

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN'S LITTLE POLAND

MON JUNE 19, 2023

Departures, as applic: Beachwood/Orange, Independence, Middleburg Hts, No.Olmsted, Elyria.

At the suggestion of several of our travelers, we have brought back our tour to Hamtramck, Michigan. If you are not already aware, this area (which some refer to as a "hamlet") boasts that it presents "the world in two square miles." Hamtramck was named after Jean Francois Hamtramck who was the first American commander of Fort Shelby, which was most important during the War of 1812; it was located in what is present-day downtown Detroit.

Hamtramck was initially home to many Germans until the early 1900s when Polish immigrants arrived, bringing with them their heritage for most of the 20th century. To this day, Hamtramck remains synonymous with Polish culture. During our visit we will be enjoying a diverse area that still boasts delicious dishes offered at the Polish restaurant where we will be dining, typically in their upstairs dining room atop a picturesque staircase. We have selected their "combo plate" with stuffed cabbage, pierogi, kielbasa, mashed potatoes, kraut and other accompaniments. During the day we plan on seeing and/or visiting a number of the sites below and, possibly, some additional places in Detroit.

- Hamtramck's historic Turkey Stearnes Baseball Stadium.
- The Polish Arts Center and Srodek's Campau Market for shopping as well as viewing their collection of imported products. (Feel free to bring a small cooler in case of butcher purchases).
- Pope John Paul II Park, with a long mural and statue atop a pedestal, to honor the world's first Polish Pope.
- We will be seeing the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church (the largest Ukraine Church outside of Ukraine in the world) or alternate in case of a conflict with a scheduled wedding.
- Euro Mart Bakery for a treat from the "old country" for dessert, included in this Great Day! Tour package.
- The history of Hamtramck includes a notorious past, including their role during Prohibition; there was even a former Hamtramck tennis star, turned CIA spy, who inspired two TV shows and a feature film based on his life.

\$164 per person

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