

LOVE RECEPTIVE SERVICES

Dear Partner in Tourism,

I hope that in browsing these tour selections you will find something that works for your group and/or retail clients. Each of these tour selections has been packaged carefully with logistics, interest, and variety in mind. And I am always ready to customize packages to suit your travelers' needs.

I am now in my 46th year of planning tours and the past 18 have been exclusively as a receptive operator covering the following areas in Western Pennsylvania: Laurel Highlands (Somerset, Westmoreland and Fayette Counties, Pittsburgh, Indiana, Johnstown, Altoona, Bedford, and Mercer Counties. In the tours listed here you will find something in each of these areas. And there are many more packages to be found...just tell me the interests of your clients and I will get something special together for you to peruse.

I have given a range of prices for each tour package without transportation. When booking I will be able to quote an exact price. Occasionally hotel rates may be different than what I have budgeted, sometimes due to an especially busy time, festival, or other activity. Maybe even, lower during a slow period!

I am looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Carol Love, CTP

Dear Group Travel Leaders,

Please look through these tour selections. I will customize to suit your group's needs. Please contact your local coach company to fully package the tour with transportation.

It is my honor to work with and for you to provide your groups with the best in travel.

Sincerely,

Carol Love, CTP

LOVE RECEPTIVE SERVICES PRESENTS...2023

ONE DAY TOURS

America's Heroes of the 21st Century

Creativity

Triumph of the Human Spirit / Johnstown Flood
History

Pioneers and Heroes

Pittsburgh/Mountains/Rivers/Streets

Punxsutawney Phil and Jimmy Stewart

Altoona Railroad History

Ramblin' Route 30

Remember When?

Yesterday/Today

NEW ONE DAY TOURS

Christmas in July

Early Thanksgiving

MULTI-DAY TOURS

Essence of a Laurel Highlands Autumn

George Washington/The Making of the Man

History/Art/Nature, Butler County

Laurel Highlands Arts and Heritage

Our History is Your History

Pittsburgh / A Class Act

The "Wright" Places

Town and Country

FOR 2024 I WILL DO MY BEST TO PACKAGE AND PRICE ACCURATELY.

HOLIDAY TOURS

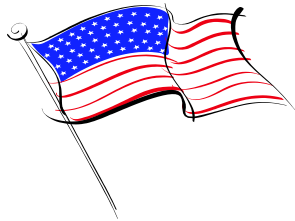
The Spirit of Christmas

The Heart of Christmas

Christmas Charm

Happy Holidays

"It's a Wonderful Life"



AMERICA'S HEROES

Flight 93 Memorial ~ Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

Quecreek Mine Rescue

Tour to run approx. 8-9 hours

Somerset County, Pennsylvania has been called “America’s County” because of the two life-changing events in which heroes lived and died in 2001 and 2002. We invite you to come and experience the places and hear the stories.

COMING FROM THE EAST: Pick up local guide at Sheetz just off Bedford Exit of PA Turnpike, Exit 146. It is best to have a rest stop prior to arrival here, perhaps Sidling Hill or Midway on pike.

FROM THE WEST A CONVENIENT LOCATION WILL BE SET.

Pay your respects at the Flight 93 National Memorial including both the Memorial Plaza with the Wall of Names of the Heroes of Flight 93 and the Visitor Center, dedicated on Sept 10, 2015. The exhibits in the Visitor Center bring back poignant memories as well as providing new insight into the events and the heroes of Flight 93. Phase 3 of the National Memorial, “The Tower of Voices,” was dedicated in September of 2018. The 93-foot-tall tower housing 40 windchimes is now complete and provides harmonious sounds reminding us of the 40 Heroes who came together and gave their lives in order to save this flight from reaching its intended target. *NOTE: the chimes are heard based on wind speed.* Each tour member receives a commemorative magnet “Remember the Heroes of Flight 93.”



Lunch at Our Coal Miners Diner is a plated meal of hot roast beef or hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes/gravy, beverage and dessert OR grilled chicken salad w/roll, beverage & dessert. Option: Oakhurst Grill offering a buffet meal.

Your spirits will soar as you visit the Quecreek Mine Rescue site where, on July 28th, 2002 nine miners were miraculously rescued from 240 feet beneath the earth in a farmer’s field just outside of Somerset. Hear of the events from the time the accident occurred until the last miner was brought up and you will understand that God was at work here. The rescue site has been developed into a beautiful garden and you will see the actual rescue capsule, the broken drill bit and many more artifacts from the Quecreek rescue and mining in general in the Educational Visitor Center.



Visit the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, which was dedicated, on the first anniversary of 9/11 to honor God and the memory of the 40 heroes of Flight 93. In the chapel you see many moving mementos donated by family members and others who wish to honor the heroes. Hearts are touched as you visit the chapel and the Flight 93 Crew Monument in the garden area behind the chapel. Donated by United Airlines Flight Attendants Cause Foundation, the monument entitled “Forever in Our Hearts” is a 16-ton black granite obelisk.



Possible additions to your day:

- Shop at a local Mennonite owned store ...adds about 40 minutes. Ice cream cone or cup may be included at an additional \$3.50/pp.
- Somerset Historical Center ~ see demo, maple syrup...adds about 1 hour and \$7
- Glades Pike Winery for tasting....adds about 45 minutes and \$2

INCLUDED: admissions/donations at sites, luncheon, step on guide, commemorative magnet “Remember the Heroes of Flight 93.” **NOT included:** guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON: \$55-\$58.50

CREATIVITY

Creativity is the theme of this day...

what others have done and what you will do!

Tour to run approx. 8 hours

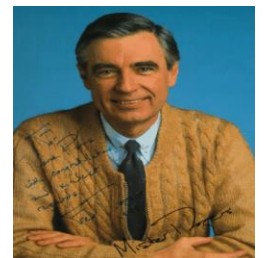
8;30 AM meet local guide at Big Mac Museum, Irwin for a rest stop and tour of this McDonalds Restaurant that is also a museum dedicated to the inventor of the Big Mac sandwich. See the World's largest Big Mac (good photo op) and lots of McDonald's memorabilia.



At the Latrobe Art Center each tour member makes an art project...a set of 4 hot pad/coasters. This is a fun activity, easy for all and you will take home attractive, useful items. A scavenger hunt, time to view the artwork displayed and browse throughout the center. NOTE: art project subject to change.

A delicious lunch is served in the beautiful setting of DiSalvo's Station, the restored Amtrak Station located just around the corner from the art center. You may offer guests **two** of the following entrees with counts per entrée one week prior OR choose one entrée for all: Chicken Romano / Chicken Marsala / Beef Tips over rice / Scrod English Style. Meals come with tossed salad / Chef's vegetable / Rolls & butter/Chef's dessert/ soda, cold and hot teas, coffee. Following lunch a brief tour of the station is given.

On the campus of St. Vincent College you visit the Fred Rogers Exhibit located in the Rogers Center. This icon of children's TV was born and raised in Latrobe and by visiting this exhibit you will be inspired as you realize the love Mr. Rogers had for children. Another stop on campus is the historic St. Vincent gristmill where, since 1854 locally grown grains have been ground into flours. Learn about the history and operation of the mill and purchase flours ground here and breads made from the flours. The gift shop offers many other items.



And lastly, a shop that is filled with creativity, Craftique Collections. Here you find a large store with dozens of individual booths featuring items from individual suppliers offering florals, knits, candles, candies, jewelry, kitchen items, home décor and much more. A beverage and small snack will be waiting for you in the Craftique Café. *NOTE this shop may be closing. There will be a couple of suggestions to replace Craftique.*



PRICE INCLUDES: admissions, art project, lunch, step on guide.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$56-\$58

The Triumph of the Human Spirit

Remembering the Johnstown Flood of 1889

Johnstown Flood Museum:

- Diorama depicting the route of the flooding
- An “Oklahoma” House that provided housing for those left with no home
- Academy-Award-winning film “The Johnstown Flood”
- Numerous exhibits relating to the event



Mid-day dinner at Rizzo’s of Windber featuring Wedding soup/Antipasto Salad/Lasagna/Rigatoni/Meatballs/Italian breaded chicken (legs, thighs, tenders)/bread and butter/Spumoni Ice Cream/coffee, hot or iced tea.

Johnstown Flood National Memorial:

- Exhibits
- Photos
- Location of the actual dam



Drive through the village of St. Michael’s to see a number of homes that were part of the Southfork Hunting and Fishing Club.

Drive through Grandview Cemetery to see the nearly 800 graves of unknown victims of the flood.



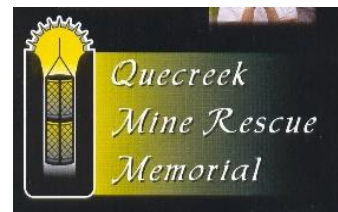
PRICE INCLUDES: tours and admissions as listed, mid-day dinner, step on guide, taxes and gratuities on included items. NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON: \$49-\$51

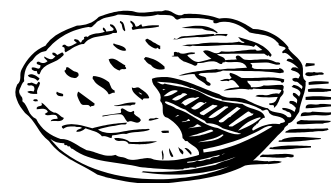
Pioneers and Heroes

Meet your local guide at location to be determined. *Approx. 7-hour day.*

HEROES! Do you remember July 2002 when nine miners were trapped 240 feet beneath a farmer's field in Somerset County? Did you follow the story? Today you visit the exact location where heroes beneath the earth and many more heroes above ground worked together and with God's help brought about a miracle. You hear the story, see photos and memorabilia from the event and will leave here inspired!



It's always fun to stop at a local bakery! At the Pie Shop of Ligonier you find all sorts of goodies for a snack right now or to take home! Each tour member receives an individual size apple pie.



A delicious lunch is served in a restored train station, now known as DiSalvo's Station. You may offer **TWO** of the following to your guests with counts per entrée one week prior OR one entrée for all. ~ Chicken Romano / Chicken Marsala / Beef Burgundy over Rice / Cod English Style / Grilled Salmon / Penne Primavera (pasta and vegetables in Garlic and White Wine sauce



On the campus of St. Vincent College you visit the Fred Rogers Center. Fred Rogers was born and raised in Latrobe, home of St. Vincent College and in this newest campus building you see an engaging display/timeline of the life of the beloved "Mr. Rogers," *pioneer* in children's educational television. Also in this building you may view an amazing display of Early American coverlets/quilts.



For most of this day you are traveling on the historic Lincoln Highway, Route 30, the country's first transcontinental highway...now over 100 years old. Your next stop is the Lincoln Highway Heritage Museum for a nostalgic look back to an earlier, slower time. Gas pumps from days gone by, photos of iconic places, an excellent film on the highway all add to the enjoyment of this stop. This highway was built by many *pioneers* and today many *heroes* travel its thousands of miles...from the truckers who move goods to the road crews who strive to keep the highway open and safe and the troopers who are constantly on the lookout for our safety. Today you will visit a new "old" exhibit featuring a 1938 restored tourist cabin, filling station façade with period gas pumps, a 1937 Packard vehicle AND a 1938 Lincoln Highway diner! At the diner you are served pie and coffee.



Heading home, enjoy the memories of *Pioneers and Heroes* revisited today.

PRICE INCLUDES: admissions, lunch, pie/coffee at 1938 diner, individual apple pie, step on guide, taxes and gratuities on included items. NOT included: guide gratuity.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$60-\$62

PITTSBURGH: MOUNTAINS! RIVERS! STREETS!

10:00 AM tour begins in Pittsburgh.

Times can be adjusted according to your departure location.

Approx. 7-8 hours of touring.



Included in this day's itinerary:

- 90-minute scenic, informative, relaxing cruise on Pittsburgh's Three Rivers aboard The Explorer.
- Luncheon with a view at LeMont Restaurant atop Mount Washington.
- Ride the Duquesne Incline.
- 2 hour guided city tour aboard your coach.
- Step on guide throughout



A wonderful way to explore the beautiful city of Pittsburgh!

PRICE INCLUDES: narrated river cruise, luncheon, incline, guide for 2-hour city tour, taxes and gratuities on included items.

This can also be part of a multi-day Pittsburgh tour.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$82-\$84

Punxsutawney Phil and Jimmy Stewart

This has worked very well as a Mystery Tour ~
calling it *Meet Jim and Phil*

Times can be adjusted according to your departure location.
Tour may also be run with Indiana first followed by Punxsutawney.
Approx. 7 hours of touring.



The following is included in this day of fun and memories:



- Punxsutawney ~ a local guide takes you on a tour to include Gobblers' Knob where, each Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney Phil does his "important" weather prediction.
- A visit with Phil himself
- Luncheon
- Indiana, PA ~ where a local guide joins you for a brief driving tour of the city, pointing out Indiana University of PA as well as some of the Jimmy Stewart locations (boyhood home, site of father's hardware store, statue).
- Tour the Jimmy Stewart Museum, filled with wonderful memorabilia of the man, his family and his career (both movie and military).
- Enjoy a live presentation by a local gentleman doing an excerpt from one of Jimmy's most beloved films, *as Jimmy!* **You choose in advance from: *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* or *Harvey*. Based on actor's availability.**

PRICE INCLUDES: lunch, tours and admissions as listed, local guides, taxes and gratuities on included items.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$62-\$64



ALTOONA'S HORSESHOE CURVE RAILROADERS MUSEUM



Travel with your local guide to Altoona, PA, where you visit the following sites:

- Altoona Railroad Museum where you may view one or two films covering the history of the world-famous train shops of Altoona and the building of the Curve. Also, numerous displays and exhibits throughout the three-story museum (elevator). In the large gift shop you find all things TRAINS!
- Delicious luncheon buffet at Allegro Restaurant. Menu: tossed salad / veal meatballs / vegetable / penne pasta / Chicken Allegro / bread – butter /light dessert / beverages. The meatballs and chicken are signature dishes at Allegro.
- Horseshoe Curve Visitor Center you see interesting exhibits on the building of the curve and some of its history. Ride a funicular to the top and watch trains go by on the world-famous Horseshoe Curve. Although we cannot guarantee trains while you are visiting you can be almost certain to see one, two or even more traveling around the curve. Gift shop features TRAINS ~ magazines, books, photos, shirts, hats, toys, etc.
- Boyers Candy Outlet...remember Mallow Cups?? Find these and other goodies at Boyers.

PRICE INCLUDES: tours and admissions as listed, lunch, shopping at Boyers, step on guide, taxes and gratuities on included items.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$64-\$66 Tour can include Amtrak around Horseshoe Curve.

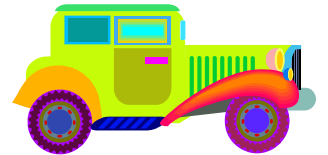


Ramblin' Route 30.....

Travel along this historic highway...

INCLUDED:

- Big Mac Museum, Route 30, Irwin. Enjoy a rest stop at this McDonald's Restaurant that offers MORE than food. Built to honor the inventor of the Big Mac, Mr. James Deligatti you find timelines, exhibits and memorabilia regarding McDonald's, including the World's Largest Big Mac!
- Craftique Collections is located on the Lincoln Highway at Greensburg. This large consignment shop offers a wide selection of new goods from clothing, candles, candies to florals, home décor, small furniture, jewelry and so much more.
- Enjoy lunch at DiSalvo's Station Restaurant in Latrobe, just a few miles off Route 30.
- At the Lincoln Highway Museum you see nostalgic photos and artifacts of travel along the road, learn about the origins of the highway and some of the things that evolved into everyday life as a result of this amazing route. View an award-winning film about the historic highway. NEW at the site in 2018... visit a brand new "old" exhibit featuring a 1938 restored tourist cabin, filling station façade with period gas pumps, a 1937 Packard vehicle AND a 1938 Lincoln Highway diner! At the diner you are served pie and a beverage.
- Historic Compass Inn. Compass Inn was built in 1799 as a stagecoach stop and today stands as a way to step back two hundred years to life at a busy inn. Costumed docents here share history as you visit the Inn, blacksmith shop, cookhouse and barn.
- The Original Pie Shoppe where you may purchase delicious baked goods and receive an individual-size apple pie, compliments of the Pie Shoppe.



NOTE: This itinerary is for groups coming from west of Greensburg. Coming from the east, itinerary will be adjusted.

PRICE INCLUDES: tours and admissions as listed, lunch, pie and coffee at Lincoln Highway Museum, take-home individual apple pie at Original Pie Shoppe, step on guide, taxes and gratuities on included items. NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PERSON: \$66-\$68



REMEMBER WHEN??

Enjoy a day of nostalgia, music and memories!



Timing to be adjusted to your arrival time at Big Mac.

9:00 AM meet local guide at The Big Mac Museum. Just off the PA turnpike at Exit 67, Irwin, the Big Mac is less than 1 mile away on Route 30. Make this your morning break AND take a tour of the store that is dedicated to the inventor of the Big Mac, Mr. James Delligatti. In his McDonald's store in Uniontown, PA the famous sandwich began in 1967.

10:15-11:15 enjoy shopping/browsing at DeLallo's Italian Store. This is the flagship store and headquarters of DeLallo's. Each tour member receives a jar of DeLallo's spaghetti sauce.

11:30-2:00 PM a delicious lunch at Ferrante's Lakeview is followed by an outstanding show featuring two highly talented performers, Cathi Rhodes and Chris Collins. Themed in the 1940s Cathi provides beautiful vocals and Mr. Collins brings you "Jimmy Stewart." You will hear a synopsis of one of Jimmy's movies, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Harvey* or *It's a Wonderful Life*, presented as Jimmy! **Group leader to choose which presentation.**

2:30-4:00 PM some browsing/shopping time at Craftique Collections. With 7000 square feet of shopping pleasure at reasonable prices, Craftique offers a huge selection of items including florals, candles, hand-made items, jewelry, candies, home décor, doll clothes, and so much more. At the Gourmet Coffee Bar in the rear of Craftique Collections you are invited to enjoy a complimentary beverage and snack.

Departing for home around 4:00 PM.

PRICE INCLUDES: luncheon, entertainment, shopping stops, a jar of DeLallo's spaghetti sauce, snack at Craftique Collections, step on guide. NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON: \$59-\$61



YESTERDAY: How did they do that?

TODAY: How do they do that?

Tour to run approx. 7 hours from start to finish.

Meet guide at a location to be set.

Brantview Maple Farms: An indoor guided tour shows the process of tapping trees for maple syrup and processing it to create various products. A wagon ride through the 300-acre maple tree farm shows the ground operations first-hand. Your visit includes a live demonstration, exhibits, samples and shopping in the Sugar Camp Store. While the process hasn't changed much from yesterday, you'll learn about many new tools and processes. (Wagon ride, option, weather permitting).



Coal Miners' Café: Here a delicious luncheon is served. Guests may choose from the following entrees this morning: hot turkey or hot roast beef sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy OR tossed salad with chicken and a roll. Entrees come with beverages and dessert.

Original Pie Shoppe of Ligonier: At this stop you may purchase some of the best baked goods to be found anywhere! The cinnamon rolls are still made as they were in 1947 by the Pie Shoppe's original owner as he was a Navy cook on a battleship! Each tour guest receives an individual-size apple pie.



Compass Inn Museum: Established in 1799 as a stagecoach stop on the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Turnpike you see how they did many things "yesterday." From wagon and stagecoach travel to blacksmithing, innkeeping and cookhouse food preparation, ingenious methods of making do with what they had. See a demo of donut making or ice cream making (samples!) as they did it so long ago. *Choose demo in advance.*



PRICE INCLUDES: tours, admissions and demonstrations, lunch, individual apple pie per person, step on guide, taxes and gratuities on included items. NOT included: guide gratuity.

PRICE PERSON: \$65-\$67

Add \$7 pp and 45 minutes to include wagon ride at Maple Farm.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY Makes a Great Mystery Tour



NOTE: It is advisable to schedule a rest stop prior to arrival at the Art Center.

INCLUDED:

- At Latrobe Art Center guests make an art project to take home, enjoy cookies and beverage, a scavenger hunt, shop and have a visit from **SANTA** who will have gifts for everyone! Local guide meets group here.
- At Ferrante's Lakeview enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner followed by a presentation of Christmas music (Cathi Rhodes) and a 30-minute synopsis of the classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life" (Chris Collins). Chris Collins will move you as he portrays George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart) and several other characters from the movie. Menu: tossed salad / ham / mashed potatoes w/gravy / vegetable red velvet cake /rolls and butter / coffee, tea, iced tea.
- At Craftique Collections where you find dozens of individual booths offering a wide variety of items for your home, yourself, friends, family, pets, etc! Florals, candles, candies, decorative items, collectibles, jewelry and so much more to be found at Craftique. *NOTE: This stop MAY not be available in July. If not available, there will be another shopping stop.*
- 4:15-5:00 PM Valley Dairy is located along Route 30 where you have ice cream along with some history of the invention of the Banana Split...in Latrobe!

PRICE INCLUDES: Art Center, art project, lunch, entertainment, visit from Santa with gifts for all, ice cream treat, taxes and gratuities on included items.

NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON: \$86-\$88 / To drop Valley Dairy deduct \$5





Thanksgiving Memories A Great Mystery Tour

It will be best if you allow time for a rest stop enroute as those at Compass Inn are limited.

INCLUDED:

- Compass Inn Museum located in Laughlinton along Rte 30 where you celebrate the bountiful harvest as you experience the inn's rustic charm while adorned with natural autumn accents, cheery glowing wood fires and flickering candles in every room. One of your stops on the tour will be the 1820's cookhouse. Step back in time with Compass Inn Museum's masters of open hearth and beehive oven cookery. You will be treated to sights, smells and tastes of scrumptious food that features recipes and ingredients inspired by the cuisine of the 18th and 19th centuries.
- The Original Pie Shoppe, located just across the road from Compass Inn offers delicious baked goods for purchase and each tour member receives an individual size apple pie, compliments of the Pie Shoppe.
- A modern Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixins' at DiSalvo's Station Restaurant in Latrobe. Housed in a former Amtrak Station, the atmosphere and food are delicious.
- At the Lincoln Highway Experience you see a film covering the history of Route 30, the Lincoln Highway. There are many exhibits and the tour ends with Thanksgiving dinner dessert, pumpkin or apple pie with whipped topping.

PRICE INCLUDES: admissions, Thanksgiving dinner, dessert at Lincoln Highway Experience, local guide, taxes and gratuities on included items.

NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON: \$82-\$84



**The Essence of a Laurel Highlands Autumn
With Seven Springs Fall Craft Days
October call for dates ~ Works best Friday-Saturday ~
Can be adjusted for Sat -Sun**

If you prefer another itinerary for DAY 1, there are many options.



Day 1 (Friday): Meet local guide at location convenient for your arrival.

- Pay your respects at the Flight 93 National Memorial. On Sept 11, 2015 the indoor Visitor Center was dedicated and opened to the public. Phase 3 of the Memorial is the Tower of Voices, a 93-foot tall tower with 40 large wind chimes is now installed and the large wind chimes singing in the breezes remind us of the Voices of Flight 93. Each tour member receives a commemorative magnet “Remember the Heroes of Flight 93.”
- Visit the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and the United 93 Crew Monument is sure to touch your hearts. Hear the story of the chapel’s beginnings and its late founder, Father Alphonse Mascherino. See many inspirational items inside the chapel, some donated by family members of Heroes of Flight 93.
- Lunch on own at Somerset Eat n Park ~ complimentary SMILEY cookie.
- Visit the Quecreek Mine Rescue site where, in July 2002 nine miners were rescued from a flooded mine 240 feet beneath a farmer’s field. Hear the account of the miraculous rescue, see the actual rescue capsule, the broken drill bit and many more artifacts relating not only to the Quecreek event but mining in general. The rescue site has been made into a beautiful garden area, honoring miners and rescuers alike.
- Check in to a Somerset hotel.
- Dinner included at one of Somerset’s excellent restaurants.



Approx. 8:00-8:30 PM return to hotel for a good night’s rest. (D)

Day 2 (Saturday): Enjoy breakfast at hotel prior to departure at 8:30 AM.

- At Brantview Farms Maple you learn about maple sugaring from a 5th generation Brant. Enjoy samples, a video on the operation, demo of turning maple syrup into maple sugar and a Q/A time with Mr. Brant.
- Later this morning you arrive at Seven Springs Mountain Resort to celebrate the magic of fall. Live entertainment, scenic chairlift rides, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, hay maze, craft show and more! Some activities at additional cost.



You set the time for departure for home. We find that 3-4 hours is a good span to enjoy the crafts, activities and entertainment. (B)

PRICE INCLUDES: 1-night lodging, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner, tours & admissions as listed, commemorative magnet, step on guide Day 1, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities on included items. NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$140-\$155

To add guide Day 2 to arrival at 7 Springs add \$6 pp

To add a hayride through the Maple Trees at Brantview add \$7.

George Washington: The Making of the Man His early career at Fort Necessity and Fort Ligonier

TWO DAY TOUR

DAY 1: Meet local guide at a location to be set.

Lunch included at a location to be set when tour is booked. A visit to the Park Visitor Center and the falls on the Youghiogheny River begins the story of young George Washington in what is now known as the Laurel Highlands.

A visit to Fort Necessity tells the story of Washington's first command (1754) as a 22-year-old lieutenant colonel in the Virginia Militia. This was the first battle in the French and Indian War and the site of his only surrender.

This evening enjoy dinner and live entertainment at an area restaurant/hotel. (L/D)

DAY 2: Breakfast at hotel then check out and depart with local guide.

At Fort Ligonier history moves on from 1754 to 1758 as the French and Indian War continues. We again find George Washington leading troops. You learn many facts about this leader including the "friendly fire" incident. On display at Fort Ligonier are his saddle pistols and memoirs, "Remarks" in his own hand writing. You meet a reenactor as young George who shares more about this remarkable leader.

Lunch on own in the beautiful little town of Ligonier. In addition to numerous eateries you find many unique shops. Stop at your leisure at the Ligonier Creamery where your choice of ice cream awaits! (B/ICE CREAM-cone or cup)

PRICE INCLUDES: 1 night lodging, 1 lunch, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner with entertainment, ice cream cone, tours and admissions as listed, baggage handling, step on guide throughout, taxes and gratuities on included items. NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$205-\$215



HISTORY / ART / NATURE

Butler County, PA

Day 1: Spend an afternoon in the charming village of Saxonburg. Here you have a guided tour of the Saxonburg Museum featuring artifacts and memorabilia from days gone by. The John Roebling Workshop is the 1840 shop where suspension bridge pioneer Roebling made the first wire cable and later designed the Brooklyn Bridge. Unique shops line the main street for your browsing pleasure.



Check in to area hotel and enjoy a special dinner nearby. (D) *

Day 2: Following breakfast and check out you travel with a local guide to The Glass Blowing Center. The glassblower is a self-taught craftsman who will astound you with his skills and ability to demonstrate his talent. The Gift Shop features many items made right here featuring miniature dolphins to ornaments, jewelry and so much more!

A relaxing lunch cruise on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park provides beautiful scenery, wildlife and good food for a Spring, Summer or Fall afternoon. (B/L) **



PRICE INCLUDES: 1-night lodging, 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, tours and admissions as listed, cruise, baggage handling, step on guide, taxes and gratuities on included items.
NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$215-\$225

ADD A THIRD DAY:

Day 2: Travel about one-hour north of your hotel to Hermitage, PA where you visit the Avenue of 444 Flags. These flags honor the 53 hostages held in Iran for 444 days beginning Nov 4, 1979. There is a monument honoring the eight American servicemen who lost their lives during the ill-fated rescue attempt in Iran on April 25, 1980. This moving experience will remain in memories for a long time.



A couple of other stops in the area will depend upon your group's interests. There are outstanding shopping venues including, upscale clothing, shoes, candies and seasonal items.

Lunch at Tara, an outstanding Bed and Breakfast Inn themed after the beloved *Gone With the Wind* is followed by a tour of the inn and the various sleeping rooms.

Returning to your hotel in late afternoon, dinner included this evening. (B/L/D)

PRICE INCLUDES: all of 2-day package + 1 additional night lodging, breakfast, lunch, dinner.

*Live entertainment available at additional cost.

**Depending on the time you need to depart we may be able to add another stop today.

PRICE PERSON TWIN: \$285-\$99

LAUREL HIGHLANDS

ARTS AND HERITAGE TOUR

DAY 1: Lunch on own either prior to or upon arrival at Ligonier, PA. Meet your local guide at a location to be decided. This afternoon you visit Fort Ligonier. A significant and formidable outpost during the French and Indian War, Fort Ligonier is a full-scale, on-site reconstruction where you will step into history and explore this 18th century historic site. The museum showcases the spectacular George Washington Collection, highlighting his early military career, and the highly-acclaimed exhibit, *The World Ablaze: An Introduction to the Seven Years' War*. While at the fort you meet *young George Washington*.



Depending on your arrival time there may be time to explore the beautiful little village of Ligonier with its town center, known as the Diamond, numerous unique shops and a beautiful park where you may enjoy some free time. Ligonier was voted one of eighteen “Most Charming Small Towns Across America” by Country Living Magazine in 2015.

Late afternoon check in to local hotel. Dinner and entertainment at a nearby location. D)

DAY 2: Following breakfast you check out and depart with a local guide. Today you visit the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art featuring a permanent display of the impressive Walter Carlyle Shaw Collection of paperweights, with nearly 200 paperweights spanning 150 years. Other exhibits rotate featuring local, regional and national artists. The museum’s grounds feature five magnificent flower gardens.



At the Latrobe Art Center YOU are the artist as each tour member makes their own, one of a kind set of coasters/hot pads. Peruse the beautiful artwork, jewelry, and more. Perhaps you will find that perfect piece of art or other special item here. *Art project subject to change.*

Lunch included at DiSalvo’s Station, a restored Amtrak Station located just around the block from the Art Center.

This afternoon you have a docent guided tour of the recently expanded Westmoreland Museum of American Art located in Greensburg. The facility features significant additions to its collections and a dynamic new architectural design.

Approximately 4:00 PM depart for home. (B/L)

PRICE INCLUDES: lodging, 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner with entertainment, tours and admissions to 3 museums, make your own art at Latrobe Art Center, baggage handling, step on guide throughout, taxes and gratuities on included items. NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$225-\$235

Our History is Your History ~ America!

18th to 21st Century in the Laurel Highlands

Day 1: Late morning/early afternoon (before or after a lunch stop) meet your local guide.

Included today, 1800-1900s:

- Lincoln Highway Heritage Museum, *the beginnings of tourism*. The Lincoln Highway celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2013. And now, an exciting addition has been added to the site. A 1938 Lincoln Highway diner is set up in a new building at the museum where guests will be served pie and a beverage during your visit here. Also new, a 1938 restored tourist cabin, filling station façade with actual period gas pumps, and a 1937 Packard vehicle.
- Compass Inn, an authentically restored 1799 stagecoach stop. Costumed docents bring history to life as they tell the story of life and transportation in the early 1800's.
- Checking in to local hotel, dinner and entertainment to be set when lodging is chosen. (D)



Day 2: Enjoy breakfast at your hotel prior to departure with local guide.

Included today, step back to 1700s:



- Fort Ligonier is an accurately restored fort (1758-1766), from the time of young George Washington. Guided tours of museum and fort bring this period to life! See Washington's saddle pistols and writings in his own hand and **meet the fort's own George Washington** from whom you learn more than you've known about The Father of our Country.
- Lunch and shopping/browsing time in the beautiful village of Ligonier.
- Hanna's Town founded in 1773. This reconstructed courthouse, tavern and jail holds a special place in American history as the site of the first English courts west of the Allegheny Mountains and because it tells the little-known story of the western campaign of the Revolutionary War. A reenactment of actual court cases heard at Hanna's Town is a highlight of this visit.
- Dinner at an area restaurant. TBA when hotel is chosen. (B/D)

Day 3: Following breakfast and check out you depart once again with your local guide.

Included today are 21st Century Historic Events:

- Pay your respects at the Flight 93 National Memorial and the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and United Airlines Crew Monument.
- Lunch at an area restaurant
- Quecreek Mine Rescue site...see the actual rescue capsule and hear the miraculous account of nine men escaping and nine more rescued from 240 feet beneath the earth. Museum features mining artifacts and Quecreek items. (B/L)



NOTE: *If your group has visited these sites recently we can discuss many other options for this day.*

PRICE INCLUDES: 2 nights' lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners ~ one with entertainment, tours and admissions as described, baggage handling, step on guide throughout.

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$280-\$320



PITTSBURGH ~ A CLASS ACT TWO-DAY TOUR

Timing will be set to fit your arrival and departure times.

Day 1 and 2: Arrive at Station Square and meet local guide

After lunch (on own) and some browsing time in the city's famous Strip District you have a city tour with stops for today and tomorrow at (you choose from this list or request something of your own choice), all based on availability:

- Nationality Rooms at Cathedral of Learning (University of Pittsburgh), depicting various ethnic cultures found in the Pittsburgh area.
- Heinz Chapel, with 23 stained glass windows containing nearly 250,000 pieces of glass.
- Ride on the historic Duquesne Incline.
- Heinz History Center
- Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- Clayton, Victorian era home of industrialist Henry Clay Frick
- National Aviary
- Hard Hats and Babushka's Tour highlighting the city's ethnic background and the city's steel industry
- Riverboat tour
- Included meal options at Grand Concourse in the beautifully restored P & LE Train Station and/or LeMont atop Mount Washington for dining "with a view."
- **INCLUDES:** 1 night lodging, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, your choice of tours and admissions as available and will fit into the two-day itinerary, step on guide throughout, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities on included items. NOT included: guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON TO BE DETERMINED WHEN YOUR ITINERARY IS SET. PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL TO DISCUSS ALL THESE WONDERFUL OPTIONS.



THE “WRIGHT” PLACES TWO-DAY TOUR

*The Laurel Highlands is honored to now have a total of
FOUR Frank Lloyd Wright-designed homes!
Currently just three of these are available for group tours.*



- **Fallingwater**, the most famous of all Frank Lloyd Wright home designs, is built over a waterfall. This masterpiece of architecture has been named a World Heritage site by UNESCO.
- **Kentuck Knob**, the area's second Wright home and described by many as one “I could live in!” While Fallingwater was built as a vacation/get-away home, Kentuck Knob was the year-round residence of the Hagan Family for over 20 years.
- **Mantyla House** was moved from Wisconsin to Polymath Park in the Heart of the Laurel Highlands. This one-level home has a great deal of Wright-designed furniture.



Included in your tour package:

- One night lodging w/ baggage handling
- One breakfast
- One dinner
- Two lunches
- Shopping
- Winery

OPTION: Add approx. 4 1/2 hours to your second day, dropping winery and include our *America's Heroes Tour* stops prior to departure. ADD \$15

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$269-\$289

**TOWN AND COUNTRY ~
PITTSBURGH AND THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS
4-DAY PACKAGE**

Day 1: 2:00 PM meet your local guide at Irwin (#67) or New Stanton (#75), Pennsylvania Turnpike Interchange.

- View one of the world's finest model railroad displays, Henry Clark's 25 X 50 ft. layout is amazing! The Clark RR display is just a part of what you find in the Connellsville Canteen. Built to honor the men and women of the area who served in WWII and the local ladies who operated the Connellsville Canteen throughout the war, here you find countless photos, memorabilia and stories of hometown heroes. Next door to the Canteen is Appalachian Art Works featuring a wide variety of locally made artisan items.
- A stop at Colebrook Chocolates provides an opportunity to sample and purchase many delicious candies made right here.
- At the nearby Cochran House, a classic Victorian home you are served a delicious home-cooked dinner. Following this meal, you have time to stroll through the home which many guests describe as "the best Victorian home tour **ever!**"
- Approx. 7:30 PM check in to one of the area's excellent lodging properties. (D)



Day 2: Following breakfast at your hotel depart with your local guide for a day of remembrance in the countryside of Somerset County.

- Pay your respects at the Flight 93 National Memorial including both the Memorial Plaza with the Wall of Names of the Heroes of Flight 93 and the Visitor Center, dedicated on Sept 10, 2015. The exhibits in the Visitor Center bring back poignant memories as well as providing new insight into the events and the heroes of Flight 93. Phase 3 of the National Memorial, "The Tower of Voices," was dedicated in September of 2018. The 93-foot tall tower housing 40 windchimes will provide harmonious sounds reminding us of the 40 Heroes who came together and gave their lives in order to save this flight from reaching its intended target. Each tour member receives a commemorative magnet "Remember the Heroes of Flight 93."
- Visit the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, which was dedicated on the first anniversary of 9/11 to honor God and the memory of the 40 heroes of Flight 93. In the chapel you see many moving mementos donated by family members and others who wish to honor the heroes. Hearts are touched as you visit the chapel and the Flight 93 Crew Monument in the garden area behind the chapel. Donated by United Airlines Flight Attendants Cause Foundation and dedicated on 9/11/2006, the monument entitled "Forever in Our Hearts" is a 16-ton black granite obelisk.
- Lunch on own.
- This afternoon your spirits will soar as you visit the Quecreek Mine Rescue site where, on July 28th, 2002 nine miners were miraculously rescued from 240 feet beneath the earth in a farmer's field just outside of Somerset. Hear of the events from the time the accident occurred until the last miner was brought up and you will understand that God was at work here. The rescue site has been developed into a beautiful garden and you will see the actual rescue capsule,



the broken drill bit and many more artifacts from the Quecreek rescue and mining in general in the Educational Visitor Center.

- The last stop today and dinner location will be set when hotel is chosen. (B/D)

Day 3: Following breakfast at hotel you travel to Pittsburgh where you meet a local guide for a day in *town*, the city of Pittsburgh!
Highlights of Pittsburgh for today:



- Visit the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning and tour some of the 26 Nationality Classrooms. Each room is designed and decorated to reflect the cultures that Pittsburgh immigrants brought from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. *As available.*



- Tour Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, a 13-room Victorian glasshouse and gardens featuring tropical and desert plants, palms, orchids, bonsai and special exhibits.



- Lunch on own in the city's famous Strip District
- Visit to the Senator John Heinz History Center...includes Western PA Sports / HJ Heinz Exhibit / Pittsburgh Innovations and much more!
- Spectacular city view from the top of Mount Washington and a roundtrip on the Duquesne Incline.
- Top off this day with dinner at the Grand Concourse, the city's most elegant restaurant in a restored P & LE Train Station.
- 8:30 PM est. return to hotel. (B/D)

Day 4: Breakfast, check out and depart with local guide. Today you are back in the *country*.

- Tour Kentuck Knob, a remarkable Frank Lloyd Wright designed home-located just minutes from world-famous Fallingwater. The House on Kentuck Knob is an easy one to tour as a mini-bus delivers you to the front door and the home is all on one level. Many who tour this home say they could move right in!!

To exchange Fallingwater for Kentuck Knob ~ add \$6 pp.

- Enjoy an included luncheon at Historic Summit Inn or The Stone House Restaurant.
- Approx. 1:30-2:00 PM depart for home. (B/L)



INCLUDES: 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 1 lunch, tours and admissions as listed, step on guide daily, baggage handling. **NOT included:** guide gratuity

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$450-\$495

**THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS ALIVE AND WELL
IN THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS**

Best dates are Thanksgiving thru New Year

Today's outing will bring out the Christmas Spirit and provide an opportunity to find unique gifts for special persons in your life.



**Approx. 9 hour day ~ Times to be set based on your group's arrival at
New Stanton, Exit 75 off PA turnpike.**

Connellsville has an amazing site for you to enjoy! Harry Clark's HO Scale model railroad display is one of the most incredibly built model railroads you will ever see. It is 22 by 50 feet and models the peak years of railroading, 1940-1955 with long, long trains gliding gracefully through broad curves and up 2% mountainous grades. The railroad is located in the Connellsville Canteen, a recreated B & O Train Station that commemorates the women who served the troops on trains passing through during WWII. Step back to the 1940's and hear stories of what local heroes did to protect the freedoms we have today. Next to the Canteen and Train Display you find the Appalachian Creativity Center, a unique gallery featuring artwork and various crafts of local artists.



A stop at Colebrook's Chocolates provides delicious samples and an opportunity to purchase excellent quality chocolates made right here.



Lunch stop on your own at a convenient location.

At Craftique Collections in Greensburg you enjoy a light snack while browsing through this large shop featuring a wide variety of goods from florals, candles, and candies. artwork, jewelry and much more, all from local individuals.

Early dinner at DiSalvo's Station Restaurant. Located in a restored train station, the food and atmosphere are outstanding.

Following dinner you take a drive through Overly Country Christmas display with more than a million lights. Also enjoy a bonfire, train display, shops and more. Following the Overly visit you say goodbye to your guide and depart for home.



INCLUDED: tours and admissions as listed, dinner, step on guide, taxes and gratuities on included items. **NOT included:** guide gratuities

PRICE PER PERSON: \$61-\$63



Heart of Christmas

2 DAY PACKAGE



Day 1: Arrive Indiana, PA midday. Lunch concludes with “It’s a Wonderful Life.” A local gentleman joins the group to present his interpretation of the famous film starring Indiana native, Jimmy Stewart. You’ll think Jimmy has returned!

Included today:

- The Jimmy Stewart Museum is located in downtown Indiana. Born and raised in Indiana, PA, this popular actor is a tribute to his hometown. Exhibits at the museum relate to Jimmy’s growing up, his family, film and military career.
- On a driving tour of the town, you see the house Jimmy grew up in along with other sites
- Overnight Latrobe’s Springhill Suites.
- A light supper is included this evening.
- Evening driving tour through the Overly Country Christmas Light display. After the driving tour you may stroll the grounds, visit the indoor train display, stop by the nightly bonfire, see the life-size nativity, browse the Christmas Shop and pick up goodies such as chocolate, cookies, kettle corn, etc. (L/D)



Day 2: Breakfast at hotel then depart with guide.

- Shopping at the area’s largest consignment shop featuring crafts, specialty items ~ a great place to find those “special” gifts.
- At Latrobe’s St. Vincent College you visit the campus’ historical gristmill, in operation since 1854. Learn about the history and the process of milling that continues to this day. You may purchase flours milled here and breads made from St. Vincent milled flour.
- Lunch at DiSalvo’s Station Restaurant provides great food in this restored Amtrak Station.
- Make a gift for someone special or yourself at the Latrobe Art Center. You may browse beautiful artwork, jewelry and other locally made items



Approx. 3:00 PM depart for home. Departure time can be adjusted as needed. (B/L)

INCLUDES: lodging, 1 light supper, 2 lunches, 1 breakfast, tours and admissions as listed, baggage handling, step on guide throughout.

PRICE PERSON TWIN: \$220-\$230

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER – Call for dates/times

Featuring Latshaw Pops

Christmas Show



Day 1: Meet your local guide at a time and location to be set. Depending on arrival time another stop may be included this afternoon.

A visit to the 1854 gristmill on the campus of St. Vincent College is very interesting and offers some wonderful shopping including flours milled right here and breads made from those flours.

Also, at St. Vincent you may view an exhibit on Fred Rogers, the iconic TV host to millions of children. Mr. Rogers was born and raised here in Latrobe.

Dinner at one of the area's fine restaurants is followed by a visit to Overly's Country Christmas, an amazing light display features over a million lights. At Overly's you share the sights, sounds, scents and tastes of an old-fashioned Christmas. After a drive thru of the lights you may enjoy a walk around Christmas Village featuring a giant bonfire, outdoor eateries, gift shop, candy store, model train display wagon/sleigh rides, and life-size Nativity scene.



EST 8:00-8:30 PM check in to the beautiful Hampton Inn at Greensburg. (D)

Day 2: Breakfast buffet included at your hotel.

A stop at Craftique Collections provides the perfect place to find some really special gifts! 7000 square feet of shopping pleasure at reasonable prices. Enjoy the warm relaxed atmosphere as you browse individual booths offering countless items from home décor, florals, candles, candies, clothing, ceramics, cabinetry, jewelry and so much more! Enjoy complimentary beverage and snack in the Gourmet Coffee Bar.

Included luncheon at an area restaurant then you arrive for the 3:00 PM performance of the Latshaw Christmas Pops Concert featuring a live orchestra, singers, dancers and a visit from Santa himself! Excellent Holiday entertainment!

Approx. 5:00 PM depart for home.

NOTE: *If you need another overnight, please let me know and we can discuss many options.*

PRICE INCLUDES: 1 night lodging, 1 breakfast, 1 midday dinner, 1 dinner, tours and admissions as listed, Christmas Pops Concert, baggage handling, step on guide throughout.

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$205-\$215





CHRISTMAS CHARM IN THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS

A WINNER OF A TOUR!

2 DAY TOUR / Best dates Thanksgiving thru Mid-December

Day 1: Meet local guide at a location to be set when tour is booked. Depending on arrival time lunch can be arranged (on own or included) if needed.

- Guided candlelight tour of Compass Inn, restored stagecoach stop, circa 1799
- Shopping in the quaint village of Ligonier OR visit the Fred Rogers Exhibit at nearby St. Vincent College. Mr. Rogers was born and raised in Latrobe and this exhibit explains how he became the inspiring teacher of children and all-round wonderful person! Depending on your arrival time both of these stops may be included.
- Check in to Greensburg Hampton Inn.
- Dinner at a local restaurant.
- Following dinner depart for Overly Country Christmas, a guided driving tour through the lights display and time to stroll around the grounds... nativity scene, bonfire, Christmas Carols, gift shop, train display.
Approx. 9:00 PM return to hotel. (D)



Day 2: Breakfast at hotel. 8:30 AM check out and depart with local guide.

- Browse at Craftique Collections, over 7000 square feet of shopping pleasure ~ handcrafted, retail items of all kinds and café where you are treated to a hot drink. Craftique is a great place to find that special gift this holiday season.
- View one of the world's finest model railroad displays, Henry Clark's 25 X 50 ft. layout is amazing! The Clark RR display is just a part of what you find in the Connellsville Canteen. Built to honor the men and women of the area who served in WWII and the local ladies who operated the Connellsville Canteen throughout the war, here you find countless photos, memorabilia and stories of hometown heroes.
- Next door to the Canteen is Appalachian Art Works featuring a wide variety of locally made artisan items.
- A stop at Colebrook Chocolates provides an opportunity to sample and purchase many delicious candies made right here.
- Next, at a local church you are served a delicious home-cooked Christmas dinner featuring roast beef and ham loaf. Next, at the Cochran House, a classic Victorian home, you are invited to stroll through the home and view the beautiful holiday decorations. Many guests describe the Cochran House as "the best Victorian home tour ever!" Musical entertainment adds to the festivities. (B/MIDDAY DINNER)



INCLUDES: lodging, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, 1 Christmas dinner at midday, tours and admissions as listed, baggage handling, step on guide.

PRICE PER PERSON TWIN: \$210-\$220

“It’s a Wonderful Life”

Weekend before Thanksgiving every year

Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Sunday

Depending on your departure location this can be a two-day outing.

Based on arrival time to Indiana, PA lunch can be included today.

INCLUDED in these three days:

- Jimmy Stewart Museum ~ see many photos, movie posters and exhibits of Mr. Stewart’s private and public life including an outstanding military career.
- Driving tour of town ~ see Jimmy’s boyhood home, the church the family attended, former site of dad’s hardware store and other points of interest.
- View or take part in the Wonderful Life Parade on the main street of Indiana. Those choosing to be in the parade will ride on a float...FUN!
- Visit Punxsutawney, PA home of that Feb 2nd weather prognosticator, Punxsutawney Phil. Driving tour of town ~ Visit Gobblers’ Knob ~ see Phantastic Phils statues all over town ~ Meet **Phil himself!**
- Free time in town of Indiana...reminiscent of Bedford Falls and home to Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
- Tree trimming party at hotel.
- Visit from Santa
- Visit an Indiana County Tree Farm
- Live evergreen swag for each tour member
- Indiana Historical Society with a varied collection and tour Silas Clark Victorian home.
- One dinner concludes with a moving presentation by a local actor who does a synopsis of “It’s a Wonderful Life” as Jimmy, Mr. Potter and Clarence!
- Second dinner in a local restaurant
- 2 nights lodging.
- Buffet breakfast daily.
- DVD of “It’s a Wonderful Life” to enjoy as you travel home.

**Tour available year-round minus the
parade & tree-trimming.**

**PRICE PER PERSON TWIN (THREE DAY): \$400-\$420
TWO DAY: \$255-\$275**

