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**Presidential Museum admission prices will increase**

**March 1 for most visitors**

*The nation's most-visited Presidential museum still in line with range  
of fees charged by similar facilities*

**Springfield, IL** — It will cost a few more pennies for some visitors to see the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum starting March 1, 2008.

"This is the first increase in the museum's ticket prices since we opened in April 2005, but we will still be well in line with fees for the nation's other presidential tourist attractions," said Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Executive Director Rick Beard. "And the library portion of our campus will remain free of charge to all users and visitors."

Museum admission prices will increase to \$10.00 for adults, up from the current \$7.50; \$4.00 for children ages 5 - 15, up from \$3.50; and \$7 each for senior citizens, students and active duty military personnel, an increase from the current \$5.50. Pre-arranged school tours and children under 5 will still be admitted free, and paid group tours will remain at \$5.50 per person.

More than 70,000 children and nearly 3,000 teachers were admitted free to the Museum as part of pre-arranged school tours during 2007, and that number of free tours is expected to remain constant during 2008.

"The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum is one of the state's premier tourist attractions, and visitors from around the world enthusiastically proclaim that the Museum's immersive experience is worth every penny," said Illinois Tourism Director Jan Kostner.

The increase is necessary to keep pace with the rising cost of operating the world-class facility, which draws about half a million visitors each year, more than any other Presidential library/museum complex. Admission fees supplement state funds that pay for employee salaries, utilities, maintenance, security, and other expenses. Current admission fees at the nation's other Presidential Libraries are:

- Herbert Hoover, West Branch, Iowa. \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 senior citizens, children 16 and under free.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hyde Park, New York. \$14.00 adults, children 16 and under free.

- Harry S. Truman, Independence, Missouri. \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 senior citizens, \$3.00 children 6 – 18.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower, Abilene Kansas. \$8.00 adults, \$6.00 senior citizens, \$1.00 children 8 – 15.
- John F. Kennedy, Boston, Massachusetts. \$10.00 adults, \$8.00 senior citizens and students, \$7.00 children 13 – 17.
- Lyndon B. Johnson, Austin, Texas. No admission charge.
- Richard M. Nixon, Yorba Linda, California. \$9.95 adults, \$6.95 senior citizens and military personnel, \$5.95 college students, \$3.75 children 7 – 11.
- Gerald R. Ford, Grand Rapids, Michigan. \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 senior citizens and military personnel, \$5.00 college students, \$3.00 children 6 – 18.
- Jimmy Carter, Atlanta, Georgia. \$8.00 adults; \$6.00 senior citizens, military personnel and students; Children 16 and under, free.
- Ronald W. Reagan, Simi Valley, California. \$12.00 adults, \$9.00 senior citizens, \$3.00 children 11 – 17.
- George Bush, College Station, Texas. \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 senior citizens and military personnel, \$3.00 students and children 6 – 17.
- William J. Clinton, Little Rock, Arkansas. \$7.00 adults; \$5.00 senior citizens, college students and retired military; \$3.00 children 6 – 17; active duty military, free.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum is a stunning combination of scholarship and showmanship, immersing visitors in Lincoln's world and time. From a rustic log cabin to the Executive Mansion, guests may follow the fate of America's 16th President and share the joys and sorrows of a family and the nation. The Museum features "Lincoln's Eyes," a multi-screen presentation that puts you in the center of dramatic moments in history; "Ghosts of the Library," where the ghosts of Civil War soldiers and Abraham Lincoln come to life to reveal why history matters; the Treasures Gallery, where Illinois' thousands of original Lincoln artifacts are displayed on a rotating basis; and Mrs. Lincoln's Attic, where hands-on children's activities offer family fun and learning.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, adjacent to the Museum, is the state's chief genealogical and historical research facility. Its collections of more than 12 million items are available to researchers of all ages. Visit [www.alplm.org](http://www.alplm.org) for more information about the Museum and Library as well as exhibits and special events at both facilities.

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