.)

Anyone can appreciate this museum’s outstanding displays outside of tanks, artillery and aircraft. Inside showcases of uniforms worn by generals and battlefield relics from Civil War through current military engagements can be seen.

Old Cathedral Complex & Library/Museum (1 hr.)

The current "Old Cathedral" and Indiana’s first church was built in 1826 and stands on the site of three previous churches. Parish records date back to 1732 when the first Catholic parish in Indiana was formed. Four bishops are buried in the crypt of the current Cathedral 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 documents including a document by Pope John XXII written in 1319.

DAY 2

Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy (1.5 hrs.)

America’s favorite clown and Vincennes’ favorite son, Red Skelton shared his comedic talents with thousands of families. The Red Skelton Museum honors and presents a look into Red’s career and recalls other great comedians of the past.

Grouseland (45 min.)

This stately mansion was built by then Governor of the Indiana Territory and later 9th U.S. President William Henry Harrison. Grouseland was the setting for Harrison’s negotiations with American Indiana leaders including Shawnee leader Tecumseh.

Vincennes State Historic Sites (45 min.)

Visit these three historic sites significant to Indiana’s past. Walk through the original Indiana Territory Capitol to see where Harrison governed when Vincennes was the capitol from 1800 – 1813. Step into the past at the Jefferson Academy, Indiana’s first college founded in 1801 and became Vincennes University. View an authentic Ramage press used by Elihu Stout when he published Indiana’s first newspaper in 1804, the *Indiana Gazette*.

Tour 2 – “Rendezvous is Vincennes”

(Sample Itinerary – Day Trip or Overnight)

DAY 1

Morning and Afternoon:

Step into Vincennes’ past and relive life as it was for settlers and soldiers during the Revolutionary War at the 38th Annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous. Daily battles, entertainment, food and period wares are offered by authentically clad re-enactors giving spectators a unique experience



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Evening:

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant then tour Grouseland and the Vincennes State Historic Sites by candlelight

DAY 2 (optional)

Return to the Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous for another fun-filled day.

**Tour 3 – “Agriculture, Melons and MORE in the Heart of the Midwest”
(Sample Itinerary)**

Begin your excursion with a tour of Apple Hill Orchard. Apple Hill’s unique trellis orchard covers over 96 acres and produces exceptional apples, peaches and nectarines. Don’t forget to take home a freshly baked pie and cider.

Southwest Purdue University Ag. Center is a 200-acre research farm featuring grapes, melons and other produce. The farm investigates sustainable agriculture’s best practices. Stop by to see agriculture in action! Prairie Acres “farm to table” restaurant selects the finest food from our own Knox County farmers. Enjoy breakfast or lunch in this rustic eatery and pick up fresh produce on your way out.

Melon Acres was started by the Horrall Family in 1976. Sophisticated farming methods including high tunnels (greenhouses) reap a bountiful harvest to provide delicious watermelons, cantaloupes, cucumbers, asparagus and sweet corn all available to purchase from their farm market.

A visit to Windy Knoll Winery offers a tasting of exceptional wine produced in small batches to ensure the highest quality and flavor. Drop in this charming winery for a tasting or enjoy a slushy while you are browsing the gift shop! The seasonal beauty of the Azalea Path Arboretum is worth a side trip down the road to Gibson County. Take a nature walk through 15 acres of gardens and take in the beauty over 4,000 azaleas blooming in vibrant color. **Gibson County Visitors and Tourism Bureau: 1.888.390.5825** (toll free) or info@gibsoncountyin.org

**Tour 4 – “Vintage Vincennes”
(Sample Itinerary)**

Cross over to the era of World War II at the Indiana Military Museum. You will be amazed at the extensive exhibits of military aircraft, vehicles and the uniforms that are just part of the Museum’s collection. Artifacts from the Revolutionary War through current military engagements are also on display. Come and browse two full floors of primitives, candles, oil lamps, throw rugs and more at Riverwalk Antiques located in the heart of historic downtown Vincennes. This shop is also interested in buying antiques.

Shaker’s Landing is brimming over with antiques, collectibles and gifts. Also located in this quaint mall is the Old Northwest Framery offering custom framing.

Step back into a bygone time of wholesome comedy at the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy. Costumes on display of Red’s famous characters, Freddy the Freeloader, Clem Cadiddlehopper and Cauliflower McPugg will find you reminiscing of a simpler time.



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Tour 5 – “Color Your World with Arts & Entertainment” (Sample Itinerary)

The **Northwest Territory Art Guild** showcases the talents of local artists. Unique paintings, sculptures, textiles, jewelry and more can be found at amazing prices.

ArtSpace is a tri-state gallery for collectors, artists, art lovers and students. The owners, both local artists use the gallery for the production of their own paintings and sculptures as well as to show work of individual artists who have an emphasis on contemporary art.

The **Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy** is a 3,500 square foot, fully interactive museum that looks at the comedy through the lens of Red Skelton and celebrates famous American comedians.

Enjoy evening entertainment at one of these locations (production schedules permitting):

Red Skelton Performing Arts Center & Theater is a state of the art theater featuring 800 plus seats in a European opera-style setting.

The **Red Skelton Entertainment Series** presents an impressive line-up of comedians, impersonators and therapeutic humorologists all performing in the state-of-the-art facility, the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

The **Old Town Players Theatre** local non-profit community theatre highlights talented volunteers bringing their characters to life and offers several ever-changing productions each year that will keep you in stitches or gripping the seat of your chair!