



Lincoln Visits Atlanta (Half Day)

Located about halfway between the Gateway communities of Springfield and Bloomington is the picturesque rural town of Atlanta. Here you'll get a glimpse into Lincoln's interactions and influence in the small, rural communities of the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Situated along historic, world famous U.S. Route 66, Atlanta's history will give you a glimpse into the life and times of the people in this small farming community – people who would forge lifelong friendships with the man who would one day lead the nation. Explore that Lincoln connection and the stories of the people of Atlanta at the **Atlanta Museum**.

Located on the first floor of the building housing the Atlanta Museum, you'll find one of the most famous diner stops along historic Route 66 – the **Palm's Grill Café**. Restored to its original 1930s appearance, the Palm's Grill has welcomed 66 travelers from around the globe – who've stopped in for a home-cooked lunch or dinner or a piece of their famous homemade pie and coffee.

Just across the street from the café, be sure to take your photo next to the famed **Paul Bunyon statue**. Don't miss a once-in-a-lifetime selfie with the 19' giant man holding a hot dog – and learn more about Paul's giant brothers that can be found along Illinois' Route 66 National Scenic Byway.

Atlanta's agricultural history will give you a feel for the lives of Illinois farmers in Lincoln's day and still today. Discover the history of Illinois' rich grain producing, storing and shipping history – be sure to stop by **Hawes Grain Elevator**. Learn about the history of transportation in the last century at the nearby recently renovated **Hieronymus Carriage House**.

Step back to a simpler time at the **Atlanta Public Library and Clocktower**. Take a peek inside this beautifully restored and unique library building. Relax in front of the fireplace and have a chat with the local patrons who'll be glad to share their own stories of life in Atlanta. Don't miss a photo of the historic clocktower on the Library lawn that still runs on its original 1907 Seth Thomas mechanism.