

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

OHIO'S OLDEST CITY

WED JUNE 26, 2019

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

This was a brand-new tour introduced last year. We will travel to the area where the Muskingum River and Ohio River come together. Founded in 1788, Marietta became the first city in what is now the State of Ohio; before that, once a family crossed the river, you were in what was then called the "frontier". At the same time, it was the country's first permanent settlement west of the Ohio River, founded by Rufus Putnam.

It was originally named "Adelphia", from the Ancient Greek word meaning "brotherhood". Later the group that financed the development of this area decided to rename it to honor Queen Marie Antoinette of France to honor her country's contribution to our having won the American Revolution.



Most of the early settlers came from New England, followed by those from Virginia and Kentucky who joined them within a few short years. Having been here first, those from the east set up the community much like those in New England, with a church, school and common areas, planting mulberry trees along the wide streets that they included as part of their planning. Indian attacks were always of concern, back then that is, and they built the fort, Campus Martius, for protection.

Today, we will be seeing much of this historic past and, like those early frontier folks, we will be getting hungry, so our tour department has arranged for a luncheon befitting this tour; we have reservations at a historic riverfront hotel. The river, originally handling both trade and transportation, was lined with dry goods stores, hotels, restaurants, and taverns. The Lafayette Hotel got its name from the Marquis de Lafayette, who came ashore here in 1825 and was the first tourist to visit Marietta. The building where the Lafayette stands was originally built in 1892 and named the Bellevue Hotel. The Bellevue was destroyed by fire on April 26, 1916. A Marietta businessman rebuilt the hotel, renamed it the Lafayette Hotel and it opened on July 1, 1918. We will be dining in the Gun Room Dining Room. The Gun Room is known for its collection of long rifles. Each rifle is numbered with a description and brief history which hangs just inside the restaurant's entrance. Also, pictures from The Bellevue fire are displayed in the restaurant. While we

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are here, we are generally served a buffet with choices such as: Chicken Piccata, Baked Ham and Pecan-Encrusted Salmon.

During our visit to Ohio's oldest city we will be seeing, from the comfort of our coach, many of the highlights of the area including the Marietta Earthworks, located at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio Rivers, a location where much of the Hopewellian complex of earthworks is now covered by the modern city of Marietta. It dates back many years B.C. There will be a number of interesting places that we will be seeing, including "The Anchorage", a historical home that is rumored to have tunnels that led to the Muskingum River as part of the Underground Railroad.

Our local Marietta guide will be taking us inside a beautifully-preserved 1855 Gothic-Revival structure, "The Castle", now a museum. As we tour the site we will be hearing fascinating stories, from the local history of one of the oldest regions in the Northwest Territory.

We've also scheduled a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, where the first service was conducted by a chaplain to a French expedition from Québec in the early years of the town. While there have been several structures in Marietta over the years, the congregation eventually realized, in 1900, that it needed to build in a location on higher ground after being flooded four different times. The building we will be seeing was consecrated in 1909 and has stained glass windows created in Munich, Germany.

\$154 per person
Still competitively priced.

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