

Great Day! Group Tours Ideas

HOLIDAY ONE-DAY TOURS

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

OGLEBAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

- Meal (select one restaurant for group) - lunch in a local restaurant, Country Christmas Buffet Dinner in Wheeling Park or an upscale buffet dinner at Wilson Lodge
- Oglebay attraction (select one, two or three) – Oglebay Mansion, laser light show at the Good Zoo, the train museum or the behind the scenes tour
- Oglebay Lights guided tour - one of the nation's largest light shows that covers more than three hundred acres over a six-mile drive



Scheduled Tours, (9 dates) in November 2017 and December 2017 for smaller groups

OGLEBAY LIGHTS PLUS GAMING

- Time for gaming at Wheeling Island Casino (with bonus)
- Oglebay Lights guided tour - one of the nation's largest light shows which covers more than 300 acres over a six-mile drive - our tours include a guide

Scheduled Tour, December 9, 2017 for smaller groups

PITTSBURGH HOLIDAY TOUR

Available Tuesday - Sunday

- Luncheon in a former train station
- PPG Holiday Exhibit
- Phipps Conservatory
- Wings of Winter Show at the National Aviary. Watch live birds performing to songs like "Silent Flight" and "I'm Dreaming of a White Chicken" during this 25-minute performance

CHRISTMAS AT TARA MANSION

- Family-style Southern dinner at Tara in Pennsylvania
- Tara Tour - southern Belles guide you through the rooms of this beautifully-decorated mansion
- Stop at a special indoor Christmas display
- Visit to a candy shoppe
- Visit to the world's largest Hummel gift shop



DICKENS VICTORIAN VILLAGE TOUR

Available November 1 - December 30, 2016

Take a trip back in time and experience old world England as historic downtown Cambridge, Ohio is charmingly transformed into a Dickens Victorian Village. Eighty scenes represent classic scenes from Victorian society. The scenes are comprised of life-sized and hand-made mannequins wearing real vintage clothing. The faces for each character have been individually sculpted and painted by local artists. This package includes:

- Driving tour of Dickens Victorian Village displays
- Visit to the Dickens Welcome Center
- Holiday Lunch Buffet
- Behind the scenes at a bulk food store. Your group will package their own goodie on an assembly line, just like the Mennonite ladies do
- Chocolate factory experience with tour and samples
- Courthouse Music and Light Show



Scheduled Tour, December 2, 2017 for smaller groups

GERVASI VINEYARD PLUS STAN HYWET

- Gervasi Vineyard - This premier winery complex is beautifully decorated for the holidays. The group will enjoy a winery tour and a luncheon with winetasting
- Stan Hywet - In 1898, F.A. Seiberling co-founded The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, naming it after Charles Goodyear, the inventor of the vulcanization process for rubber. Stan Hywet is his estate and it is beautifully decorated for the holidays (decorations plus Christmas Trees in almost every room). We go here after the winery and depart at dusk so your group can see the outside lit up for the holidays



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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE PLUS A HOLIDAY LIGHTING DISPLAY

- Jimmy Stewart Museum which features memorabilia. Take time to watch a film in the 1930's vintage movie theater
- Guided driving tour of Indiana, Pennsylvania, the birthplace of Jimmy Stewart. See his boyhood home, grandfather's home and his city dedicated statue. When available, Harvey, the rabbit, can greet your bus (extra charge)
- Driving tour of the Blue Spruce Park Festival of Lights

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



A ROSCOE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

- Roscoe Village Tour - Christmas cards, toys, visions of sugarplums and letters to Santa ~ learn how these holiday traditions were practiced in the 1800's
- Dinner
- Time in the Village - no trip to Roscoe is complete without a visit to the charming shops
- Christmas Candlelight Ceremony (December Saturdays)

JOY OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Available Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 22 to December 23, 2017

Located at Firestone Park in the charming village of Columbiana, Ohio (south of Youngstown), the Joy of Christmas Lights features 60 fabulous lighted scenes, a million Christmas lights plus stops at The Gingerbread House, the Train Depot Pavilion and Santa's Ice Castle.

Package features:

- Grove City Outlets find your holiday gifts in one of their 120 stores, shops and restaurants. We also arrange for a coupon book upon arrival
- Family-style dinner at a restaurant with a bakery and gift shop
- Drive through the Joy of Christmas Lights display

CHRISTMAS IN AMISH COUNTRY featuring WARTHER MUSEUM FESTIVAL OF TREES

Available November 14 – 22, 2017

- Warther Museum - view over a hundred trees, wreaths and holiday decorations in this museum which becomes a winter wonderland of delight
- Family-style lunch in an Amish home - everyone takes home a dozen cookies
- Tis the Season Christmas Shoppe
- Heini's Cheese and Kauffman Bakery (for more goodies)
- Stop at a local winery to boost your holiday spirits

WOOSTER AND AMISH COUNTRY

- Castle Noel
- Everything Rubbermaid to browse or shop
- Buffet lunch plus time to shop in a bakery
- JM Smucker Store - Shop in the store with the trusted brand that has brought quality products to families for over 100 years
- Lehman's Hardware - where the Amish shop
- P. Graham Dunn - See craftsmen create laser engraved wood pieces for your home or gifts



Scheduled Tour, November 30, 2017 for smaller groups

THE CHRISTMAS STORY HOUSE

There are probably not many of us who haven't seen the classic "The Christmas Story" based on the life of nine-year-old Ralphie. This movie was filmed in Cleveland.

- Christmas Story House - which is restored to the splendor of the movie. We will also visit the museum which includes many fascinating items including toys from the Higbee's window, costumes and the family car
- West Side Market (open Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat)
- Lunch at Sokolowski's University Inn
- Light driving tour featuring Public Square and the new "chandelier" at Playhouse Square



CHRISTMAS STORY HOUSE

- Castle Noel
- Lunch - Call us for our suggestions
- Christmas Story House - Ralphie's actual 19th-century Victorian house which was used in the exterior scenes in the 1983 film "A Christmas Story" . . . including the Leg Lamp in the window. It has been restored and renovated to appear as it did both inside and outside during the movie

Scheduled Tour, December 7, 2017 for smaller groups

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"BEST OF THE BEST" IN MEDINA

- Castle Noel . . . make sure you slide down the A Christmas Story slide
- Lunch at a restaurant that won the Gazette's "Best of the Best" award . . . passengers get a choice of entrees.
- Root Candles - A stylish boutique brimming with unique and designed-inspired home decor, fashion, culinary items and, of course, candles.
- Winetasting at a local winery
- Ohio Station Outlets with a ride on the train
- Drive through the holiday lights at the Medina County Fairgrounds

Scheduled Tour, December 19, 2017 for smaller groups

GOLDEN TRIANGLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Available from November 27 to December 23, 2016

Downtown Pittsburgh is known as the "Golden Triangle". This package not only has spectacular lights, but each attraction, including the stop for lunch, is beautifully decorated for the holiday season. Package features:

- PPG Place - if Downtown Pittsburgh is the epicenter of holiday activity, then PPG Place is at its heart. Wintergarden is located in a plant-filled, all-glass atrium and features 16 life-sized Santa Claus figures dressed in traditional costumes from countries around the world. It is also home of the Community Gingerbread House Display (over 500 of them) and a 32-foot decorated Christmas tree with a model train display around its base
- PPG Plaza - in the nearby plaza, see the Pittsburgh Ice Rink which encircles a 65-foot decorated Christmas tree
- Grand Concourse Restaurant - situated along the river and overlooking the downtown skyline, it is a true testament of grandeur and elegant dining. Enjoy the gingerbread theme and see the holiday train running through portions of the restaurant . . . in addition to the normal holiday decorations that are sure to "warm up" any holiday dining experience.
- Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens - the spectacular Victorian architecture combined with the beauty of the Winter Flower Show & Light Garden and the Garden Railroad makes this a must see

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"OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER"

It's the most wonderful meal of the year

Sugarcreek from November 18 - December 17, 2017

This new musical is a hilarious look at family tradition, holiday expectations, unexpected guests and the real meaning of Christmas. A heaping scoop of humor, a slice of family memories, and some unexpected surprises all serve up "the most wonderful meal of the year!"

- Luncheon
- Tickets to this musical
- An additional stop in Amish Country



Scheduled Tour on December 6, 2017 for smaller groups



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