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PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH TOUR
Tentative Day to Day Itinerary
May 30th – June 2nd 2023

Day 1:

7:00 am - This morning we board our coach for a pleasant journey to Lancaster. We pass through New York State into Pennsylvania then on to our holiday destination. Duty Free, Coffee and Lunch stops on route.

4:00 pm - Arrival at Heritage Hotel Lancaster Check in and time to freshen up.

5:30 pm - Dinner and “Chalk Talk” at the hotel.

Chalk Talk:

Engage your senses through music, storytelling, and the amazing chalk artistry of a former Old Order Mennonite woman or her son who offer insights into Plain culture with a story that comes to life (and lights up) before your eyes!

From a blank canvas, a work of art is created with masterful strokes of colored chalk as the emotional story remarkably unfolds. And, this one-of-a-kind creation is awarded to our group as an unforgettable remembrance of our experience.

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Day 2:

7:30 am Full Chef Made Breakfast

8:30 am Depart for Hershey

9:15 am Arrive at Chocolate World - Pick up guide for tour of Hershey

During this entertaining tour of the town of Hershey, you’ll learn all about Chocolate Town U.S.A., and the man who started it all – Milton Hershey. Stops will include the original Homestead drive by his school, the Hersey Hotel and other sights as time allows.

11:00 am Free time at Hershey’s Chocolate World

A fixture of the Hershey park amusement complex, Chocolate World allows visitors to learn all about the process of making the company's delicious treats. Attractions include an informative and entertaining motorized ride describing the chocolate making process, a 3-D animated musical starring the Hershey Product Characters and a sizable shopping area with an array of confections, candies, homemade fudge, cookies, apparel, toys and other excellent gifts. Lunch on your own.



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12:30 pm Depart for Lititz

Just nine miles north of Lancaster, PA, a little town sits tucked quietly into the bosom of Mother's Earth's fertile fields and underground limestone rivers. The sound of horses hooves clatter along the tiny streets, the town's locals busily sweep their sidewalks. Hands raise in greetings, smiles cross faces as neighbors pass each other on the streets. Mothers and their children feed the fat ducks as they float down the park's canal.

This scenario, played over and over since the early 1700s, still happens every day in Lititz. Lititz, you see, is the hometown everyone wishes was theirs!

Although they have Amish and Mennonite neighbors, it was the Moravian people who settled in Lititz as early as the 1740s. Originally hailing from Bohemia and Moravia, what we now recognize as the Czech Republic, these peaceful, pious people, trying desperately to elude persecution as far back as the 15th century, found their way to Saxony, Germany and through missionary work, eventually to the "colonies," specifically the Warwick Township, Pennsylvania area, where their new settlement would be named "Lititz" in 1756.

2:30 pm Tour of Sturgis Pretzel

Founded in 1861, the Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery is the first commercial pretzel bakery in America. Help us celebrate our 150th anniversary this year! Tour the original bakery, get a hands-on lesson in pretzel twisting, and taste the results of 150 years of pretzel baking heritage.

3:45 pm Wilbur Chocolate factory store/museum stop

The present company originated with Mr. Henry Oscar Wilbur, in Philadelphia, PA. and the Kendig Chocolate Company, in Lititz, PA. At 1226 Market St., Philadelphia, PA. The business continued to grow, and it was necessary for the company to build a separate factory for the production of their chocolate requirements.

In 1884, it was decided to separate the business into the manufacture of cocoa and chocolate, as apart from the manufacture of candy. The company of H.O. Wilbur & Sons was formed for the manufacture of chocolate products, while Mr. Croft and a Mr. Allen continued the candy business under the name of Croft & Allen.

Wilbur was and still is noted for its fine quality Chocolate Coatings. The manufacturing plants currently produce over 240 million pounds of chocolate products, and other various food ingredients each year. The products are manufactured and shipped to confectioners, dairies, bakers, and candy makers across the nation.



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4:15 pm Return to hotel to freshen up. We depart for Hershey Farms for a Smorgasbord Dinner! After dinner return to the hotel.

B. D.

Day 3:

7:30 am Full Chef-made Buffet Breakfast

8:30 am Depart for Bird-In-Hand Bake Shop

Located in the heart of Amish country this is a place you don't want to miss as you travel to Lancaster County. Offering some of the finest, freshest homemade baked goods, and the nicest locally homemade crafts. Don't waste your time at all those "cookie cutter" bakeries when you can get that great homemade taste for a better bargain.

Come right on over and enjoy the taste and aroma of fresh baked bread and rolls, hot cinnamon rolls, "melt in your mouth" whoopie pies, and our trademark wet bottom shoo-fly pies, angel food cakes, layered cakes, fruit pies, cookies, and many, many more baked goods.

9:00 am Time in the Bake Shop and petting zoo

10:00 am Depart for Sight & Sound - Moses

11:00 am Moses – **BEST SEATS!**

The parting of the Red Sea ... the Burning Bush ... the Plagues ... the Ten Commandments ... finally ... the greatest Biblical epic of the Old Testament comes to life on the Sight & Sound stage in Lancaster County, PA - Moses! Journey back through time and relive the golden splendor and pride of ancient Egypt, the poverty and oppression of the Hebrew slaves and the humble, broken man that God raised up to become their deliverer. Not only will you be completely immersed in the spectacular, epic events of the story, but you will experience the humanity of Moses and the children of Israel as they struggle for faith, freedom and belonging. This incredible adventure is like none other for this is when God breaks into history and reveals who He is and that He has come to heal the broken-hearted and set the captives free.

1:30 pm Depart for Kitchen Kettle

Although Kitchen Kettle Village boasts 42 shops, 2 restaurants and 17 lodging rooms, like most homes in Lancaster County, the hub of activity around here is our family-run kitchen. Here the locals cook up homemade Pennsylvania Dutch sweets like jelly, jam and butter, fresh baked goods like pie and cookies, and delicious canned goods like relish, salsa and pickles. And they do it all right before your eyes!

In Lancaster County we're known for our strong work ethic and wholesome food. So let us do the cooking, and you can relax, sample some pepper jam and whoopie pies, and find plenty of delectable food gifts to take home to delight your family and friends.



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Stroll through the village. Sample pepper jam, watch fudge being rolled, go for a horse drawn carriage ride and listen as Banjo Jimmy plays a tune. And did we mention the shopping? It's like a treasure hunt with everything from hand carved signs, to handmade quilts, to Brighton leather goods, to UGG boots and so much more.

Our group will be greeted by a Kitchen Kettle representative and given maps. The greeters will point out the bathrooms and the two restaurants.

Time to explore

3:00 pm Tour of Farmlands

Guide will take you off-the-beaten-path; to places you probably wouldn't find on your own – you'll see the beautiful countryside, learn about Lancaster's local Amish, and be able to ask the guide any questions you may have to ask.

Part of Lancaster County's old-fashioned charm and homespun warmth stems from the Amish community. In many ways, Lancaster has become synonymous with Pennsylvania Amish Country. The families, farmers and craftsmen here follow a deeply religious, family-centered lifestyle that has maintained this tradition through a simple way of life that has not adopted the mainstream culture, yet has adapted in many necessary ways throughout the last 300 years. Forgoing "outside world" luxuries, the PA Amish who grace our small towns and farmlands present a fascinating and authentic horse-and-buggy contrast to the hustle and bustle of the 21st century.

The tour today takes you through the scenic Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Here you'll discover Amish communities where life moves at a slower pace and centers around time-honored traditions and values. You'll find beautiful scenery dotted with one-room schoolhouses and wooden covered bridges, modern farm machinery being pulled behind four-and six-mule teams, homemade clothing and quilts gently blowing in the breeze, and where you'll hear the clip-clop of horses' hooves echoing down quiet country roads.

Tour will include stops as time allows:

- A Mennonite bakery
- An Amish Roadside stand
- Amish Dairy Farm
- An Amish Woodworking home with talk from the owner

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5:45 pm Depart for Evening on an Amish Farm



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We get a rare opportunity for true interaction with an Amish family! Sit down to an authentic Pennsylvania Dutch meal catered in their home. The family visit the guests at numerous tables that are set up throughout the first floor of the large home which sits on a pristine farm. Your members can watch as mules and cows graze in the fields, or you can play with the children, wander about the farm, enjoy the sunset from a rocking chair on the porch, and listen to the neighbor's buggies clip-clopping down the road while delighting in an unbelievably peaceful experience!

Up to four generations of the family may participate during the evening and they are there to converse and to answer any questions that the group members may have. You will discover the evening is just as anticipated by this family as it is by our group!

Following a hardy dinner the owner of the farm will get up and begin asking questions of the group in order to set the discussion in motion. Your group's interests and personalities will determine the direction of the conversation. You will be amazed when you see how "at ease" everyone becomes during this part of the evening! The home will be filled with laughter in no time at all!!

Needless to say, cameras are not allowed in the home and no pictures should be taken of the family. The subjects of discussion are endless and your group will be told that they can ask anything they want!

B.D.

Day 4:

7:30 am Full Chef-made Buffet Breakfast
7:30 am Bags Out
8:30 am Depart for Bird In Hand Farmers Market
9:00 am Bird In Hand Farmers Market

The Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market offers many locally made crafts and quilts, dried and silk flower arrangements, old fashioned toys, dolls and doll clothes, quality leather goods, t-shirts, and locally themed souvenirs. Visit the Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market for mouth-watering aromas and bountiful displays.

10:00 am Depart for home, meal and coffee stops along the way. Arrival time back in Toronto approximately 7:00pm

WELCOME HOME!