

The Society of Indiana Pioneers Hoosier Heritage Pilgrimage

CUMBERLAND GAP: Retrace our Ancestors' Journey

July 25 - 28, 2019

Prices: \$997 Double per person; \$1193 Single

Includes transportation, 2 breakfasts (B), 4 luncheons (L), 3 dinners (D), plus snacks and drinks on coach, admissions, gratuities to driver & donations to sites

Early registration deadline for Pioneers/guests: March 1, 2019

(After that, also opens to the public)

Guests are welcome; number may be limited. Minimum: 25 Maximum: 50

In a departure from previous years, we will have only one Pilgrimage in 2019. That's because the trip will be special, an opportunity to see where and how many of our ancestors got to Indiana by coming through the Cumberland Gap, the pass through the Cumberland Mountains near the junction of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee. We will visit many historic sites en route and during our return trip. We will dedicate a bench near the Cumberland Gap with a plaque in honor of our pioneer ancestors.

Reserve early! Before it is open to the public!

Day 1: Thursday, July 25, 2019 L, D

Depart: 8:00 am from Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis.

- En route to Frankfort, KY, enjoy commentary from pilgrimage committee members & historians, Nelson Price and Ronald V. Morris.
- In Frankfort, tour two historic houses and enjoy lunch. Liberty Hall, one of the first Federal-style mansions in Kentucky, is an elegant home built beginning in 1796 for U.S. Sen. John Brown. We also will visit the Orlando Brown House, a Greek Revival-style home built in 1835 for Sen. Brown's son. The house was designed by Kentucky's first licensed architect and is the only residence known to have been designed by him.
- At Lee's Town, tour the historic Buffalo Trace Distillery for presentations about the economic and social impact of bourbon-making. The tour of the 19th Century distillery will include a video, a visit to Blanton's Bottling Hall, where bourbons are filled, labeled and packaged by hand, followed by a tasting.
- Be part of a special "**Bench Dedication Ceremony**" honoring our Hoosier ancestors at the Pine Mountain State Resort Park.
- Savor "Special Dedication Dinner" at lodge, with a speaker about the history of the Kentucky explorers and early settlers, including Dr. Thomas Walker and Daniel Boone.

Day 2: Friday, July 26, 2019 L, D

- Enjoy a breakfast buffet on your own at the hotel before departure for Cumberland Gap.
- After arrival at the Cumberland Gap National Park, enjoy a video; then embark on a 2-hour walk adventure into the Gap with a park ranger. (The walk does involve an incline; participants need to be able to maintain a constant pace without assistance.) This legendary trail played a crucial role in pioneer history. For non-walkers, there will be a shuttle option with a park ranger to the Pinnacle Overlook for scenic views. Must designate request on reservation form; van number limited.
- Enjoy a luncheon at Gondoliers, an Italian restaurant.
- Visit the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum on the campus of Lincoln Memorial University. The museum's extensive collections of Lincoln and Civil War memorabilia include a corner cupboard made by Lincoln's father for their Kentucky cabin and original sheet music from the Civil War. (Continued on back)

To make a reservation, mail the tear-off form and **check payable to: Thomson Travel**
5764 East Fall Creek Parkway, N. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226 thomsontravel@gmail.com
For answers to questions, contact Sue Thomson at 317-908-9602

Reservation for the Cumberland Gap Tour

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Cell (required if you have one) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail (required if you have one) _____

Yes Register me for the van at Cumberland Gap

Checks only! # of reservations _____ @ \$400 deposit = \$ _____ **Final payment due by May 9, 2019**

- At Wilderness Road State Park in Virginia, enjoy a film about its history and visit Martin's Station, an outdoor living history museum touted as featuring the most authentically reconstructed frontier fort in the country. At the pioneer settlement, costumed interpreters demonstrate life in Colonial America. Martin's Station played a brief but significant, role in early settlement of the entire region.
- In Berea, KY, savor dinner at Boone Tavern an award-winning, historic restaurant known for locally grown ("Kentucky Proud") ingredients, many from the nearby Berea College Farm, as well as fine wines and famous Kentucky bourbons.
- Spend the night at the Berea-Boone Tavern Inn, a hotel built in 1909. Its guests, often famous visitors to Berea College, have included the Dalai Lama, Henry Ford, Eleanor Roosevelt, Maya Angelou and Robert Frost.

Day 3: Saturday, July 27, 2019 B, L, D

- After breakfast at the hotel, visit Union Church where the current minister will portray the Rev. John G. Fee, the first minister in Berea; he arrived in 1853.
- Tour the Dr. Ephraim McDowell House, the site of medical history. On Christmas Day 1809 at the home – now a restored, furnished house museum – Dr. McDowell performed a surgical experiment on a woman suffering from a large abdominal tumor. In an era before anesthesia, antibiotics and modern sterilization techniques, the surgery had never previously been done – and it was a success.
- Enjoy a light lunch at Shaker Village, followed by a one-hour tour and some time for shopping. With 34 original structures of the Kentucky Shakers on 3,000 acres, the landmark site has the country's largest collection of 19th Century buildings. It is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky.
- Visit Fort Harrodsburg, a reconstruction of military life on the frontier. Log structures include militia blockhouse, several cabins, a family blockhouse and a minister's cabin.
- Savor a set dinner in Harrodsburg, KY, at the award-winning Beaumont Inn, which *Southern Living* magazine has named among the top 20 charming inns in the South.
- Return to the Berea-Boone Tavern Inn for overnight stay.

Day 4: Sunday, July 28, 2019 B, L

- Depart from the hotel for a ride to Keeneland Race Track, where we will enjoy a private tour from an expert on Keeneland and learn the importance of horses to Kentucky in its early history and today. This will be followed by a driving tour of the beautiful countryside of the Bluegrass State and its horse farms.
- Enjoy a private tour of Gratz Park, a charming, historic neighborhood in downtown Lexington. Our guide will give a personalized tour of her house - one of the oldest homes in the region.
- Savor a late lunch at Carson's in Lexington.
- Cap off the pilgrimage with a tour of Ashland, the estate of Henry Clay (1777-1852), the U.S. senator and legendary statesman known as the "Great Compromiser". Ashland is a National Historic Landmark.

Depart: 8:00 am July 25th from Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St. in Indianapolis.

Please be on the coach and ready to depart at 7:45 am. Park at lower level of parking lot, north of church.

Return: Approximately 7:30 pm, July 28th to Second Presbyterian Church.

Cancellation policy:

Any cancellation \$10; cancel 120-76 days prior: recoverable money less coach cost

Cancel 75 days and less prior to departure: No refund

CALL SUE THOMSON FOR TRAVEL INSURANCE INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO YOU.

Trip insurance needs to be purchased no later than 21 days after deposit is made.

Final payment due by May 9, 2019