



the
Wonder of
CHRISTMAS



December 13-17, 2022

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

7:00 AM Depart Weis Markets, Linglestown Rd, Harrisburg / 7:30 AM Depart Sam's Club Mechanicsburg
Travel to Kentucky, rest and meal stops, on own en route. Upon arrival at the hotel you will be greeted by an angelic spirit...otherwise known as the "Ghost of Christmas Past". Enjoy a holiday welcome managers reception (two drink vouchers per guests and light appetizers before dinner). Dinner with Ebenezer Scrooge is included at the hotel. Enjoy a Buffet – "Christmas Dinner with the Cratchits" with Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" 1951 version with Alistair Sim as Scrooge running in the background. (D)

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Enjoy a breakfast buffet at the hotel. Depart for the Museum Center, which was one of the last great train stations built. Guests will step back in time and experience the history of our city from the first settlers through World War II. Along the way, meet costumed interpreters to better understand and connect to history. See the amazing train displays. Take a break from the Hustle and Bustle and enjoy a relaxing two-hour luncheon cruise. There will be live entertainment playing your favorite Christmas tunes and some Gospel as well as a deli, luncheon comfort foods and fabulous sightseeing on both sides of the river in Ohio & Kentucky. After the cruise depart for the Creation Museum. Upon arrival enjoy the Planetarium show. The Creation Museum is yours to explore at your own pace. See how its interpretation of the Bible -the "history book of the universe" - provides an account of the beginning of all things. ChristmasTown is included in our admission. Stroll through the botanical gardens amid the breathtaking display of thousands of multi-colored lights. As you walk through the Garden of Lights, you'll also encounter one of the Magi, a wise man who journeyed to Bethlehem to see "the one who [was] born King of the Jews" and learn of his amazing journey. Dinner voucher is included to use at your leisure. Depart for the hotel 8PM. (B, L, D)

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Enjoy a breakfast buffet at the hotel. You will be greeted by the "Ghost of Christmas Present" during breakfast. Once breakfast has been completed - enjoy holiday music with live entertainment, from old classic Christmas songs from Kingston Trio and Burl Ives to more popular holiday music. This will definitely start your day. Depart for McCabes Green House. Enjoy a seasonal hands-on holiday make and take project. Guests will enjoy a seasonal hands-on workshop working with live greens to create their holiday remembrance items. Enjoy shopping in the gift shop, and enjoy the plentiful poinsettias and holiday decorations. Lunch included at Whiskey's, which is a combination of two historic buildings dating to 1835 and 1850. After lunch travel to the Ark Encounter. Spend the afternoon touring the Ark Encounter. Scores of exhibits about the Flood, Noah, and the animals are designed to answer your questions about the biblical account of Noah's Ark. Enjoy a Holiday Buffet for dinner at Emzara's Kitchen, at leisure and available any time during your visit. As the night falls upon the Ark, guests will encounter the wonder of Christmas enjoying an unforgettable evening of festive lights, gift shopping including an extensive fairtrade market, a stroll through Ararat Ridge Zoo and more. Better have your camera ready! The view is remarkably photogenic as you take in Noah's ark, the lake, and the gardens illuminated in a sea of rainbow-colored lights. Depart for the hotel 7:30 PM. (B, L, D)

Friday, December 16, 2022

Enjoy a breakfast buffet at the hotel. Luggage pick up outside of room doors. Before departing full of holiday spirit, the "Ghost of Christmas Future", will visit. You will receive a farewell gift of an iced Gingerbread Man Cookie in a Christmas stocking. Arrive at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Tour the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame - Like the music we celebrate, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is alive with the energy, passion and spirit of music...Get READY TO ROCK in this 150,000 square-foot museum featuring seven floors, five theaters for films, and ever-changing exhibits. Guests will see the largest Elvis collection... outside of Graceland. Experience the largest Beatles collection, anywhere, view many pieces of Michael Jackson's stage wardrobe, including his sequined glove display. Guests can listen to hundreds of tunes from the 1920's to the 2000's ...Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll. Lunch on your own. After enjoying the Hall of Fame depart for your hotel to freshen up for dinner. (B, D)

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Enjoy a breakfast at the hotel. Check out and visit Hartville Flea Market and America's Largest Hardware Store. Apparel, home furnishings, jewelry, accessories, and toys are just a few of the products you will discover when you explore the Hartville Marketplace and Flea Market. Located in a pristine two-store building, featuring a variety of Boutique, Specialty Food and Antique Shops, the Indoor Shops at the Hartville Marketplace and Flea Market, truly have something special for everyone! 10:45 am depart for home full of holiday cheer! Rest and meal stops en route home, on own. Approximate arrival back 5:30 PM (B)

Terms & Conditions

Deposit Requirements

An initial deposit of \$100 per person is required to confirm reservation.

Travel Insurance must be purchased at the time of booking to cover pre-existing conditions.

Cancellation - Deposit is refundable until October 10, 2022. After that point there are no refunds without travel insurance.

Baggage ~ Portage of baggage is included in program; it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard baggage per person plus 1 carry on.

Items Not Included ~ Our tours do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, laundry, telephone charges or other hotel extras. All passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel or returning home.

Gratuities ~ tips for baggage handling, and waiting staff for included meals are included. Gratuities for the motorcoach driver, local guide and tour escort are not included.

Taxes ~ Our prices include all government taxes as levied as of the date of this proposal. In the event that additional taxes are introduced by governing bodies or existing taxes increased, we will have to pass on all such additional charges to the individual passengers concerned.

Insurance ~ We strongly recommend that all passengers be adequately insured for medical expenses, baggage loss or damage and trip cancellation or interruption. This is the responsibility of individual tour participants. Insurance cost: \$150pp.

RESPONSIBILITY OF SERA: The State Employees Recreation Association, its officers, directors, representatives and members, expressly disclaims all responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for loss, damage or injury to property or to the person due to any cause whatsoever, occurring during or attributable to the tour, or tours, described herein and purchaser/participant by his or her subscription to or participation in the travel opportunity, does release SERA from such liability or responsibility. Without limiting the foregoing, SERA is not and shall not become liable or responsible for accidents, loss, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, discontinuances or change in transit or hotel accommodations and/or services and other causes over which they have no control. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser and/or participants of this tour. SERA is not responsible, and the purchaser and/or participant waives all claim against SERA, for all of the aforesaid conditions as well as loss or damage resulting from delays, cancellations, or substitutions of equipment, financial conditions, or any act, omission, negligence, or any other faults by the travel agent, carriers, hotel or any other transportation or service providers or companies, their agents, servants, employees and sub-contractors or other causes. In the event that, in the opinion of SERA, it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort and/or well being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary of this tour, including the airline and type of equipment, accommodations and/or service utilized, SERA reserves the right to do so at its sole discretion and without notice. SERA is a non-profit organization, comprised of volunteers, for the benefit of all Commonwealth employees, active or retired, their relatives and friends. It is solely responsible for its own affairs and completely independent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State government.

Trip Includes:

Trip includes: Transportation, 4 night's lodging, 4 breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners, Managers Reception, Entertainment, Museum Center & Train Display, Cruise, Make & Take, Creation Museum, Planitarium Show, ChristmasTown, The Ark, Planetarium, Christmas Town, Holiday gift, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Luggage Handling, Taxes and Meal Gratuities.

Hotel:

Holiday Inn (3 nights)

600 West 3rd St. Covington KY 41011 Phone: (859)-291-4300

Hotel amenities: Full service property with lounge area. All rooms offer coffee makers, refrigerators, microwaves, hair dryers and irons. WIFI and fitness center.

Comfort Inn and Suites in Hartville (1 Night)

953 Edison St NW, Hartville, OH 44632 Phone: (330) 587-4347

Hotel amenities: Free WIFI, Fitness Center, Indoor Pool and Hot Tub, Microwave and Refrigerator, Premium bedding, USB ports, Flat-screen TV, Coffee Maker.

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Package Price:
\$999pp Double Occupancy / \$1299pp Single Occupancy**

Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$100 pp) to secure reservation for _____ # people

I (We) wish to purchase Travel Insurance \$150pp Yes _____ No _____

Enclosed please find payment in the amount of \$ _____ to secure Travel Insurance. Travel insurance must be purchased with original deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

Total Payments \$ _____

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

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Roommate Name: _____ **Date of Birth :** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone #** _____

Email Address: _____ **Cell #** _____

Emergency Contact / Telephone: _____

Special Requests: _____

Please make checks payable to Lowee's Group Tours, LLC & mail to:

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PO Box 796
Federal Square Station
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Questions or concerns call Lowee's at 717-657-9658 or email ckelly@lowees.com

Payment by Credit Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard Discover
3% fee for credit card payments

Credit Card Number: _____ **Expiration:** _____ **CID Code** _____

Amount to be Charged : _____ **Signature :** _____ **Date:** _____

Deposit due with registration \$100 per person / Final payment due by 11/1/22.