

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

SAINTS & SINNERS TOUR

THUR SEPT 21, 2017

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



Each year we attempt to add some new one-day and multi-day tours and this is one of them that has some great inclusions, wrapped under the moniker (name, that is) “Saints & Sinners”

We will be arriving during the morning in what is now Fremont, Ohio, originally an 1750's French trading post that was then called Wyandot Village. In 1803 it was part of the Northwest Territory that was admitted to the Union as part of the new state of Ohio. In 1873, future president Rutherford B. Hayes moved his family into this area, naming his estate “Spiegel Grove”.

A local historian will be taking us on a 90-minute tour of the area, telling local stories and showing, with pride, things in his hometown that create a colorful history.

Lunch should also be a new experience at a place that we are fairly confident that you have not previously visited . . . at “Fremont’s most beautiful jewel”, the Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center. It is a peaceful place, nestled in nature, located on 63 acres of scenic grounds, most of which sits on Evergreen Hill; it shares the grounds with St. Bernardine Convent. After lunch, we will have a short tour of the facilities.

Our next visit will be at Grace Lutheran Church, home to Fremont’s most beautiful example of stained glass. While you are enjoying these windows and other artifacts, you will be learning the history of some of these windows. Like so much of the area, its history dates back to 1892 when it was founded as an English-speaking Lutheran congregation. Work continued over the years with the stained glass windows being installed in the Sanctuary between 1948 and 1972 and the Chapel Mosaic going in two years later. Additional Mosaics continued until as recently as 1985.

Enough of the morning “Saints”, we will now be taking a “break” and travel to the County Historical Jail . . . for those “Sinners” in the territory’s past. Ever wonder what early jail life might be like? This guided tour includes the 1892 jail with ties to President Rutherford B. Hayes, the 1840's dungeon and the exhibits area that displays the gallows used for the last hanging in Sandusky County. We want you to listen closely as



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we hear stories while learning the significance of this rare and historic structure located in a former Victorian home.

We do need to get back to the “Saints” as we visit St. Ann Catholic Church. This is the home to the oldest Catholic church in the city which also has many beautiful stained glass windows to be enjoyed. St. Ann originally began as an Irish parish over 175 years ago; it has transformed into a diverse community with many nationalities.

Before we depart for home the coach will be stopping to permit the purchase of an ice cream treat at a shop that boasts 52 ice cream toppings and a bevy of hot flavored lattes, teas and coffee. Whether you prefer “hot or cold”, just as you had a choice between “sinner and saint”, you can probably find it here.



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