

A collage of three images: a grand classical building with a dome, a street view with a bridge, and a storefront with flower boxes. The text 'Historic Downtown Portland Tour' is overlaid in a large, white, cursive font with a drop shadow.

Historic Downtown Portland Tour

10:00 AM: Arrive at the Jay County Courthouse to meet your tour guides. Tour one of the most beautiful courthouses in Indiana with marble walls, stairs, and floors throughout the building. Brass doors, stained glass, and historic paintings on the dome add to the beauty of this magnificent building. Restrooms are available.

11:00 AM: Tour and hear the history of Asbury United Methodist Church which is over 100 years old and features a high dome and beautiful stained glass windows as part of its sanctuary. Handicapped accessible.

11:45 AM: Take a driving tour past some renovated and historic sites in Portland, including the Jay County Fairgrounds, the John Jay Center for Learning, Arts Place, the Community Resource Center, and the only cement bow-strung bridge in Indiana. Hear how a rural county seat community has brought many of these resources back to life.

12:30 PM: Enjoy a buffet lunch at White Linen Hall, the site of an early funeral parlor, or restaurant of choice.

2:00 PM: Tour 10,000 square foot Jay County Historical Museum with thousands of artifacts telling the history of the area and a large Genealogy Library containing hundreds of records to help trace your Jay County connections. This is not the typical county historical museum! Restrooms are available.

Your tour guides will entrain you between stops with bits of Jay County's history and stories of some of the county's noted residents.