Holiday Historic Walking Tour

HOW THE TOUR WORKS:

- Tours are free and ongoing from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Open to the public and all ages.
- Please be advised that due to the historic nature of these buildings and homes, some tour locations will have limited handicap accessibility.
- While there will be guides at some locations, most of the tour is self-guided.
- No reservations required.
- You are welcome to drive or walk the route.
- There is no particular order. Feel free to visit just one or all of the locations.
- For further details call Downtown South Bend, Inc. at 574.282.1110.

11 CIVIL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER
1040 West Washington Street
P: 574.307.6135 • crhc.iusb.edu
Housed in the former Engman Public Natatorium, this city-owned building first opened in 1922 as the largest indoor swimming pool in the state of Indiana. Yet, despite having the word “public” engraved on the front, for thirty years the Natatorium barred African Americans from entering. Today, as the Indiana University South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center, the building remains to teach the history of segregation in South Bend and the ways that its citizens continue to work towards full civil rights and social justice for all.

12 NOTRE DAME CENTER FOR ARTS AND CULTURE
1045 W. Washington Street
P: 574.631.3249 • artsandculture.nd.edu
Join us at the National Historic building of 1045 W. Washington Street known today as the Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture (NDCAC). You will hear the history of our building, participate in Christmas activities, and enjoy light refreshments. The historic building began in 1925 as the Children’s Dispensary, then the Hansel Community Center, and now the NDCAC. A Center that houses the Crossroads Gallery for Contemporary Art, Educational Children Programming, the Segura Arts Studio, and the Office of Community Relations. Together we offer the community an experience of inspirational education through art and culture.

13 ST. PAUL’S MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1001 West Colfax Ave.
P: 574.234.6940 • www.StPaulsMemorial.com
St. Paul’s is aglow and this historic gem is ready for the holidays. Completed in 1903, the church is designed in the 15th century English Gothic style. It was a gift to the congregation from Clement Snudebaker and his wife Ann. The church windows and skylights are stunning one-of-a-kind art glass works created by Germany’s Mayer and Company. Each window throughout the church tells a biblical story with a series of 13 windows portraying the life of Jesus. St. Paul’s also contains one of the largest pipe organs in South Bend, which has just been beautifully rebuilt by Berghaus Pipe Organ Company of Bellwood, IL, with front pipes freshly covered in gold leaf, and a sound quality no one who has been a part of this church in the past has experienced. The ancient baptismal font dates from the 12th century and is believed to have been created by Roman marble workers; it may be the oldest baptismal font in the United States still in use. The Wesley Pulpit, located inside the sanctuary, is an exact model of John Wesley’s original pulpit located in the City Road Chapel in London, England. Visitors will be serenaded by holiday music on the new pipe organ throughout the afternoon of the tour.
THE GOOD HOUSE
420 West Washington Street
The Good House is another example of a “transplanted” home that fits seamlessly into the neighborhood of West Washington Street. The home once stood on Lafayette Blvd but was relocated during the construction of South Bend Medical Foundation. This lovely Queen Anne is also replete with architectural details, leaded glass and curvilinear lines that add visual interest. The Good House previously hosted guests and visitors as the Queen Anne Inn. (Note: tours are of the first floor only.)

TIPPECANOE PLACE
620 West Washington Street
www.Tippe.com
Tippecanoe Place mansion has a rich and colorful history. Built by famed industrialist Clem Studtebaker from 1886-1889, the grand home has four main levels totaling 40 rooms and 20 fireplaces and is the embodiment of everything great wealth in the late 1800s could suggest. The 26,000 square-foot mansion was designed by Henry Cobb and built by local craftsmen. Work on Tippecanoe Place was completed in 1889 at a total cost of $250,000. The massive walls are made of local granite fieldstone, and the many broad porches are paved with tile and supported by stone pillars. A flight of stone steps at the main entrance leads into the mahogany paneled vestibule. The decorative carvings on the oval doorknobs exemplify the great attention to detail throughout the entire house. The mansion, however, was to be more than simply a monument to the architecture and craftsmanship of the period. It would serve as the setting for many lavish parties, weddings, and balls. Today Tippecanoe Place, the restaurant, indulges clientele in grand cuisine and noble wine - all within an atmosphere of unparalleled beauty and attention to detail at the heart of the South Bend business and social scene. Join them for special tours of the mansion throughout the day and make reservations to attend Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday Brunch with Santa Claus at Tippecanoe Place takes place Dec. 3, 10, 17, & 24. Call for brunch reservations.

ST. PATRICK’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
309 South Taylor Street
www.sspatrickhedwig.org
Saint Hedwig Parish, founded in 1877, is the mother parish of the Polish Catholic immigration to the South Bend area at the turn of the 19th century. The first parishes - mainly factory workers at Oliver, Singer and Studebaker – constructed the original wood frame church, which was demolished by a windstorm in 1879. The present brick edifice was completed in 1883 in the Romanesque style, with colorful stained glass windows. It is the oldest church building in the city of South Bend.

THE OLIVER INN
630 West Washington Street
www.OliverInn.com
Step inside for an enchanting glimpse of Christmas at the turn of the century. The Victorian romance of this home reflects the lives and times of one of South Bend’s most famous families, the Olivers. James Oliver built the house in 1886 as a gift to his daughter, Josephine Oliver Ford, “for a $1.00 and love.” This beautiful one of a kind, Queen Anne home was designed for entertaining. The downstairs rooms are spacious and inviting with its seven fireplaces and original Waterford crystal sconces. The Oliver Inn is a great place for a weekend getaway, visiting out-of-town guests, or an intimate party.

GORSUCH HOUSE
705 West Washington St.
This home was originally designed by prominent local architect Walter Schneider in 1905 for South Bend Police Chief Wilber Gorsuch and his wife Loretta. Considered modern for its time, the understated style of the American Foursquare was a reaction to the highly ornate Victorian homes that preceded it just a few years earlier. Typical for this house style, the structure has a cube form with symmetrically placed windows and doors. To the interior, primary rooms have quarter saw oak trim, pocket doors and an open spindled staircase. The current owner, Paul Hayden, purchased the property in 1991 when it was still subdivided into 4 apartments. Extensive renovations to the old home with a newer carriage house built at the rear of the property has restored the overall appearance to when the Gorsuch family lived there.

INNISFREE
702 West Colfax Avenue
www.innisfreebnb.com
Hot apple cider awaits you at Innisfree Bed & Breakfast. In its 125 years, the Fredrickson House has many stories of its own. In different eras it has been a family home, a counseling center and now an operating bed & breakfast. Come and share your stories as well. Were you there the day the house was moved from LaSalle and Lafayette streets? Do you remember the Fredricksons? Tour the home from the first floor to the third, and gaze out the stained glass turrett window onto Colfax Ave. Discover how easy it is to plan a special night or weekend stay right here in downtown South Bend.