Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS OF PENNSYLVANIA, ACCLAIMED "A FORK IN THE ROAD, AN EDIBLE JOURNEY" LAST YEAR TUE-THUR SEPT 19 - 21, 2017

Departures, as applicable, from Westlake, Elyria, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Beachwood, Boston Heights.

This is an upscale tour that focuses on culinary experiences and combines them and unique experiences & entertainment into one tour. First introduced last year, based on the raves that we received, we believe that we discovered a package that you, too, will enjoy during the fall of this year. Located in the magnificent Allegheny Mountains region, the Laurel Highlands span 3000 square miles in the southwestern portions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It boasts spectacular natural scenery, outstanding recreation, historic sites and attractions. If you have been looking for a comprehensive tour package, all assembled into a three-day/two-night package, this just might be "right up your alley". Last year's tour inclusions have remained the same; the only thing that changed slightly was the title of the tour to better represent where you would be traveling . . . and the addition of one luncheon.

TUESDAY – This year we have added a 6th meal, a luncheon at a popular restaurant along historic Route 31, a highway that carried much of the traffic before the turnpike was constructed. Our journey continues as we arrive at the Visitors Center near Shanksville, the site of the Flight 93 Memorial Visitors Center. This memorial is a perpetual tribute in honor of those heroes on the United Airlines flight that was hijacked on September 11, 2001. From there we will be seeing a location that had a much better outcome, seeing the events that led to the miraculous rescue of 9 trapped miners that ended a 77-hour ordeal as a result of the Quecreek Mine Rescue. We will be seeing the artifacts used, including the actual yellow rescue capsule and hear about this incredible rescue; the story that you will be hearing is true!

We will be checking into our hotel to "freshen up" with a Red-Carpet Cheese & Crackers Welcome Reception. And, at 7 o'clock, we have reservations for the "Sentimental Jukebox Journey Dinner Show" at the hotel. Tonight's show will be featuring a 40's/50's/60's musical revue through the decades as we enjoy a delicious buffet. **(L, D and Entertainment)**

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

WEDNESDAY – After a hearty breakfast buffet at the hotel we'll travel over for a guided tour of the Compass Inn Museum, an authentically-restored 1799 stagecoach stop. Using "etymology" (i.e. meanings that have changed over the years), costumed docents tell the story of life in the early 1800's . . . while fresh hot doughnuts are being made, just as they were done in Colonial times. Another edible you are sure to enjoy. We will be seeing the inn, cookhouse, bar and blacksmith shop. Staying in a hotel was very different in 1820 than it is today. You'll have to see it to appreciate it. You'll be seeing some of the pots and utensils that women used to prepare meals over an open hearth and learn how they baked bread in the beehive oven. During our visit, you will be discovering why wealthy people are sometimes called the "upper crust".

At the Latrobe Art Center, there will be a hands-on art activity and, to complement the theme of this tour, you'll be able to paint beverage coasters and as you enjoy gourmet coffee and homemade biscotti. Then it's off to Rizzo's Malabar Inn for a delicious Italian lunch. Their 80 years of experience will be evident as our meal is complemented with homemade gelato followed by some free time to peruse the Marketplace where you can find homemade chocolates and other tasty treats. Mid-afternoon we've scheduled an "Educational Wine Tasting" (since we do consider wine as "edible") at the beautiful Stone Villa Winery.

Afterwards we will have some time to visit a couple of the 60 specialty shops in Ligonier before traveling over to a place that's got to be a new experience for you . . . Treetops Restaurant in Polymath Park. The park is now home to three homes, one of which is the relocated Frank Lloyd Wright's 1957 home that he designed for Usonian Duncan; you will be hearing how it was relocated over 600 miles, piece by piece. Treetops offers a combination of "culinary, architecture and nature in a dramatic, enchanted forest setting". The décor has been described as "exemplifying the ambiance of Frank Lloyd Wright and his beliefs of integrating nature within the space." All three meals are included in this "edible journey tour" today. **(B, L, D)**

THURSDAY – Again, in keeping with the theme of this tour, we will be having a fabulous farewell Mimosa Breakfast. This upscale private group breakfast will feature some of the favorites dishes including omelets, waffles, bacon, sausage, lox, bagels, fresh fruit, breads and breakfast pastries . . . and "bottomless Mimosas", typically composed of equal parts of champagne and chilled citrus fruit juice, normally orange juice.

So far we have been to the location of Frank Lloyd Wright's Duncan Home and many of our

passengers have probably already visited his Fallingwater, built for the Kaufmann family, but today we will add a third visit to this iconic architect's work . . . Kentuck Knob. As with many of his other works, he has integrated architecture and sculpture seamlessly together into the beautiful landscape of the Laurel Highlands. After a stop for lunch we will be making our final visit at the National Aviary. It is the country's largest indoor aviary and has been accorded the honorary "National" status by the United States Congress. It is dedicated to birds and its diverse collection "comprises more than 500 birds of 150 different species from around the world, many of them threatened or endangered in the wild". There will even be an opportunity to interact with the free-flying birds. **(B)**

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Package, upgraded to include 6 meals

$539 per person in a double
$529 per person in a triple
$519 per person in a quad
$638 per person in a single

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