### **CCCPASR Presents:**

# Rivers of Steel and more...

October 6-10, 2025

#### Monday, October 6, 2025

8:00 AM Depart Weis Markets Simpson Ferry Rd, Mechanicsburg

8:30 AM Depart Weis Markets, High St. Carlisle

12:00 PM Arrive at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Take a guided Conservatory tour that focuses on their plant collections, history and current flower show. Enjoy lunch on your own at Phipps Café while here. Check into the Drury Plaza Hotel to relax and get ready for dinner. Depart for your included three course dinner at the Grand Concourse. This is a high-ceilinged, stained-glass grand space, retaining much of the Victorian and Edwardian splendor of its former life as Pittsburgh's equivalent of Grand Central Station. Built in 1901, the 80,000-square-foot station was a bustling travel and cargo hub for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad. Return to the hotel after dinner.. (D)

#### Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Enjoy your included breakfast before departure. Arrive at Molly's Trolley Depot to enjoy the "All About the Burgh, The Culture to Ketchup Tour." Step aboard a vintage-style trolley and experience Pittsburgh with a fully guided, 90-minute historical tour. This city tour departs from the Strip District (18th and Smallman Streets) and travels to popular areas of the city including Downtown, the North Shore, and Mt. Washington. From there we will visit SouthSide Works, a retail and lifestyle center uniquely positioned on the Monongahela riverfront and nestled in Pittsburgh's historic and bustling Southside neighborhood. This is on the site of the former J&L Steel Works. Have lunch on your own here. Next visit The Frick, which is a cluster of museums and historical buildings formed around the Frick family's nineteenth-century residence known as "Clayton". It focuses on the interpretation of the life and times of Henry Clay Frick, industrialist and art collector. After the Frick Center visit the Senator John Heinz History Center for a docent guided tour of Pittsburgh's "people museum." The History Center preserves and interprets the history of Western Pennsylvanians through six floors of interactive exhibitions that feature iconic artifacts like the TV set from "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and the world's oldest jeep. From here take a step back in time on a century-old cable car, the Duquesne Incline, and see the best views of downtown Pittsburgh while riding one of the few remaining inclines in the country. Opened on May 20, 1877, the Duquesne Incline was rescued and restored by a group of local residents in 1963 and still delights residents and visitors with its original, elegant, wooden cable cars. Now you can visit the interior of the incline and watch the machinery while it operates. The Duquesne Incline's upper station houses a museum of Pittsburgh history, including photos and a storehouse of information on inclines from around the world. Depart from the Incline Upper Station for dinner at the LeMont Restaurant to experience the pinnacle of fine dining. The LeMont features continental cuisine, impeccable service, and an unsurpassed view of Pittsburgh. After dinner visit the Allegheny Observatory, one of the major astronomical research institutions of the world. It is located in Riverview Park, four miles north of the Golden Triangle (downtown Pittsburgh) and eight miles from the University of Pittsburgh of which it is an integral part. A short presentation will be shown, followed by a narrated tour of the building, ending up at the 13" Fitz-Clark refractor. If it's a clear night you will be shown whatever celestial objects are within range of the telescope. Return to the hotel after the tour. (B,D)

















#### Day 3, Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Enjoy your included breakfast at the hotel before departing. Arrive at the Nationality Rooms at the Cathedral of Learning. The 31 Nationality and Heritage Rooms transport visitors to a special setting, rich with cultural and ethnic heritage. Explore some of these unique spaces that represent the diverse communities of Pittsburgh and learn about their histories. In addition to preserving identity, the rooms are active classrooms for the University of Pittsburgh. Honoring their multi-functionality, guides will highlight classrooms that are not being used for active instruction at the time of the tour. Next visit the Carnegie Museum of Natural History for a 60-minute guided History Highlights tour. We will be joined by Natural History Interpreters for an engaging exploration of the most treasured fossils, artifacts, and specimens in the museum's exhibitions. Hear stories about the history, collections, and research that make Carnegie Museum of Natural History unique. You will have on-your-own discovery time following the tour and lunch on your own at Café Carnegie, located in the museum. After lunch we will visit the Carrie Blast Furnace National Historic Landmark, a former blast furnace located along the Monongahela River in the Pittsburgh area industrial town of Swissvale. A remnant for the once massive, legendary U.S. Steel Homestead Steel Works, the furnaces were built in 1884 and they operated until 1982. From there we will board the Gateway Clipper for a Sunset Dinner Cruise & narrated tour. Relax with a fabulous dinner, music and dancing and wonderful views of the city skyline! Casual Attire/ Business. Return to hotel for the evening. (B,D)

#### Day 4, Thursday, October 9, 2025

Enjoy an included breakfast at the hotel before checking out and departing. Arrive at Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob. Both dramatic and serene, Kentuck Knob is situated just below the crest of a great hill and appears almost part of the hill itself. An organic floor plan, cantilevered overhangs, and great expanses of glass effortlessly integrate the interior of the house with its surrounding landscape. On your tour of Kentuck Knob, you will learn about the Hagan family, Frank Lloyd Wright, and the architect's vision for the house. After the tour enjoy lunch at the Historic Summit Inn Restaurant. After lunch we travel to Fallingwater. A Fallingwater educator will be your guide as you experience Frank Lloyd Wright's most recognized example of the union of architecture and nature. As you walk the beautiful, forested grounds and explore the house from both interior spaces and outdoor cantilevered terraces, you will closely examine Fallingwater's intimate relationship with the mountainous landscape that inspired its design. Inside the living room, one of modern architecture's most iconic spaces, you will experience Wright's pioneering idea of "breaking the box" and see an exceptional collection of fine and decorative art as well as custom-made furniture designed by Wright specifically for Fallingwater. Dinner at the Asiago Tuscan Italian Restaurant is included this evening. Check into the Hampton Inn Johnstown. Relax for the evening. (B,L,D)

#### Day 5, Friday, October 10, 2025

Enjoy an included breakfast at the hotel before checking out and departing for our Box Car tour. Arrive at the Johnstown Amtrack station to board the train and ride the famous Horseshoe Curve. Upon arrival in Altoona, you will board the motorcoach with your Box Car tour guide and head to the Blair Candy Company for a tour. This sweet stop is sure to please. Blair Candy Company has been a family owned and operated business for over 75 years! Luncheon is at the Casino restaurant. After lunch our next stop will be the Wall that Heals ~ the ½ scale exact replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. which contains over 50,000 names etched into reflective black panels. It is certainly worth a visit to Altoona to witness this powerful memorial in the middle of the city. Now we are off to visit the Railroaders' Memorial Museum. The Museum is dedicated to revealing, interpreting, commemorating and celebrating the significant contributions of Railroaders and their families to American life and industry. To end the trip enjoy a tasting at Oak Spring Winery. (B, L)

5:00PM Depart for home, with meal/rest stops en route. (Meal on your own.)

8:30PM Approximate arrival back.

#### **Trip includes:**

Transportation, 4 Nights Lodging, 4 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners, 2 Lunches, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Frick Pittsburgh, Molly's Trolley, All About the Burgh, The Culture to Ketchup Tour, SouthSide Works, Senator John Heinz History Center, Duquesne Incline, Alleghany Observatory, Nationality Rooms at the Cathedral of Learning, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carrie Blast furnace Industrial Tour, Sunset Dinner Cruise & narrated tour, Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob, Fallingwater, Amtrack Horseshoe Curve Train Ride, Blair Candy, Horseshoe Curve Overlook, Wall that Heals, Railroaders Museum, Oak Spring Winery, Baggage Handling, Taxes and Meal Gratuities.

#### **Terms & Conditions**

#### **Deposit Requirements**

An initial deposit of \$200 per person is required to confirm reservation.

Travel Insurance must be purchased within two weeks of the deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

Full payment must be received by August 1, 2025.

<u>Cancellation</u> ~ Deposit is refundable until August 1, 2025. After that point there are no refunds without travel insurance.

<u>Baggage</u> ~ Portage of baggage is included in program; it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard baggage per person. You may bring a carry on onto the coach, but you will be responsible for it in and out of the hotel.

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

<u>Gratuities</u> ~ tips for baggage handling and waiting staff for included meals are included. Gratuities for the motorcoach driver, maid service, and local guides are not included.

<u>Insurance</u> ~ 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. Please contact Chrissie at Lowee's 717-657-9658 or email ckelly@lowees.com for insurance rates. Trip Cost, Date and Date of Birth is required for the insurance rates.

#### **Hotels:**

10/6-8/25 Drury Inn Downtown, 745 Grant St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (412)281-2900

10/9/25 Hampton Inn Johnstown, 129 Commerce Ct, Johnstown, PA 15904 (814)262-7700

Have questions or need more information?

Tour hosts:

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