

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

DINING AT THE EDESEL & ELEANOR FORD HOME, VISITING HIS PLANT GROSSE POINT SHORES THUR JUNE 1, 2017

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, Middleburg Heights, North Olmsted, Elyria, Sandusky.

The small upscale community of Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, was the home of the only son of Henry Ford, and President of the Ford Motor Company. Edsel worked closely with his



father, as sole heir to the business, and was most interested in developing cars that were “more exciting” than the “Tin Lizzie”, the Model T. The first product that made it to production, as he embraced this challenge, was the “fashionable Model A” in 1927. He founded the Mercury Division and was responsible for the Lincoln Zephyr and the Continental as well as introducing hydraulic brakes to stop these faster vehicles in a shorter distance.

In 1916 Edsel married Eleanor Clay, the niece of department store owner J.L. Hudson. It goes without saying that they “lived well”. They were “cultural, social and economic leaders in an era of great optimism as well as a turbulent time of economic depression and world war. They owned more than one house but Southeastern Michigan was their home. Here they built their final residence along the shores of Lake Saint Clair. The home was impressive yet unpretentious and the place that they raised their four children.”

This stop allows you to tour and enjoy your luncheon at the home that “reflects their love of family as well as their mutual passion for art and quality design.” The Great Day! Tours staff has arranged for a meal befitting the surroundings, the Chicken Wellington specialty, a “boneless breast of chicken wrapped in puff-pastry shell with mushroom duxelle sauce, topped with a supreme sauce”. We will also be touring this beautiful home. The delicious



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food and ambience led to this tour being a “sell-out” last year . . . which allows us to keep the price the same this year.



But there is even more to this tour, i.e. how the Fords made their money.

Before arriving at their home we will be visiting the Dearborn Assembly Plant and watch as F-150 pickup trucks are assembled and “come off the line” . . . much as the way Henry Ford laid out the production of the original Model T’s. This process sped up the production of vehicles, reduced the price so that more working people could purchase them and revolutionized manufacturing in the early 20th century.

This plant is one of two in the United States that manufactures these pickup trucks . . . and a lot closer to home, especially for a one-day motorcoach tour, not to mention getting to tour and dine at the President’s home. The other is in Kansas City. It just might take even longer to get there if we chose to do it in a Model T.

\$144 per person
Same price as 2016

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