

Great Day! Group Tours Ideas

CLASSIC OHIO TOURS

Pricing varies by departure city . . . call for your customized package and pricing.

CAPITAL COLUMBUS

- Tour the State Capitol Building
- Tour the Supreme Court Building
- Lunch in German Village
- Stop at the Flag Lady store
- Choice of a whistle or candy factory tour
- Package can be modified to include a tour of Bobby Rahal Racing or a fire engine manufacturer



ARK AND PARK IN THE YOUNGSTOWN AREA

- Specialty car museum with American automotive machines from the past 100 years
- Lanterman's Mill & Covered Bridge - built in 1845 and restored in 1982
- Lunch that gives you a flavor of the area
- Noah's Lost Ark Exotic Animal Sanctuary - dedicated to providing a permanent, safe environment for abused and unwanted exotic animals
- Butler Institute of American Art - the first museum dedicated to housing works created solely by American artists

WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

- Tour the only factory in the United States that still makes metal whistles (each passenger receives a whistle)
- Tour a peanut butter company
- Tour an ice cream factory
- Tour a state-of-the-art chocolate factory
- Lunch in Columbus



STORIES OF GERMAN VILLAGE



- Guided tour of German Village, learning about this district that dates back to 1814
- Lunch at a restaurant that has been part of German Village for over 120 years. Save room for the cream puff we serve for dessert
- Choice of two to complete your tour:
 - Tour a candy company
 - Tour a peanut butter company
 - Tour of a whistle factory (everybody gets a whistle)
 - Flag Lady Store every type of flag including the “Betsy Ross” and the “Spirit of ’76” flags

JAWS WITH PAWS

- K-9 experience - See how these amazing animals are trained for law enforcement and the military.
- Farm-to-table luncheon at a farm market - Meet the farmer and take a tour of his farm and market.
- Horse Farm - The trainer will explain how they raise, train and show these Belgium horses. Tour the barn and see many beautiful horses.
- Winetasting - Visit a beautiful countryside winery and sample some wines while the owners tell their personal stories of starting their business.

SAINTS AND SINNERS

- Tour of Fremont - A local historian will tell stories and show, with pride, things in his hometown that create a colorful history
- Lunch at Fremont’s most beautiful jewel located on 63 acres of scenic grounds. It shares the grounds with St. Bernardine Convent so after lunch, we will have a short tour of the facilities.
- Saints - Tour two churches. Fremont has some of the most beautiful stained-glass windows and churches in the world. The history and significance of the churches will be fully explained by your guide.
- Sinners - Take a fascinating tour of a historic jail and dungeon. The guided tour includes the 1892 jail, the 1840’s dungeon and the exhibits area that display the gallows used for the last hanging in Sandusky County.
- Ice cream stop at a shop that boasts 52 ice cream toppings and a bevy of hot flavored lattes, teas and coffee.

SAP'S-A-RISIN'

This maple syrup tour is one "sweet trip" but is available only in late February or early March. This is when the sap begins to rise in this area's maple trees and can be tapped for making syrup.

- Geauga Park District at Swine Creek - Hear what the early settlers learned from the native American Indians . . . like how to turn the watery sap of the maple tree into a delightful and wholesome treat. Learn how locals "boil it all down" for you to enjoy.
- Middlefield Cheese - Try samples in this general-type store (which also has meats, jams, bread, noodles and more).
- Amish Feast - No tour to this area would be complete without a good old-fashioned Amish feast . . . and you will dine in an Amish home. No one will leave hungry, but this experience is one you will not forget anytime soon.
- Family Owned Sugar House - Visit a family-owned sugar house (weather permitting). An experienced maple syrup maker will be on hand to answer questions.
- Maple Products - Shop for everything "Maple" . . . including some of the finest pure maple syrup in the world.

FORWARD THINKER / RESPECTFUL PAST

Back in 1934, a local farm boy with plenty of vision, determination and mechanical ability founded a woodworking company that has become a world leader in ready-to-assemble furniture. He was also a forward thinker, aware that the past paved the way to the future and wanted to document those ancestors who settled in Northwest Ohio in the mid-1830's. He had dozens of structures built by hand a century earlier moved from various locations to create a village.



Today it has been expanded to include a 350-seat restaurant, a country inn and a performance center. We will have about four hours to explore the buildings, visit the craft and retail shops and to dine in their popular restaurant. This tour also includes a cruise on the Maumee River, seeing sights like the Veteran's Glass City Skyway Bridge, a shipyard, dry docks and stately homes.

LIVING LOCAL IN MAHONING COUNTY

- Lanterman's Mill & Covered Bridge - One of Mahoning County's most historic and most photographed landmarks. The mill operates today as it did in the 1800's, grinding corn and wheat.
- Snyder Specialty Cars - The museum boasts many examples from the early 1900's highwheelers to the classics of the 60's.
- War Vets Museum - over 36,000 artifacts from the Revolutionary War up through present day Middle East battles. The lower level has an interesting train display.
- Winetasting at a local winery.
- Luncheon that gives you a feel of the "local flavor"

LUNCH WITH A PRESIDENT

These living historians are more than impersonators or re-enactors, they are serious portrayers of U.S. Presidents and First Ladies. They have spent countless hours studying and researching about these individuals to develop an interpretation that captures the essence of their distinct personalities. Select one (or more) Presidential Historian (George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, Ulysses S. Grant or William H. Taft) and one (or more) First Lady (Lucretia Garfield, Eleanor Roosevelt or Mary Todd Lincoln).



- Stan Hywet - the estate of F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the Gate Lodge, Corbin Conservatory and the Gardens
- While you are enjoying lunch, your selected President and First Lady will visit the tables and answer questions.
- For dessert, we'll stop for some frozen custard, on us

AMISH & FLEA MARKET HOLIDAY TOUR

- Two Flea Markets in Holmes County
- Luncheon at a Swiss chalet that overlooks the Doughty Valley in the heart of Ohio's Amish Country
- Guggisburg Cheese
- Tis the Season Christmas Shoppe - Ohio's largest store of this type



CORKSCREWS AND CARAFES

The Ohio wineries are some of the best in the nation, with the Ashtabula - Lake County grape-growing region producing more than 60% of all the grapes grown in Ohio. This package features three of the most popular wineries.



- Guided Tour of the Covered Bridges
- Chalet Debonne Vineyards - winetasting at this family owned and operated facility which recently opened a micro-brewery
- Grand River Cellars - located in the heart of the wine valley grape growing region, this winery has been serving their wide variety of wines since 1976
- Enjoy lunch at one of these fine wineries
- Ferrante Winery - tucked into the heart of the vineyards, they offer a luscious contemporary oak-laden atmosphere. Enjoy time at the tasting bar and sample these award-winning wines

NORTHERN OHIO TOURS COVERED BRIDGE TOUR

- Covered bridge tour with a local guide
- Marine Museum (built in 1898)
- Winery tour
- Ashtabula's Historic Bridge Street
- Lunch at a local restaurant or one of the wineries



GRIDIRONS IN THE SKY

- Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Luncheon
- Military Aircraft - learn the impact of aviation upon society and see some of the finest ready-to-fly aircraft in the hangars of this unique museum
- Tour a chocolate factory (shopping-only on Saturday)



CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD

Available Sat & Sun March - May

Available Wed - Sun from June to October

- Train ride through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (October sells out so book early)
- Lunch at The Spaghetti Warehouse, Hartville Kitchen or a German Restaurant or other location
- Tour a chocolate factory (shopping-only on Saturday)
- Choose one option to complete the package:
 - Classic car museum
 - Air museum with planes that still fly
 - Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens . . . beautiful
 - Flea market (Thursdays or Saturdays only)
 - Stop for an ice cream cone



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