
Hidden Historic Luxury: Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania A Historic Hotel of America Tour

Four Day Tour ~ October 31–November 3, 2024

Highlights: Three Nights of Luxury at the Beautifully, Historic Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa • Historic Lincoln Highway Driving Tour • Roadside Attractions: Coffee Pot, Old Log House, Dunkle's Gulf Station, Lincoln Motor Court, Bison Corral, Old Log Church, Ron's Antique Radio Museum, Roadside Giants • Lincoln Highway Experience Museum • Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob and Fallingwater • Cucumber Falls • Ohiopyle Natural Water Slides • Tiny World • The World's Largest Paint Can • Tire Creatures • Four Lunches • Resort Credit \$300 for anything you desire! • Fully Escorted

The quiet month of November is the perfect time for a fun road trip to historic Bedford, Pennsylvania, a town sheltered between the Allegheny Mountains filled with lush colorful forests and picturesque horse and cattle pastures. This small-town America's charming gem is just waiting to be explored! Bedford's small-town feel, quaint shops, friendly people, interesting history, will captivate you in a way that makes you feel as if you have just stepped into the past. There are unique and quirky sights to see along Bedford's Lincoln Highway that all arise from 100 plus years of history of this first coast to coast highway. What better place to experience all this area has to offer than the Omni Bedford Springs, a Historic Hotel of America originating from the historical medicinal springs that made this area famous. This hidden gem of an historic hotel will delight in surprising ways as we luxuriate in the atmosphere while wandering and immersing in the history and culture that surrounds us.

Day 1. Today we head west to The Alleghenies region of PA with scenic views of the mountainsides and rivers along our route. Our first stop is a step into small town America with a delicious lunch at a local diner in the town of Shippensburg, PA. Off to a small local wonder, Tiny World, a miniature world started as a family hobby that has now turned into an attraction to people all over the world. On our way we may pass a tire rhinoceros or other creature and be amazed by the world's largest paint can, and a special treat awaits as we view a Roadside Giant! Luxurious history awaits our arrival at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort, a Historic Hotel of America and National Historic Landmark. For more than 200 years, the eight mineral springs located throughout the resort have served as an important gathering place resulting in the hotel becoming the site of many significant moments in American history. The Omni has been host to a long list of celebrities, wealthy clientele, corporate magnates, and dignitaries from around the world. We will be lucky enough to call this expansive resort home for the next three evenings to enjoy at our leisure. Tonight would be a good night to use your dinner credit on any of the Omni's fine restaurants.



Omni Bedford Springs Resort



Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob

Day 2. Take the morning to enjoy our wonderful surroundings any way you wish. Later today we'll travel on an historic quest along a portion of the Old Lincoln Highway. What once was built as the first transcontinental road for automobiles in 1913, is now a glimpse into our past showing the importance of preserving and celebrating such important parts of American history. Keep your eyes peeled for unique and quirky remnants of the olden days! Lunch will be included along the route at the Coal Miners Diner. Our drive ends at the Lincoln Highway Experience Museum, where we'll be surrounded by authentic, articulately restored and sometimes very large artifacts from the highway. Our trip to the museum offers a slice of pie, a cup of joe, and a fun place for us to go! Our ride back to the resort will offer you views of anything you may have missed on the way. The rest of the night can be spent enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the Omni.

Day 3. Amazing architecture among beautiful scenery is the agenda for today's adventure. Our first destination is one of Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpieces, the spectacular Fallingwater. Few words can describe the beauty and grace of this architectural wonder that best exemplifies Wright's philosophy of an organic, harmonious union of art and nature. Even if you've seen this home before, a second experience will bring new wonder. Then onto a second Frank Lloyd Wright designed home, Kentuck Knob, a dramatic and serene illustration of Usonian architecture that appears almost part of the mountain itself. At first glance it will be clear how his vision of architecture and sculpture are seamlessly integrated into the beautiful surrounding landscape. "No house should ever be on a hill or on anything. It should be of the hill. Belonging to it. Hill and house should live together each the happier for each other." – Frank Lloyd Wright. After an included lunch, we'll continue our time in nature with a short walk to the nearby Cucumber Falls, a lovely cascade over a 30-foot drop. We'll continue onto another scenic part of the Ohio State Park where the waters of Meadow Run have cut a narrow channel through the rock creating a twisting turning natural waterslide. Grab your suit and hop in for some fun, just kidding! Once back at the comfortable Omni, enjoy another night of dining at your leisure.

Day 4. Let's take our last morning here to enjoy everything the Omni has to offer. Now we make our way back towards home with a stop at a local diner for one last fantastic, included lunch. We're halfway home, so sit back and relax taking in all the scenery towards New Jersey. © 2024 The Educated Wanderer

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Departs Madison's Kings Rd Parking Lot, 62 Kings Rd. at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 7:45 PM

Departs South Plainfield High School at the end of Lane Ave at 9:15 AM and returns approximately 7:00 PM

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