

# Great Day! Group Tours Ideas

## NEW MULTI-DAY TOURS

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

### NOAH'S ARK ENCOUNTER

While we do not see any extended rain in the forecast, at least for forty days and forty nights, we do know of a fellow named “Noah” who was spared from a flood by loading his family and many of the world’s animals into an Ark that he built from instructions he had been given. While no one has ever discovered the “original Ark”, we will be seeing a new version which was built as described in the Book of Genesis using the original dimensions. The ark is 510 feet long, 50 feet tall and 85 feet wide. Unbelievably, it can house up to 10,000 people, if needed, and is the largest wooden timber structure in the world. You will be seeing how Noah and his family may have lived, as well as an “animatronic Noah” who will answer questions. There is plenty of seating throughout the Ark so you can rest as needed. Great Day! Tours has designed a variety of options in various price ranges so your group can enjoy this fabulous new attraction.

### ARK AND RISING STAR CASINO TWO-DAY

- Noah's Ark Encounter
- One night of rooms at Rising Star Casino
- Buffet dinner at Rising Star Casino
- Buffet breakfast at Rising Star Casino
- \$10 in slot play
- Time for gaming at the casino

### ARK PLUS THE CREATION MUSEUM TWO-DAY

- Noah's Ark Encounter
- Three meals, optional dinner-cruise
- Creation Museum - this state-of-the-art museum brings the pages of the Bible to life

### ARK PLUS THE QUEEN CITY TWO-DAY

- Noah's Ark Encounter
- Captain's Dinner Dance aboard the BB Riverboat
- Visit MainStrasse Village, seeing the "Goose Girl"
- German style luncheon
- Bourbon tasting and a distillery tour

*Scheduled Tour, August 14-15, 2017 for smaller groups*

## **HOLMES COUNTY OVERNIGHT GETAWAY**

### **Suggested tour length is 2 days**

We stay right in Holmes County at the Carlisle Inn or the Berlin Grande

- Three meals including a family-style Amish dinner
- One or two shows - *The Confession*, *The Home Game*, *Amish Country Theatre* or *Our Christmas Dinner*
- Attractions to complete your experience - See our Holmes County Amish Tour for suggestions

*Scheduled Tour, September 21-22, for smaller groups*

## **WISCONSIN'S DOOR COUNTY**

### **Suggested tour length is 8 days but can be modified for 6 or 7 days**

Door County is on a peninsula between Green Bay and Lake Michigan and is known for its long shoreline and many parks, including Sturgeon Bay that is fringed by limestone cliffs. It has been said that Door County more closely resembles New England than the Midwest. Allen Kinney, owner of Great Day! Tours, visited Wisconsin and found several sites and restaurants that will make this destination a memorable experience for your group

- US Mailboat Tour - There are only a handful of places left in the country where mail is still delivered by boat. Celebrating 100 years of mail service, about 75 homes around the lake receive their mail this way daily during the spring, summer and fall
- Ten Chimneys - an estate put together by Broadway Legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. You'll be greeted like Katherine Hepburn, Lawrence Olivier and other guests of the Lunts into this extraordinary home
- Visit a goat farm that produces one of the top 15 goat cheeses in the world
- National Railroad Museum
- Lambeau Field - home of the Packers football team
- Seaquist Orchards Farm Market - everything is locally grown and processed, including their popular fudge, jams and syrups
- Cherry Island - Take the ferry to the island, then enjoy a two-hour train tour and learn about life on the island
- Scenic ride to Milwaukee with a stop at a place known for their delicious chocolate-covered dry-cherries
- Stop at a bakery that makes traditional Danish Kringle. Find out why this pastry has been awarded "Racine's Best"
- Several great meals . . . One of the meals is at a restaurant with a "floor window" offering a view into the wine cellar, providing visitors with a unique conversational topic. Another is at the Fireside Dinner Theatre which has a history of great food and shows. We will also have dinner at a "traditional Wisconsin Supper Club". Your group will also enjoy a traditional Door County Fish Boil, just like the original Scandinavian settlers over a century ago. Another meal is at a Swedish Restaurant with goats grazing the sod roof atop this casual log-cabin eatery

*Scheduled Tour, September 12-19, 2017 for smaller groups*

## **VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO FESTIVAL**

**April 27-30, 2017**

The spectacular Virginia International Tattoo performance inspires audiences, leaving them with a renewed sense of pride and optimism. The festival invites military and nonmilitary bands, drill teams, bagpipe and drum bands, highland dancers and more from around the globe to create a unified and extraordinary performance. The Virginia International Tattoo offers an astounding display of patriotism and the spirit of international cooperation. Inspirational music... majestic massed pipes and drums... show stopping drill team maneuvers... colorful and elegant dancers... all give reasons for the crowd to roar!

- Lodging within walking distance of our bleacher tickets to the Festival's "Parade of Nations" featuring international floats, marching bands and specialty units
- Norfolk Botanical Garden - located on 155 acres, we have included the tram ride so you can experience over a dozen of different themed gardens. Spring is a fantastic time to visit with millions of blooms found throughout the gardens
- Time to purchase lunch and explore Historic Ghent
- Naval Base Cruise on the Elizabeth River - While cruising the smooth waters of this river, you will be in one of the world's busiest seaports including the world's largest naval base, home of the Atlantic Fleet; Destroyers, Guided Missile Cruisers, submarines and Aircraft Carriers
- Experience the life of a sailor at Naval Station Norfolk. Take a 45-minute bus tour of the world's largest naval station, as an enlisted sailor takes you onto the base and shows how our Navy works, lives and protects our country
- Several spectacular meals

## **CHAMPAGNE & CHAMPAIGN**

**Suggested tour length is 5 or 6 days**

This tour has a "sparkle" in it with several of our visits and meals with a "touch of the bubbly" . . . and an evening mystery destination that is totally unique and should be most enjoyable.

- As we travel to the "Land of Lincoln", we visit two museums in Indiana. One displays the Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg motorcars of the classic era. The other takes us on a "road trip back in time" with exhibits that include a 1948 diner, a carriage factory, roadside cabins from the pre-motel era and a toy & model display with over 4000 die-cast models
- Springfield's historic Edwards Place - a center for social and political life, attracting Abraham and Mary Lincoln as occasional visitors, leading to their marriage in 1842.
- Lincoln Home - the only one they ever owned
- Oak Ridge Cemetery - the second most visited cemetery including viewing of Lincoln's Tomb
- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum & Library – including a show that takes you through Lincoln's life and times as well as learning more about the Civil War
- Train ride through the countryside - be on the lookout for clues to solve our "mystery" which concludes at an evening mystery destination
- Several special meals - one at a historical home built in 1857 (with storytelling by Abe Lincoln), another has a shrine to Route 66, a great steakhouse and, of course, our mystery stop with dinner

*Scheduled Tour, October 22-27, 2017 for smaller groups*

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## **TRAINS OF NEW ENGLAND**

### **Suggested tour length is 8 days**

Spring, Summer or Fall, the scenery in New England is spectacular. This tour features three train rides. The first ride is from the Boston area to Maine. Imagine passing the sandy beaches and rocky coastline as we travel. Your group will enjoy a narrated tour of the coastal villages of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport and stop at a Maine lighthouse. Our second ride travels through some of the most dramatic natural scenery in the East as you travel through spectacular Crawford Notch over what was once the Maine Central Railroad's famed Mountain Division line. Enjoy some of the most dramatic natural scenery in the East as you pass sheer bluffs, steep ravines, cascading brooks and panoramic mountain vistas. As you travel through this terrain, you will appreciate the remarkable engineering achievement constructing this railroad over 140 years ago. Train number three is aboard the world's first mountain climbing cog railway to the summit of Mount Washington (bring your camera for this view). This tour has so much that it is impossible to list it all in this write-up so you'll have to contact us for a complete itinerary. In addition to the trains, you will tour Rocks Estate; discover the sweet process of creating maple syrup (with a special recipe that dates back to the Native Americans), travel the scenic Kancamagus Highway through the White Mountains of New Hampshire, tour the Mount Washington Resort Hotel (it took 250 craftsmen to build it), Quechee Gorge, maple sugar and cheese farm, visit Woodstock, Norman Rockwell Museum and so much more.

*We have a scheduled-departure fall foliage tour on October 14-21, 2017 for groups unable to fill a bus.*

## **VILLA ROMA RESORT . . .FIT FOR CAESAR**

### **Suggested tour length is 4 or 5 days**

It's no wonder that Better Homes & Gardens Magazine has named Villa Roma as one of "America's Best Vacation Resorts". Upon arrival in scenic Callicoon, New York, your group will be welcomed like family and surrounded by friends. And just wait until you see the wealth of sumptuous Italian and American specialties prepared by the expert chefs and served elegantly in the dining room. On Thursday evenings, guests look forward to the gala banquet that is Caesar's Night . . . an Italian feast presented by a toga-clad service staff, featuring live entertainment. Package features Villa Roma's upgraded rooms, eleven meals, nightly entertainment (stage shows, dancing and great entertainment in the magnificent forum in Tivoli Lounge), planned daytime activities and time to enjoy the jacuzzi, sauna and huge indoor pool.

## **CINCINNATI & ITS DINNER TRAIN & CRUISE**

### **Suggested tour length is 2 days**

- EnterTRAINment Junction - the world's largest indoor train display with an area of over half a football field. It includes over 2 miles of track, 90 G-scale locomotives and 1000 cars. The railroad museum shows how trains shaped the growth of the United States
- Cincinnati Railway's Dinner Train - this 3-hour 1940's-style train excursion in vintage cars includes a 4-course dinner. Typically, there is also onboard entertainment
- Luncheon cruise aboard the BB Riverboat

*Scheduled Tour, April 8-9, 2017 for groups unable to fill a bus*

## **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER TRAIN**

### **Suggested tour length is 2 days**

- Old Road Dinner Train - begin the ride with a "five-star rated dinner" prepared by the famous Hathaway House in Blissfield, Michigan. Then you will be seeing their popular Murder Mystery Show
- Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum - housing many interesting items including three former Troop Sleepers which were used by the Army during World War II. Your group will also see all types of memorabilia including uniforms, timetables, lanterns, light fixtures and much more
- The Henry Ford (or Greenfield Village) - named after its founder and industrialist Henry Ford, it has become a "National Treasure"

*Scheduled Tour, May 6-7, 2017 for groups unable to fill a bus*

## **TORONTO TOUR**

### **Suggested tour length is 3 days**

- Lodging can be in downtown Toronto or nearby (to save money)
- Guided Tour of Toronto with a local guide - see and hear about the downtown area
- Tickets to a Broadway Show
- CN Tower, the tallest freestanding structure in the world. Passengers will enjoy viewing the area from the observation level
- Royal Ontario Museum - The largest museum in Canada attracts more than a million visitors each year. There are more than six million items in the forty galleries. The museum's diverse collections of world culture and natural history contribute to its international reputation
- Casa Loma - Tour this Gothic Revival style house and gardens that is now a museum and landmark. It was built from 1911 to 1914 as a residence for financier Sir Henry Mill Pellatt.
- Stop in Niagara Falls

## **CAPE MAY . . . A VICTORIAN SEASIDE TOUR**

### **Suggested tour length is 4 or 5 days**

Take A Fun Trip and experience the Victorian Seaside Resort of Cape May. See the sparkling beaches of the Atlantic. Share the visual treat of gingerbread-trimmed houses. Tour a lighthouse. Glimpse into the lifestyle of the American Victorian Era. See shows at local dinner theatres. Search for "Cape May Diamonds". Sail around Cape May and look for Bottlenose Dolphins and whales. This and much more await you on our "Victorian Seaside Tour". This package can even include a tea luncheon with a Victorian Fashion Show, a trolley tour of historic Cape May and a tour of the Emlen Physick House and Estate. There is so much to see in this resort area and your Great Day! Tours rep will customize your tour experience.

*We also have a Scheduled Tour on September 25-29, 2017 for smaller groups*

## **KNOXVILLE HUB 'N SPOKE EXPERIENCE**

**Suggested tour length is 4, 5 or 6 days**

First settled in 1786, Knoxville was the first capital of Tennessee. The area has so much to offer so we created a hub 'n spoke experience so you stay in one hotel but experience the area. Typically, breakfast and dinner are included each day. Customize your package by selecting the areas you would like to visit:

- **Downtown Knoxville Excursion** - Board the Three Rivers Rambler steam train for a scenic journey. Travel past historical sites to the Three Rivers Trestle where the French Broad and Holston Rivers join to form the Tennessee River. We'll also stop at the Mast General Store, the East Tennessee Historical Society Museum and finish the day at The Historic Southern Railway Station, home of the Blue Sip Winery.
- **Smoky Mountain Excursion** - Pigeon Forge has so much to offer to your group. We customize your day to include attractions like the Titanic Museum or Ole Smoky Mountain Moonshine, shows in one of their theatres, a guided tour or the Dollywood theme park.
- **Oak Ridge "Secret City" excursion** - Step back in time at the Museum of Appalachia of the South museum and grounds tour. A stop will also be made at the American Museum of Science and Energy / Manhattan Project National Historical Park (Secret City area). There is also a stop at a Fudge factory.
- **Hiwassee River Rail Adventure** - Fifty miles of breathtaking views on the "Hiwassee Loop". Lunch is included on the train.



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