Great Day! Group Tours Ideas

HISTORIC ONE-DAY TOURS

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

PITTSBURGH CHURCH TOUR

- Local guide with your group as you tour historic churches in Pittsburgh neighborhoods with information about historic architecture, ethnic heritage and cultural events
- Lunch in a lovely restaurant that was formerly a church

Scheduled Tour, June 12, 2017 for groups unable to fill a bus

FALLINGWATER OR KENTUCK KNOB

- Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater or Kentuck Knob
- Special luncheon
- Visit to the Flight 93 Memorial Site, Quecreek Mine Rescue Site or a candy company
- Note: Children under 8 years and cameras are not permitted into Fallingwater

Scheduled Tours, July 6, 2017 and August 19, 2017 for smaller groups, to Fallingwater

BOMBERS, BOATS AND BOULEVARD

This tour was designed to focus on the men in your group but the women will also find it interesting.

- David Warther Carvings - See "the history of the ship" as you view over 80 major pieces in this collection. Many groups see David carve in his workshop as he works to add to this unique and amazing display
- Air Museum - Tour this hidden treasure which acquires, restores, preserves and exhibits vintage military and significant civilian aircraft
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- Car Museum - Bring back memories of cruising down the boulevard as you see the antique and collectible cars

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CANTEENS, CARRIAGE AND COLLECTIONS

- Dennison Railroad Museum (closed on Mondays) – This depot is the most significant remaining example in the nation of a railroad canteen still reflecting its WWII heritage. During WWII, 1.3 million service members were served free meals by 4,000 working volunteers at this depot which also contains an orientation theater, historical railroad exhibits, the Whistle Stop Railway Shop and themed railroad cars. . . Explore steam locomotives, a nickel plate caboose, freight and other passenger cars.
- Lunch is included in the package.
- Gas Pump Museum - Over 50 vintage gas pumps from 1907 to 1962, various century signs, an awesome working nickelodeon plus pictorial tributes to radio and television, motion pictures and their stars.
- TV and Radio Museum - TV’s that date back to the first one at the world’s fair plus games, lunch boxes, etc. that went with the classic TV shows. There are numerous radios and a display of Dick Goddard’s old meteorological equipment and Alan Freed’s DJ booth.
- J.E. Reeves Victorian Home & Carriage House Museum - Step back into the elegance of the late 19th Century in the former home of this prominent Dover industrialist.

TRUCK MANUFACTURING & HISTORIC VILLAGE OR MUSEUM

- Travel to Dearborn, Michigan.
- The Rouge Factory Tour - located a few miles south of Detroit, this factory was at its peak in the 1930's when over 100,000 people worked to build Ford products. Today, using the latest technology, the plant builds the new F-150 aluminum pickup truck. Enjoy the short presentation in the theater and then walk along the observation deck, looking down onto the assembly line and seeing the strategically-placed monitors at the various work stations. Passengers have a choice of the Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village (or both).
- Henry Ford Museum - from unique items (Rosa Parks' bus, John F. Kennedy's limousine, an Allegheny steam locomotive, to name a few) to interactive exhibits, there is something for everybody in this museum. Purchase a meal at one of the themed restaurants such as the Michigan Cafe or the American Dog House.
- Greenfield Village - experience the past by visiting the Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop, a working farm, Liberty Craftworks and much more. Ride in a Model T, take the train or sit back and let Greenfield Village's teams of horses do the driving as they shuttle you to various village locations.

Scheduled Tour, June 1, 2017 (Edsel Ford Dinner Tour) and August 12, 2016 for smaller groups.

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SAFARI, STATES AND SAVINGS
- The Made in America Store is the only “brick and mortar” general merchandise store in the United States (and indeed, the world) that sells exclusively 100% American made products. Even the packaging and the glue on the labels are made in America
- Luncheon
- Hidden Valley Animal Adventures - Interact with over 30 species of animals from all over the world. The adventure begins with a Guided Safari Tram Ride (handicap accessible) covering two miles of this 60-acre park. Each member receives a cup of grain to feed the animals
- A 5 & Dime Store - Take a trip down memory lane as you walk across the wooden floors of the four connected 19th century buildings which make this one of the largest old-time variety stores you'll ever see. Don't forget the 10¢ popcorn
- Visit East Aurora, New York, birthplace of President Millard Fillmore and home of Elbert Hubbard who created the Roycroft Arts & Crafts movement

BLENNERHASSETT ISLAND (West Virginia)
- Luncheon in a historic river town
- Sternwheeler cruise to Blennerhassett Island
- Narrated wagon ride on the Island's trails
- Tour of the mansion

*Scheduled Tour, August 9, 2017 for smaller groups*

CRUISING THE OHIO RIVER (Marietta)
- River cruise on the Ohio River aboard a sternwheeler
- Luncheon in this historic river town
- Choice of two to complete your tour:
  - Campus Martius Museum
  - Shopping at a pasta specialty store
  - Ohio River Museum
  - Tour a Castle
  - Toy and Doll Museum
  - The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption

*Scheduled Tour, August 12, 2017 for smaller groups*
SHAWSHANK IN A DAY
Travel in Hollywood's footsteps as you immerse yourself in the highlights of the "Shawshank Redemption" filming sites. The Ohio State Reformatory is one of the biggest castle-like structures in the USA and houses the world's tallest free-standing steel cell block. Four major motion pictures have been filmed there including the "Shawshank Redemption". Even the lunch is themed.
- Ohio State Reformatory Tour
- Bissman Building (site of the movies Brewer Hotel and Portland Daily Bugle)
- Buffet Lunch featuring such items as "guard"en salad, pardon potatoes, Brooks beans, solitary stew, cellblock chicken, prison pies and lock-up libations
- Central Park - to see the bench that Brooks sat on while feeding the pigeons
- Renaissance Theatre - a 1928 vintage movie palace where Shawshank Redemption premiered in 1994
- Squirrel's Den - shop for homemade fudge and chocolates

BOGART & BACALL
- Malabar Farms admissions and wagon ride – marriage site of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall
- Family-style Amish luncheon or at the Malabar Inn
- Kingwood Gardens and Mansion Tour - a French provincial house with beautiful gardens
- Cheese Barn & Village Shoppes
- Indoor carousel ride

ORIGINAL JACKSON HISTORIC PRISON TOUR
The first building to house prisoners in 1838 was a wooden fort that held the first 35 prisoners. The escape of ten inmates hastened the building of a genuine brick and mortar penitentiary. By 1882, Michigan’s First State Prison (1838-1934) was the largest walled prison in the world. Within its walls, the factories and surrounding farms, manned by cheap inmate labor, turned Jackson into one of the leading industrial cities in the nation. The prison, originally planned for 800 prisoners grew to house over 2,000 inmates and necessitated a larger, more modern prison a few miles north. The old prison closed in 1934. On the Original Jackson Historic Prison tour, enjoy lively, interactive stories of inmates past and present, prison lore and more. Walk inside the massive walls as bygone prisoners, guards, and wardens come alive with tales of corruption, mayhem, punishments and relief. Lunch is included during the tour.

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