

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

“BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS”, WITH ROOTS IN THE 1800s

WED-FRI JUNE 14-16, 2023

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Many folks who shaped our country, from architects, U.S. Presidents, engineers and scientists, grew up in the Western New York area. This has led to the cities being home to remarkable buildings and public spaces. The Village of East Aurora is fascinating, with many “Giants” who impacted so many. During the early 1800s, Millard Fillmore lived in a home on Shearer Avenue, where he practiced law before becoming the 13th President of the United States, being the last member of the Whig Party in the White House.



Another “*name from the Village’s past*” is Elbert Hubbard, the founder of the Roycroft Movement. This community was made up of artists who formed much of the country’s Arts & Crafts movement. While he was on the RMS Lusitania when it went down in 1915, his teachings live on, as does his print shop that has been transformed into the Roycroft Inn, which we will be touring and enjoying our luncheon. Given this tour’s “history theme”, a stop will be made at a “*five & dime store*” virtually unchanged since it opened in 1930. It’s easy to recognize by the red and white awnings and gingerbread trim. Inside you will be walking across the original wooden floors, seeing big,

open counters and browsing shelves stocked with merchandise such as eyelet lace.

You will be seeing how Western New York has changed over the years. The Martin House was Frank Lloyd Wright’s largest residential project, designed in the “Prairie School Style”, it was completed in 1905. The restoration project cost \$50 million. The Harlow Curtiss Building, an ornate early 20th century closed in the 1990s but has been totally renovated and converted into a 68-room boutique hotel. More inclusions will be announced during the year.

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We will hear stories about the area's history and see the Naval and Military Park, the USS Sullivan (a U.S. Navy destroyer) and find out how Buffalo got its name. The Carousel Factory Museum, in a historic building in North Tonawanda that was completed in 1915, the structure houses colorful operating carousels being restored by craftsmen. The carousels, some dating back to the 1890s, have hand-carved wooden horses and spectacular lights to enhance their appeal. We will be taking a relaxing ride on one of these gorgeous restorations. Journey back to 1825 with us, to cruise the Erie Canal and to go through the

Lockport Locks, an engineering feat that ended the canal's 363-mile journey on the city's waterfront. Much of the credit for this canal belongs to New York City Mayor DeWitt Clinton, another "Giant". Since it provided a water route between the Hudson River and the Great Lakes, water traffic continued to increase, making Buffalo an industrial boomtown. Interestingly, the western-most portion of the canal was filled in by the early 20th century, only to be re-excavated recently to become the cornerstone of Canalside, along the waterfront.

While we are all pretty sure that buffalos are unable to fly, food-wise nothing is more reminiscent of the past than Buffalo Wings. There are several different claims about the invention of this popular treat named after the city, and one of the six included meals will be at the restaurant thought to have been first to prepare them.

The Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, located in the Ansley Wilcox House, chronicles the life of our 25th President. It also covers various aspects of President McKinley until the 1901 Pan-American Exposition. Interestingly, this house was originally a military post due to tensions between our country and Canada in 1839.

Join with us as we learn about the prominence and vision of these "Giants".

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Tour includes 6 meals

\$724 per person in a double

\$714 per person in a triple

\$704 per person in a quad

\$870 per person in a single



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