

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

DINING WITH THE BIRDS, IKEA SHOPPING

TUES AUGUST 6, 2019

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

This was introduced as one of our new tours for 2017 and features a most unique experience that takes you “up close” to some of the most beautiful, and fascinating, birds that you may have only been able to see from afar in the past. Based on the passenger responses, and the menu selections being offered, we are bringing it back again for 2019.

The National Aviary's collection features birds representing every continent except Antarctica. It is the country's largest aviary, and has been the only attraction of its type to be accorded honorary "National" status by the United States Congress. Many of these species are showcased in free-flight mixed species exhibits, to allow the birds to demonstrate natural behaviors. Penguin Point is home to 18 penguins, transporting you to the rocky shores of South Africa to experience the sights and sounds of a real penguin colony. You'll have a chance to see them doing what penguins do best: waddling, squabbling, scaling rocks and torpedoing their way through the water.



In time, the National Aviary hopes to breed select members of the penguin group as part of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) African Penguin Species Survival Plan, a carefully monitored breeding program that seeks to preserve healthy, genetically diverse populations of African penguins.

As with so many of our packages, we have an interesting meal awaiting us upon arrival in Pittsburgh. When booking, please select your preferred entrée at the National Aviary.

We will be having their “enhanced menu offering” of **Tomato Vodka Pasta Florentine with your choice of Lemon Pepper Chicken or Orange Glazed Salmon**; it's a special dish created from imported cavatappi pasta tossed in a signature tomato vodka sauce and served with fresh chopped spinach and shaved Parmesan cheese.

Our entrée is generally accompanied by mixed greens with chopped eggs, bacon, tomatoes, onions and cheese with your choice of garlic vinaigrette or peppercorn ranch dressing. Of course, there will be assorted artisan dinner rolls, a freshly-baked dessert and beverage.

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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 7 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 PM to 8 PM, although this may vary.



During the afternoon we will be experiencing a number of unique things, such as having a bird feeding right out of your hand. We will be learning what makes each bird unique and seeing, up close, penguins, a bird from the Macaw family and at least one other bird, possibly an owl.

The historic Tropical Rainforest exhibit is one of three free-flight exhibit areas in the National Aviary, allowing you an unparalleled view into habits and behaviors of the birds living freely within the exhibit.

Before we depart for home we will be making a stop at Robinson Town Center, the location of the IKEA store. These stores are best known as the Scandinavian chain that sells ready-to-assemble furniture, plus housewares. Who knows, you might just find something you have been looking for . . . and the motorcoach does have fairly good-sized bays underneath it for those “special purchases”.

\$148 per person

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