

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

“SIGHTS UNSEEN IN CLEVELAND”

WED SEPT 28, 2022

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

Welcome to our “*Sights Unseen in Cleveland*” tour with its new destinations. Putting this package together was not too difficult since most of our staff was born and raised in this region. Having offered visits to other fascinating destinations over the years, we have discovered that few people may even know about many of these attractions or, if they did, it may have been many, many years since they last saw them . . . and things do change.



During this tour you will be visiting the Hay-McKinney Mansion, a large home built in the Italian Renaissance Revival style. This home was built in 1911 for Clara Hay, the daughter of railroad magnate Amasa Stone, and the wife of John Hay.

This home replaced the original residence that was located on Euclid Avenue along “*Millionaires Row*” and, upon completion of the new structure, Ms. Hay had the original home demolished, as was a not-so-unusual practice at the time, to prevent the home from being turned into a rooming house or other facility.

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Some people-of-means even took their handsome woodwork and, occasionally, the elaborate staircases, so that it could be incorporated into their new home.

We'll also be seeing "*where Cleveland starts*" and have included a museum that chronicles many the cars and trucks that were built right here in Northern Ohio and traveled streets of the city over the years. Up until 1931, more than 80 different automobiles were manufactured in Cleveland. The last car to be built here was the Peerless, the company that developed the first closed-body motor vehicle. Way back in 1915, Peerless was the first company with electric lights on their vehicles; this Cleveland-company and Cadillac were the only two manufacturers building V8 engines. Interestingly, after Peerless closed, the factory was utilized by the Carling Brewing Company.



Cleveland was also home to several Amusement Parks and, to celebrate that achievement, you'll have a chance to "*go back in time*" with a ride or two on the historic Euclid Beach Grand Carousel. The colorful, hand-carved wooden horses have been totally rebuilt, awaiting passengers to board them, or one of the carriages, in the Carousel Pavilion.

After our luncheon, we've included admissions to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, the first place of its type in the country. Located in University Circle, it traces its roots back to 1930 when it opened as the "*Garden Center*", in a converted boathouse on Wade Park Lagoon. It has certainly come a long way over the past 90 years. It's been known for its ever-changing outdoor gardens, a glasshouse and a butterfly-filled rainforest.

Our next visit will be at the centerpiece of University Circle, the Cleveland Museum of Art.



We will be greeted by "*The Thinker*", the bronze sculpture by Auguste Rodin and, during our tour, you just may be hearing how this is the only sculpture without legs by the artist. If you've not been here in years, you will not recognize the Museum after all the capital investments that have taken place.

\$114 per person
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