



Tours Descriptions

(Boxed lunch is included; age limitations; additional costs and group size limits are noted)

Tour #1 Veggies and Apples

This tour will take you north of Pittsburgh to the [Eichner Farm](#) and [Soergel Orchard](#). The tour will be divided into two groups, the first half visiting the veggies and the second half going to the orchard, and then switching. Eichner Farm is a 4th generation 16-acre family farm. Soergel Orchards was founded in the mid-1850s by German immigrant John Conrad Soergel, who planted the first apple trees. After tours and talks with the farmers, participants will return to Pittsburgh.

Tour #2 Orchards and Apples

After a scenic bus ride through Western Pennsylvania, the tour begins at [Dawson's Orchard](#), a family-owned and operated orchard established in 1946. A short ride will then bring you to the [Apple Castle](#), a 6th generation family farm established in 1861. Along with apples, the farm also produces peaches, nectarines, blueberries, raspberries, sweetcorn, plums, asparagus, rhubarb, winter squash and pumpkins.

Tour #3 Family Farms

The first stop is [Freedom Farms](#), a family-owned, fourth generation sustainable farm utilizing minimal pesticides; animals are pasture-raised and non-GMO fed. The King Family has a diverse sustainable business plan that provides them with year-round income. After a tour of the facilities, chat and a hot beverage, the tour will move on to [Harvest View Farm and Market](#) and will end at Bergbigler Farm, a century-old farm home to 100-head cowherd with computerized feeding stations for calves for a discussion, then head back to Pittsburgh. *****Additional Cost: \$10 per person*****



Image from Freedom Farms

Tour #4 Farms, farms and more farms

The first stop is Bergbigler Farm to see the cows and innovations implemented by the owner. The tour heads to [Renshaw Family Farm](#), established in 1834, the 6th generation is in charge and sell Black Angus, hay and host events on the property. The last stop will be [Blackberry Meadows Farm](#), a certified organic fruit and vegetable CSA farm where their members can join them in the field and learn how to farm for themselves.

Tour #5 Gas, Greyhounds and Gear

This tour visits [Mark West Natural Gas](#) where you'll see how natural gas is procured and processed. The tour continues to West Virginia and the [Wheeling Island Racetrack and Casino](#), originally established in 1866 for thoroughbred and harness racing. It's developed into a hotel, gaming center and hosts greyhound racing. Last stop will be [Cabela's](#), the world's foremost outfitter of hunting, fishing and outdoor gear. Visitors will have the opportunity to stock up on gear and supplies before returning to Pittsburgh. *****Limit of 28 people, No Children on this tour*****

Tour #6 Farm, Grapes and Berries

The first stop, [Christner Farms](#), is a grower and seller of greenhouse produce and fresh farm vegetables and includes a landscaping business. Then on to [Greendance Winery](#) and [Sand Hill Berries](#), located right next to each other. Sand Hill Berries is a small fruits and heritage variety apple family farm, originally 400 acres with history dating to the late 18th century. A short walk away is Greendance Winery, where 40 wines are on offer to taste. Visitors will be able to wander at their own pace through the two locations.

Tour #7 Wine and Berries, and Farm

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Tour #8 War and Wine

The tour starts driving south to [Fort Necessity](#), where the first battle of the French and Indian War was fought in 1754, and where George Washington first his saw military action. After visiting the National Park, the tour heads to the [Christian W. Klay Winery](#). This fifteen-acre vineyard provides a background on how the winery started, the growing and production process and insight into marketing of the wine.

Tour #9 Flight 93 and Hops

This tour will visit the [Flight 93 Memorial](#) and visitor's center, where 40 passengers and crew are honored and remembered for their bravery in thwarting an attack on the U.S. Capitol on Sept. 11, 2001. The site is comprised of the Visitor Center Complex, Memorial Plaza at the crash site and 40 Memorial Groves, one for each of the passengers and crew.

The tour will return to Pittsburgh and end at the [Hop Farm Brewing Co.](#) The brewery is dedicated to responsible use of natural resources, from production to packaging. *****Additional cost: \$10 per person*****



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Tour #10 Ohio Farm and Wine

This trip to Ohio begins after a scenic drive west at [Deerfield Farms](#), established in 1959, initially a 93-acre corn and hog operation. The operation expanded over the years to include selling products and services to area farmers including a grain elevator, fertilizer, seed and crop protection products. They also provide grain drying, storage and handling services and supply feeding equipment. The tour continues to [Maize Valley Winery and Craft Brewery](#) where they produce a variety of wines and beers and there will be an opportunity to shop homegrown produce, meats and cheeses, breads and other food items.

Tour #11 Milk, Wine and Cheese

This tour to Ohio begins in Amish country at Andreas Dairy, established in 1881 and home to 1,200 milking cows and 3,500 acres of cropland, for a tour of their operation. Next stop is the [Breitenbach Wine Cellars](#) where *those over 21* will be able to taste from a cellar containing 40 varieties of wine after a tour. A short walk away is the [Broad Run Cheese House](#) where visitors will be able to purchase award-winning cheeses to pair with the wines from Breitenbach.

Tour #12 Pittsburgh Sports - PPG Paints Arena, PNC Park and Western PA Sports Museum

This tour begins at [PPG Paints Arena](#) where the defending Stanley Cup champions, the Pittsburgh Penguins, play. The tour of the facility includes the various seating areas, locker rooms and information about the environmentally friendly components that make this arena LEED Gold certified. From here the focus shifts to baseball with a visit to [PNC Park](#), home of the MLB Pittsburgh Pirates. After visiting the facility, the tour ends at the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum at the [Heinz History Center](#). From football (Steelers) to baseball (Pirates, Negro League) and hockey (Penguins) to golf (Arnold Palmer), the Sports Museum highlights the region's passion for amateur and professional sports. *****Additional cost: \$28 per person*****

Tour #13 Birds and Flowers

Start with a visit and tour of the [National Aviary](#), the country's largest aviary, home to 175 species representing six continents (minus Antarctica). After a tour of the aviary, the tour will stop off at [the Hop Farm Brewing Company](#) for a tour. The brewery is dedicated to the responsible use of our natural resources, from production to packaging and everywhere in between. The tour ends at the [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden](#) where, for more than 120 years, it has been the city's green oasis, connecting Pittsburghers to the beauty and importance of nature while advancing the role of the public garden in the fields of education, outreach and sustainable innovation.

*****Additional cost: \$25*****

Tour #14 Natural History, Art and Cultures

This tour includes visits to the Carnegie Museum of [Natural History](#), the Carnegie [Museum of Art](#) and [University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning Nationality](#) rooms. The Natural History Museum holds some 22 million specimens, of which 10,000 are on view at any given time. The exhibit includes the world's largest collection of Jurassic dinosaurs, and offers the third largest collection of mounted, displayed dinosaurs in the U.S. The Museum of Art, has a permanent collection of roughly 35,000 works and includes European and American decorative arts from the late 17th century to the present, works on paper, paintings, prints (notably Japanese prints), sculptures and installations. The final stop is the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning, where each room is designed in the style of the various ethnic groups that have settled in Allegheny County. After visiting the world through these rooms and displays, the bus will return to the convention center. *****Additional cost: \$15 per person*****



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Tour #15 Views, Forts and the Strip District

After lunch, the tour begins at the [Duquesne Incline](#) where a ride on an historic coal track from 1877 provides stunning views of Pittsburgh along with a pictorial history of Pittsburgh's industry, inclines, sports venues and natural disasters. The next stop is nearby [Fort Pitt](#). Built by British colonists during the Seven Years' War in the mid-18th century, the site served as a headquarters for the western theatre of the Revolutionary War. After a visit to the museum covering 250 years of western Pennsylvanian history, the tour will end at [Wigle Whiskey Distillery](#) for a tour of the production process, history lesson on the whiskey rebellion and a tasting as well as an opportunity to wander around the [historic Strip District](#) before returning to the convention center.

*****Additional cost: \$25*****



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Tour #16 Ronald McDonald House and Ag Book School Visit

Volunteers will help prepare a meal for families at the [Ronald McDonald House](#), and also visit a local elementary school to complete an accurate agriculture book project. The tour is perfect for anyone who enjoys advocating for agriculture! *****Limited to 10 people*****

Tour #17 Harvest for All

Volunteers will have the chance to participate in a Harvest for All event. The tour will allow members to help make a positive difference for families in need in the Pittsburgh area. *****Limited to 18 people*****

Tour #18 Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers will have the chance to work with the [Habitat for Humanity](#) program to give back to the city of Pittsburgh. *****Limited to 13 people*****



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