

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

FINGER LAKES & THE GRAND CANYON

TUE-THUR AUG 11-13, 2020

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

This was a new tour last year. Well, actually, we brought back and expanded a popular tour that we've been offering about every two to four years. This three-day tour combines the New York Finger Lakes with the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. We will be starting out in the Painted Post / Corning area. While a lot of ideas surround how the area got its name, the early inhabitants of this area (the Seneca Indians) never had a painted post nor was the post that existed even "painted". This plain post had been used as a type of bulletin board and when the settlers moved into the area, they are the ones who painted it. The Seneca word for the area was meant "*Land of the post*". . . which really has absolutely nothing to do with this tour, but we did learn that as we laid out this tour and wanted to share it with you.

The only reason we mention it is that it lies in the region that we will be touring, the Finger Lakes. It's so named for its long, thin lakes and is equally famous for its vineyards. This area has dramatic waterfalls and eleven glacial lakes, leading to its having been acclaimed to be a "*backdrop for Mother Nature's best work*".



Our tour starts out with a guided tour of the Corning Museum of Glass with time for browsing and to visit their wonderful gift shop. Our first meal of this visit will be a Finger Lakes Wine Country Dinner Buffet, starting with a glass of Finger Lakes wine or grape juice. In keeping with the theme of the tour, our dinner includes chicken piccata in garlic & New York white wine sauce or sirloin slices in New York red wine & mushroom demi-glace (a rich brown sauce that is oftentimes used in French cuisine) plus regionally-grown fresh vegetables . . . but this is just the start.



The Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport honors this pioneer in early aviation. The museum exhibits airplanes as well as Curtiss motorcycles and local collectibles. Interestingly, in 1907 he set a speed record on a V8-powered motorcycle, using an engine built for dirigibles. We've selected this museum as it has something for everyone. We've also arranged for an enjoyable narrated sightseeing cruise on Seneca Lake, discovering the beauty and charm as it can only be seen from the water.

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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 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

There will be many captivating sights including the 165-foot Hector Falls and the majestic cliffs of the eastern shoreline . . . before we enjoy an afternoon winetasting at a Finger Lakes vineyard as we travel to the International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen.

Later in the afternoon, dinner will be served as we overlook Lake Seneca (see below). We'll be starting out with a garden salad, New England clam chowder, garlic smashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables and ending up with chocolate tuxedo cake for dessert. When signing up, please advise of your entrée choice:

- **New York strip steak with herb-garlic butter.**
- **Zesty Italian-marinated chicken breast with tomato fresca.**
- **Stuffed portabella mushrooms (filled with a blend of veggies, topped with melted cheese and served over wilted spinach).**
- **Broiled haddock with lemon and butter.**
- **Shrimp pasta (sautéed in cream sauce and served over linguini; this entrée is not served with a side dish).**



By now, you have probably noticed the quality that has been built into this tour, including the upscale meal entrees, a tradition that has been a Great Day! hallmark over the years.

But here's where this tour really stands out as we travel to Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon, also referred to as Pine Creek Gorge. While we have no intention of traveling its full length, it stretches for over 45 miles. Its dynamic topography creates many scenic wonders, including steep canyon walls and waterfalls. And, based on reviews by our previous guests, there is no better way to see it than during a horse-drawn covered wagon ride. The wagon company indicates that they are not able to accommodate wheelchairs or walkers.



Wellsboro will be our next stop. Founded in 1806 by settlers from Delaware, Maryland and Philadelphia, it was named in honor of Mary Wells, wife of one of the original settlers. We will be dropped at Timeless Destination in the downtown area where we will be starting out with garden salad, fresh baked bread, our entrée and their dessert du jour. When booking this tour, please advise which entrée you prefer:

- **Quatro Formaggi Pasta served with Cajun four cheeses.**
- **Chicken Piccata (pan seared chicken breast with lemon caper sauce served with potato and vegetable du jour).**
- **Dill Salmon (fresh grilled salmon with a dill cream sauce served with potato and vegetable du jour).**

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Package includes 5 meals and 2 wine tastings.

\$684 per person in a double
\$674 per person in a triple
\$664 per person in a quad
\$850 per person in a single

Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept all major credit cards and checks.
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