



# TRAILS OF FAITH

Religious Trails ~ Bus Tours & Talks

Hershey-Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau

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## ~ WELCOME TO HARRISBURG PENNSYLVANIA ~



Pennsylvania became the perfect foundation of religious freedom when William Penn (1644-1718) founded his colony. Authoring *No Cross – No Crown*, his purpose was to establish a land where the persecuted Europeans could find freedom of worship, build homes and farms and establish a new form of self-government, known as democracy. These religious trails began in Philadelphia and flourished when the westward frontier movement arrived in Harrisburg along the Susquehanna River in 1717. It was the ideal location for families, farms, businesses, transportation, churches and state capitol in 1812.

Kindly allow one hour each for each attraction sight. Delightful luncheon arrangements available.



### MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This “beacon of hope” venerable English church was founded in 1786, following the Revolutionary War. The original church evolved through various disasters until this Romanesque-Revival design *house-of-worship* was built in 1860. Its 193-foot steeple and simple dignity are featured along, with its magnificent style which details its perfect components. Additional features include Louis Comfort Tiffany stained-glass window, a 4,662 pipe organ and a composite columned pulpit.



### SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

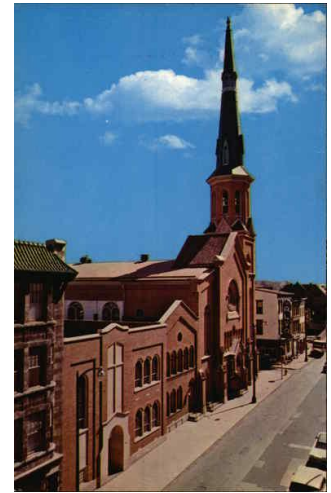
This first house of worship was a log building at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Cherry Alley (now Chestnut Street) erected by the German Reformed & German Lutheran congregations, in 1787, today known as Salem Reformed and Zion Lutheran building in Harrisburg established by John Harris, Jr. Outstanding frescoes by Budapest artists, unique decorations, carved symbols, the Greek lettering CHI & RHO, words for Christ, plus ALPHA & OMEGA – the first and last letters of the Greet alphabet, signifying Christ as the first and last. After the battle at Gettysburg, July 1863, the church was used as a Confederate hospital.





## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Following a division between the German Reformed & Lutheran congregations in 1795, a new house of worship was established on 4<sup>th</sup> Street near the railroad station. In 1839, the church hosted the Whig Party National Convention (today the Republican party) for William Henry Harrison and John Tyler, later elected U.S. president and vice president. Here you'll discover a 175-foot spire, architectural First Revival Gothic with Romanesque features, arched doorways and some of the finest stained glass windows in Pennsylvania, including "Zion's Storied Windows" and spectacular "Rose" window. You'll be in awe at the Nativity Altar, the ornate choir loft and the 1839 clock.



## ST PATRICK CATHEDRAL

Diocesan Center for 250,000 Catholics

This majestic cruciform Cathedral edifice is the official seat of the Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Roman Catholic's established their *house-of-worship* here in 1827, with later enlargements in 1853, 1873 until this new structure was dedicated in 1904. It is of Romanesque design with Renaissance influences. A 200-foot dome composed of twelve highly ornamented imported stained-glass windows of the twelve Apostles top the building. In addition, there are 44 other stained-glass windows imported from Munich topping out the 1,000 seat auditorium.



## BETH EL TEMPLE

The dedication plaque reads: "And may the grace of the Lord on our work and the work of our hands establish Thou it O God and speed it with Thy blessing. Amen 1928 / 5688."

Tastefully and beautifully set on the banks of the Susquehanna River, is this Romanesque architectural octagonal triple-arched entrance, providing access to the 550-seat main auditorium with center and accompanying side entrances. Bronze gates, plate-glass, electronically controlled Scroll enclosures, an Ark rising from the main floor, and Lectern permits a full-view of this magnificent Temple.



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3 churches	3 hours	plus 1 hour Harrisburg City overview tour	2 to 55 passengers	4 hrs total	\$200
5 churches	5 hours	plus 1 hour Harrisburg City overview tour	2 to 55 passengers	6 hrs total	\$250

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