

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

PHILADELPHIA, CHRISTKINDLMARKT, SANDS WED-SAT, DEC 6-9, 2017

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

NOTE: This four-day package combines some of the more popular destinations into a terrific Holiday Tour for your consideration at a \$50 per person savings over last year.

WEDNESDAY – OUR HOLIDAY TOUR STARTS AT THE SANDS, LEHIGH VALLEY – We will depart and travel across I-80 through Pennsylvania, with a rest stop and a luncheon stop along the way. Upon our arrival in Bethlehem we will be traveling over to the Sands Casino Hotel where we will be staying all three nights – just one check-in and one check-out for your convenience. This beautiful facility was opened about the time that the Sands Casino in Atlantic City closed. You will be receiving:

- **Three continental breakfasts**
- **Two \$20 food vouchers**
- **A buffet voucher**
- **Outlets Discount Book**
- **\$90 in casino free play**
- **. . . and two additional meals, a mid-day dinner during our Philadelphia tour and another enroute home**



There are a number of restaurants including Emeril's Chop House, his Fish House and Carnegie Deli, to name a few. Occasionally they also have big-name entertainers in their theater. You'll have time to relax and enjoy the casino resort, while you can start your gaming with "some of the casino's money, no less". **Enjoy all that this beautiful casino has to offer.**



THURSDAY – The Holidays in Philadelphia – Breakfast is included this morning, and every morning, for your enjoyment. At the time announced we will board the coach and travel into the heart of Philadelphia.

Here our Guide will be joining us to show, in about six or seven hours, how the city "glitters up" for the Christmas Season. We'll be seeing "some places new" and, perhaps, there'll be some places that you've seen before . . . but not decorated for the holidays as they will be.

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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 7:30 PM to 9 PM, although this may vary.

And, what better way to “get into the holiday mood” than joining with us in the meal that our staff has selected especially for the “this time of year”! We will be traveling into Fairmount Park, home of one of the finest collections of authentic early American houses in the country. These unique houses were once the summer homes of the city’s colonial elite and exemplify the “good life in America’s earliest years”. You will be delighted by the stunning interiors and festive exteriors created by the local garden clubs. We have added a mid-day dinner while we are in Philadelphia to get you even more into the Holiday Spirit.

After lunch, we will be visiting Macy’s Department Store (formerly Wanamakers’s) to view their Christmas Light Show, a Philadelphia tradition since 1956. Watch snowflakes, ballerinas and reindeer float beyond the four-story high-velvet curtain of the Grand Court atrium. More than 100,000 bright LED lights combine to create fantastic holiday images accompanied by festive music from the world-renowned Wanamaker Grand Organ. Then step back into 1840’s London as you walk through the huge “Dickens Village” with fully animated figures bringing to life 26 heartwarming scenes from Dicken’s classic “A Christmas Carol”. During the late afternoon, we will return to the Sands Casino Hotel.

FRIDAY – Bethlehem and Christkindlmarkt – Breakfast is again included and, today, we’ve included a full day of activities for your holiday enjoyment. We will be starting with a visit to the Martin Guitar Company’s museum, not too far from “Bethlehem” . . . in “Nazareth” (an unusual coincidence for a Christmas Tour, eh?). Seeing their exhibits on how guitars “come to life through the hands of the craftsperson, following a guitar from rough lumber to a finished product with over 300 steps to complete”. This company has enjoyed 180 years of rich history.

In 1937, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce started a nationwide letter-writing campaign and successfully got their city known as “The Christmas City” by having people throughout the country send their Christmas cards to them to receive the “Christmas City” cancellation. The post office, however, was inundated that first year when more than 185,000 additional pieces of mail arrived during that one month.



Later in the day we will be traveling into downtown Bethlehem for what Travel and Leisure Magazine has recognized as one of the “top holiday markets in the world”. Christkindlmarkt Bethlehem “showcases aisles of handmade works by the nation’s finest artisans, the heart-warming sounds of live Christmas music, delicious food and more”. Set under large, heated tents, “this arts and crafts market is modeled after Europe’s open air holiday marketplaces. You’ll see carriages, costumed guides and museums that are decorated as they would have been when the Moravians first walked through these streets in the 1700’s and 1800’s”.

While we are here, be sure to stop by the glassblowing booth where beautiful ornaments and decorations are always being made. You can even try your hand at making your own glass ornament, perfect for gift giving or the family's Christmas tree. Over the past two decades, this marketplace has drawn over a million visitors from around the world. For something special, and in keeping with a tradition that began in Germany in the late Middle Ages, we will be visiting Kathe Wohlfahrt with an amazing collection of handmade ornaments, nutcrackers and collectibles.



This evening we will also be enjoying a "Bethlehem at Night" tour with a local guide, seeing the Star on the Mountain that overlooks the city.

SATURDAY – Alas, all good things must come to an end – While we are enjoying the included breakfast, our luggage will be loaded aboard the motorcoach and we will head for home. A luncheon is included in the package today, in keeping with the holiday season.

PHILADELPHIA, CHRISTKINDLMARKT, 3 NIGHTS AT THE SANDS – DECEMBER 2017
All passengers must be at least 21 years of age

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