Bloomington/Normal and Mt. Vernon Illinois Get-On-The-Bus Overnighter, September 8-10, 2017

Bloomington/Normal and Mt. Vernon Info Links


www.LookingForLincoln.com

McLean County History Museum  http://www.mchistory.org/

Downtown Bloomington  http://downtownbloomington.org/

http://www.visitbn.org/visit/8517/art-gallery-studio-tour/


David Davis Mansion  The beautifully restored, nineteenth-century estate tells the story of Judge David Davis, whose influence on Abraham Lincoln’s legal and political career was crucial to President Lincoln’s success, and Sarah Davis, whose influence on her husband shaped his political career and their lives.

Inside the Mansion, visitors will find a remarkable collection of mid-nineteenth-century decorative arts and technological conveniences, illustrating the life of a prosperous Victorian family. Outside, the garden features an unusual amount of original plant material, as well as the same design, pathways, and beds that Sarah Davis first gazed upon when the garden was created in 1872. It was a world where Mr. Lincoln moved comfortably, and the Davis Mansion is one of the best places to hear that part of the Lincoln story.

https://www.daviddavismansion.org/

Mt Vernon  http://www.enjoymtvernon.com/

Drury Inn and Suites  


RARE Chop House:  Winner of the Illinois Office of Tourism's Enjoy Illinois Delicious Destinations Award, RARE Chop House is Mt. Vernon's unique fine dining establishment. RARE is the epitome of excellence serving great food prepared by professional certified chefs. Come in for the classy, sophisticated ambiance and enjoy their impressive wine list.

http://www.rarechophouse.com/

Cedarhurst Center for the Arts  Cedarhurst is best known for its significant collection of late 19th and early 20th century American paintings, exhibitions featuring regional and international artists, a 90-acre sculpture park, and an annual Art & Craft Fair held the weekend after Labor Day.

http://www.cedarhurst.org

http://www.cedarhurst.org/PermanentCollection.htm

http://www.cedarhurst.org/ArtCraftFair.html

http://www.cedarhurst.org/Goldman-KuentzSculpturePark.html

Jefferson County Historical Village  The Museum and the Village, with its buildings and their contents, reflect life in the past. Among the furnished buildings, one finds log homes of the 19th century, a one-room school, a log church and log jail, operating blacksmith and print shops, a display of old merchandise in the general store and a variety of medical equipment from a foot-treadle dentist’s drill to a Civil War amputation kit in the Medical Building.

http://historiceffersoncountyil.com/
Firefly Grill Our food is made from the best stuff on earth! Firefly is so passionate about the ingredients that we grow many ourselves. The remainder are hand selected locally or sourced from artisan farmers, foragers and fishermen who care for them as deeply as we do at firefly. Our philosophy is simple; source the best ingredients possible and stay out of their way.

http://www.ffgrill.com/menu/

Miller Park Zoo and Pavilion Miller Park Zoo offers many exhibits and Zookeeper interaction opportunities that are enjoyed by the whole family. Some highlights include: sun bear, reindeer, Sumatran tiger, greater flamingos, harbor seals, river otters, red pandas, lemurs, Galapagos tortoise, bald eagles, Pallas' cat, snow leopards, gibbons, and red wolves. The Zoo features many large indoor and outdoor exhibits such as a Tropical America Rainforest, ZooLab, Katthoefer Animal Building, Wallaby WalkAbout, Children's Zoo, and Animals of Asia.

http://4.17.232.139/parks/Miller-Park-Zoo/about-the-zoo.htm

The pavilion at Miller Park was built at a cost of $45,000 in 1905, and was one of the finest pavilions ever put in a public park. It was designed by George Miller and is noted for its excellent acoustic properties for dance bands. This unique landmark was restored in 1977 and continues to be a popular spot for a variety of activities.

Uptown Normal https://www.uptownnormal.com/listing/dining/

https://www.uptownnormal.com/listing/shopping/

http://www.babbittsbooks.com/ 119 E Beaufort Street

University Galleries in Uptown:
August 18-October 8, 2017
Alice Hargrave: Paradise Wavering
Amy Cousins: You Will Never Have the Comfort of Our Silence Again
Gina Hunt: Stereo Vision
https://galleries.illinoisstate.edu/

Near our Hotel:
Drury Inn and Suites
145 North 44th Street
Mt. Vernon, IL  62864
http://www.enjoymtvernon.com/dining

Steak n Shake  Agave Mexican  Arby's
Panera Bread  Panda Express  Cracker Barrel
El Rancherito  Chili's  Bandana's Barbeque
Fazoli's  Burger King  Asian Buffet
Hardees/Red Burrito  Applebee's

https://www.amctheatres.com/movie-theatres/mount-vernon (about 1.5 miles from hotel)