

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**DENNISON DEPOT & A LOT OF HISTORY**

**THURS SEPT 6, 2018**

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

This new package will be taking you through a lot of history, from the patriotic efforts at a railroad station in a small town to the history of shipbuilding through the ages.

Dennison, our first visit on this tour itinerary, grew and developed due to the influences of both the coal industry and the railroads. It was located at the midpoint between Pittsburgh and Columbus, each being about 100 miles away, the exact same distance that locomotives had to stop to replenish their water to make steam in their boilers. Since the Dennison Coal Company was located in this area, they could replenish their tenders with coal. In 1864, The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway (later to become part of the Pennsylvania Railroad) constructed their large yard here. We will be visiting the beautifully-restored 1873 Pennsylvania Railroad Depot which originally served as the railroad's Panhandle Division Headquarters, learning of its place in history and this tour.

During World War I, the Red Cross operated a canteen from a boxcar with canteen volunteers preparing coffee and sandwiches for troops traveling through Dennison by train.



When World II came about, the canteen was once again needed and originally operated out of a gas station; it moved to the depot restaurant which took on the name "Dreamsville". We will be visiting this fascinating site, located inside a train, seeing the numerous exhibits and learning about the 4,000 working volunteer townsfolk who donated so much time on the "homefront" to support our

troops, serving 1.3 million service members. We have found the stories fascinating at this National Historic Landmark, "acclaimed the most significant remaining example in the nation of a railroad canteen reflecting its World War II heritage".

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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. This tour will typically depart between 6 AM and 7:30 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 9:30 PM, although this may vary.

Outside on the depot grounds, you can explore steam locomotives, a nickel plate caboose, freight cars and other passenger cars.

We will be traveling to yet another attraction but, by now, we are sure to be hungry. Our staff gets hungry, too, so they've arranged for a family-style dinner of freshly-prepared Gerber chicken and delicious roast beef, with all the trimmings. Then we will be making a short shopping stop, possibly for some still-warm bakery, before a great new attraction.

While you may be familiar with the "Warther family name", this time we will be visiting the beautiful new facilities built by David Warther, a "fifth generation carver of Swiss heritage who is continuing his family's carving legacy. His carvings are intricately worked of antique ivory, ebony wood and abalone pearl. Each of the 83 works (and counting!) is heavily engraved through the art form known as scrimshaw. Working daily in his on-site workshop, he is creating the "History of the Ship" from 1st Dynasty Egypt, circa 3000 B.C., to the present day." Unbelievably, we found it fascinating how he cuts and shapes the intricate fine detailing of the ropes themselves . . . which you will be seeing first-hand.



Our final stop of the day has been timed for an almost-home arrival at Marshallville Packing Company, offering a lot of local products and meats from local farmers. Select your purchase from beef, jerky, pork, poultry, sausage, and Amish products, not to mention unique, and oftentimes available, bison, veal, lamb, seafood, duck, goose, turkey and rabbit, to name a few of their offerings. We're almost home . . . so take some with you.

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**\$134 per person**

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