

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**GO WEST AS WE CELEBRATE THE PAST**

**THUR AUG 3, 2023**

**SAUDER VILLAGE AND THE MV SANDPIPER ON THE MAUMEE RIVER**

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

We'll travel westward to the Village of Archbold, the first destination on this tour. Back in 1934, a local farm boy "with plenty of vision, determination and mechanical ability" founded a woodworking company that has become a world leader in ready-to-assemble furniture. He was also a forward-thinker and well aware that the past paved the way to the future; this led him to want to document those ancestors who settled in Northwest Ohio in the mid-1830s. Over the years he had dozens of structures relocated to create Sauder Village, later expanded to include a restaurant, the Doughbox Bakery and a country inn.



We will be dining in the quaint restaurant, The Barn, with its globe lights and wagon wheels decorating the ceiling; it's best known for its home-style meals. Take time to explore the candy counter at an old-time General Store or, perhaps, pick up fresh-baked cinnamon rolls from the bakery while enjoying the warmth of genuine, old-fashioned hospitality.



All types of historic buildings can be visited, as well as learning the story of Erie Sauder, the farm-boy-turned-entrepreneur who went on to found both Sauder Woodworking and Sauder Village. "Teenage Erie" began "fiddling" with wood on his hand-built gasoline-powered lathe in a small shed, an interest that led to his company becoming the largest manufacturer of ready-to-assemble furniture in the

country. Woodworking is an important part of Northwest Ohio's heritage. While pedaling the foot-powered lathe or jig saw, costumed guides will share stories about the skill of woodworkers before the age of electricity.

People of many faiths helped settle Northwest Ohio with the church being the heart of all small communities. You'll be able to slide into a pew and can generally sing along as the costumed docent plays traditional hymns on the 100-year-old pump organ.

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Other exhibits beckoning you to visit include a small-town doctor's office, a water-powered gristmill, houses and a schoolhouse back in the days before cafeterias, gymnasiums and computers, but with the McGuffey Reader. Enjoy the old-time print shop where the printer is at work making newspapers, tickets and recipes using a hand press and linotype.



Mid-afternoon, we will board the 100-passenger *MV Sandpiper* for a two-hour cruise on the Maumee River, seeing sights such as the Veterans Glass City Skyway Bridge, the busy port, a shipyard, dry docks and/or stately homes, yacht clubs, marinas and wildlife.

**\$184 per person**

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