

# Underground Railroad Tour; Singing a Journey of Freedom, “Songs of Slavery and Emancipation” (June 12–25, 2026)

## Information about the Tour

Join us on a tour, from June 12-25, 2026, of key sites on the Underground Railroad. The tour would bring together 30+ passengers interested in the history and experience, along with an ensemble of singers from KY, other nearby states, and from Switzerland, who will perform songs of the enslaved and abolitionist songs from the *Songs of Slavery and Emancipation Project*. Where applicable the tour will also provide workshops under the direction of Dr. Kathy Bullock so that local singers can learn some of the songs and join in the performances. Additionally, where appropriate, we will offer screenings of our documentary film on this project.

The tour will include sites in Peterboro, NY (National Abolitionist Hall of Fame), Niagara Falls, Ontario (Churches of Nathaniel Dett and Harriet Tubman), Lake Placid, NY (John Brown Farm State Historic Site), Torrington, CT (John Brown’s Birthplace), and other historical sites of the Underground Railroad in KY, Ohio, NY, VT, MA, CT and WV. See below for Travel Itinerary.

## Songs of Slavery and Emancipation

*“Songs of Slavery and Emancipation restores to view a wonderful trove of verses that give us access to the voices and lived experience of enslaved African Americans and their abolitionist supporters. It is an invaluable historical and musical resource.”* James G. Basker, Richard Gilder Professor of Literary History at Barnard College, Columbia University

The Songs of Slavery and Emancipation is a collection by Scholar/Musician, Mat Callahan, of songs composed and sung by the enslaved either preparing or commemorating revolt. To this collection is added the songs of the abolitionist movement dedicated to the eradication of the slave system. Many of the abolitionist songs were composed by fugitive slaves or free Black people and were widely disseminated in the Northern States between the American Revolution and the Civil War. To bring these songs to life, we chose a representative sample, arranged musical accompaniment and made recordings. The result is a musical and historical document available for the first time to the general public. What began in 2015 with the discovery of a song composed by slaves planning an insurrection in 1813 has come to fruition with two hours of recorded music and a film of the same name, which documents the extraordinary project.

## COSTS

One person, double occupancy = **\$2,500.00** (single occupancy = \$3400)

This cost includes the bus travel and hotel accommodation for the entire tour, breakfast at the hotels, at least three meals, guided tours and resource information on the historical sites, entrance to selected concerts and workshops.

Payments (partial as well as full) can be made beginning February 25 by check or Zelle:

Checks made out to: Drkwbmusic, 1020 Moonlight Drive, Berea, KY 40404. Zelle info to follow.

**I am interested in participating in this tour. Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

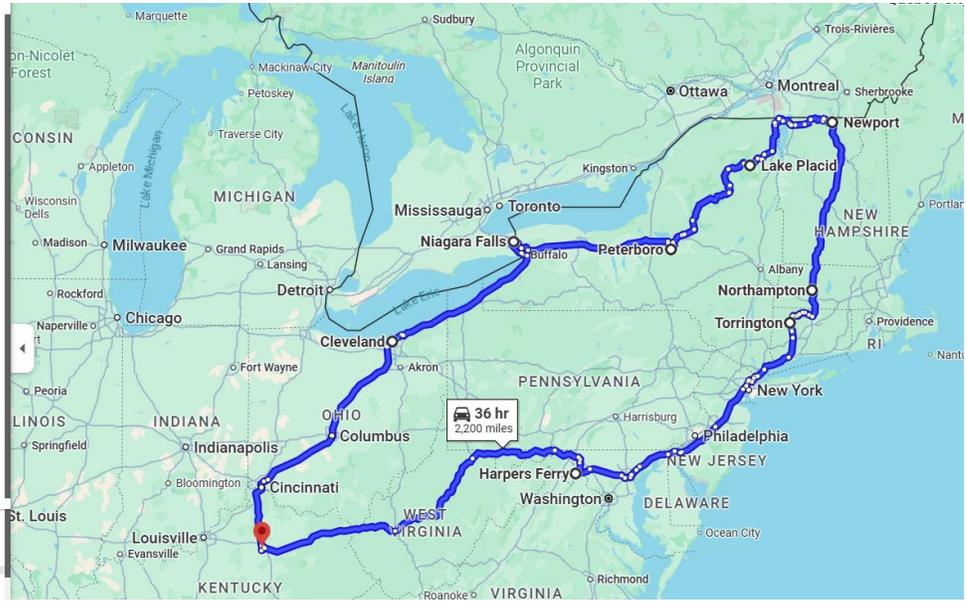
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Would you like more information? Contact Dr. Kathy Bullock at [bullockka@gmail.com](mailto:bullockka@gmail.com), [drkwbc.com](http://drkwbc.com),  
Or Tour Coordinator, Brianna Dennis at [bydennis12@gmail.com](mailto:bydennis12@gmail.com)

## TOUR SCHEDULE

Lexington, Kentucky  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada  
Peterboro, New York 13035  
Lake Placid, New York 12946  
Newport, Vermont 05855  
Northampton, Massachusetts  
Torrington, Connecticut 06790  
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425  
Lexington, Kentucky

Options



### Day 1: FRI JUNE 12

Lexington, KY.  
Orientation  
Concert Venue, t/b/d

### Day 2: SAT JUNE 13

Travel to Cleveland, OH  
Tour of Historical Sites  
Concert Venue, 7pm Messiah

### Day 3: SUN JUNE 14

Travel to Niagara Falls, Ontario  
Tour Underground Railroad museum, and historical sites, Including churches of Composer Nathaniel Dett and Harriet Tubman

### Day 4: MON JUNE 15

Niagara Falls/ Buffalo -  
Niagara Falls - Underground Railroad Museum in Buffalo, NY – Free afternoon at the falls

### Day 5: TUE JUNE 16

Travel to Syracuse/Peterboro, NY  
Tour- Abolitionist Hall of Fame  
Concert: Methodist Church, 7pm

### Day 6: WED JUNE 17

Travel to Lake Placid, NY  
Tour of Lake Placid Farm  
Concert Venue:

### Day 7: TH JUNE 18

Morning Workshop and tours  
Travel to Greensboro, VT

### Day 8: FRI JUNE 19

Greensboro, VT  
Concert Venue

### Day 9: SAT JUNE 20

Travel to Florence/ Northampton/ Deerfield, MA  
Tours of historical sites

### Day 10: SUN JUNE 21

Workshop and Concert Venue:

### Day 11: MON JUNE 22

Travel to Torrington, CT  
Tour historical sites – birthplace of John Brown  
Concert Venue

### Day 12: TUE JUNE 23

Travel to Harpers Ferry, WV

### Day 13: WED JUNE 24

Tour historical sites  
Concert Venue: t/b/a

### Day 14: TH JUNE 25

Travel to Lexington, KY