

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

SOUTH BEND -- COLLEGE, CARS & COLLECTIBLES TUES-WED JUNE 22-23, 2021

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

Just a matter of hours west of the Ohio border, South Bend was originally settled by fur traders and achieved city-status in 1865. Today it is the fourth-largest city in the State of Indiana. Major companies helped it to grow with industrial giants like Oliver Chilled Plow Company and Studebaker Corporation contributing much to that initial growth. Given the importance of these early companies, we will be making a visit to the state-of-the-art National Museum that chronicle the vehicles made over their 114 years. You will be seeing stately Studebakers, impressive Packards, sporty Avantis, trucks and smaller Larks . . . along with displays that tell the story of the region's other automotive and industrial history. Exhibits include the carriage Abraham Lincoln rode to Ford's Theatre the night of his assassination and a carriage the Marquis de Lafayette was seen riding in the early 1800s.



Then, in 1842 the University of Notre Dame was founded and over the years, gained prominence in the early part of the 20th Century when their football team had much success under their coach, Knute Rockne. We will be arriving on the campus about lunchtime, allowing you to see this famous college and observe the students that are proud to call this "their school". Interestingly, no one is quite sure how a school created by French priests somehow picked up the name "Fighting Irish".



We will be staying at a countryside inn, a contrast to the typical motels and hotels found in many cities. It is located on a "campus setting", and offers specialty shops and good ol' family-style cooking. Dinner awaits us after we arrive and have checked into our rooms to freshen-up.

It's only a short drive the next morning as we travel to the Shipshewana Flea Market, the largest flea market in the Midwest part of the country with nearly 700 vendors covering 40 acres. Sellers offer all types of things including collectibles, bargains, gifts, home decor, signs, makeup, produce, plants, food, clothes, antiques and wood crafts. During our morning here, they will also be having an antique auction and a livestock auction later in the day.



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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 5:15 AM and 7:15 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 9 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

This afternoon we will have said “good-bye” to the horse buggies around the flea market and travel into Auburn, Indiana. Over a hundred years ago the automobile industry began to expand here and Auburn automobiles were first built in 1903. About ten years later, the city saw the creation of a rubber tire manufacturer join its “industrial base”. As demand increased, Auburns, Cords and Duesenbergs were seen on streets around the nation. We have reservations to visit the museum, a former showroom, that honors these three makes.



Stepping across the parking lot we will be going into the building that was formerly part of the Auburn factory. The building was used for test-driving these expensive cars before being delivered as well as providing any service that might be needed before these vehicles were shipped out to the many dealers. We will be seeing historic cars, trucks and military vehicles of all types as well as a streamlined Futurliner bus that General Motors used to transport prototype cars to various car shows across the country. Restored Futurliners have sold at auction for as much as \$4.2 Million.

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Package includes 3 meals

\$364 per person in a double

\$359 per person in a triple

\$354 per person in a quad

\$429 per person in a single

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