

“Hershey & Lancaster County”
St Charles Parks Department
June 1-8, 2024
Itinerary

Saturday, June 1, 2024

6:30am Depart Blanchette Park, St Charles for Indianapolis, IN with rest stop, coffee & donuts in route..

8:15am Rest Break stop at *Flying J Travel Center* with coffee & donuts

Flying J Travel Center
1701 W Evergreen Avenue
Effingham, IL 62401
Phone: 217-347-7161

8:40am Depart for Indianapolis for lunch (Move clocks forward one hour to EDT)

11:40am-12:40pm Lunch stop at Culvers

~Lunch on Your Own ~

Culver's
4701 Kentucky Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46221
Phone: 317-821-2938

12:40pm Depart for Columbus, OH

4:00pm-5:15pm Dinner at *Schmidt's Sausage Haus*

Schmidt's Restaurant & Sausage Haus
German Village
240 East Kossuth Street
Columbus, OH 43206
Phone: 614-449-4038

Menu Buffet

Pork Bratwurst

Smoked Bahama Mamas

Baked Chicken (legs & thighs)

Tossed Green Salad with Rolls & Condiments

Chunky Applesauce

Green Beans w/Bacon

Sauerkraut with Pork

German Potato Salad

Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee

Schmidt's Mini Cream Puffs

5:15pm Depart for overnight lodging

5:45pm Check into overnight lodging

Drury Inn & Suites-Columbus/Dublin
6170 Park Center Circle
Dublin, OH 43017
Phone: 614-798-8802





Sunday, June 2, 2024

7:00am-8:00am Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

7:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

8:00am Depart for Belle Vernon, PA for lunch

11:15am-12:15pm Lunch at Wendy's ~Lunch on Your Own ~

Wendy's

790 Rostraver Road

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Phone: 724-930-7505

12:15pm Depart for PA Turnpike Cumberland Valley Service

2:30pm Rest Stop at PA Turnpike Cumberland Valley Service

Cumberland Valley Service Plaza

219 Pennsylvania Turnpike

Carlisle, PA 17015

3:00pm Depart for Lancaster, PA

4:10pm Check into overnight lodging for 5-night stay

Fulton Steamboat Inn

1 Hartman Bridge Rd.

Lancaster, PA 17602

Phone: 717-299-9999

With a picture-perfect location in the heart of Lancaster County, PA, the Fulton Steamboat Inn provides an unparalleled experience in a beautiful and unique atmosphere! The Fulton Steamboat Inn features comfortable Nautical and Victorian themed guest rooms with either a King bed or 2-Queen sized beds. The Fulton Steamboat Inn is located within minutes of all of Lancaster County's most popular attractions. Trip Advisor has the Fulton Steamboat Inn rated # 1 of all hotels in Lancaster.

5:15pm Depart for Dinner

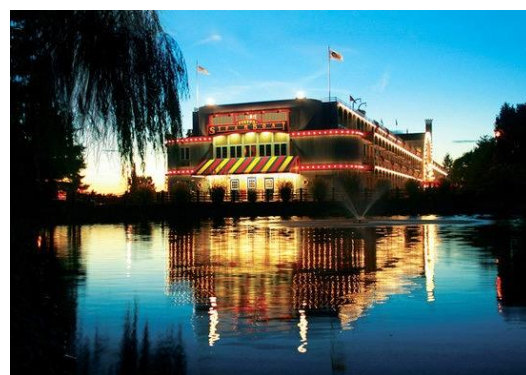
5:30-7:00pm Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord

Miller's Smorgasbord Restaurant

2811 Lincoln Highway East

Ronks, PA 17572

Phone: 717-687-8480





Menu Smorgasbord Dinner

Entree:

Slow Roasted Top Sirloin

Breast of Turkey

Baked Ham with cider sauce

Golden Fried Chicken

Baked Fish

Chicken Pot Pie with homemade noodles

Soups & Salads:

Seafood Bisque, Lancaster County Chicken Corn Soup, Vegetarian Soup, Build your own Salad featuring Miller's own Hot Bacon Dressing & Homemade Bleu Cheese Dressing, Our own Bread & Butter Pickles, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Breads and more.

Appetizers:

Chilled Steamed Shrimp (Plain & Seasoned), Shrimp Pasta Salad, Sauteed Mushrooms, Swedish Meatballs, Swiss & Cheddar Chesses, Cream Cheeses & Pepper Jams.

Desserts:

Pennsylvania Dutch Shoofly Pie, Warm Chocolate Pecan Pie, Miller's Gourmet Apple Pie and more.

Beverages:

Soda, Iced Tea, Hot Tea, Lemonade, Milk, Coffee and more



7:00pm Return to the Fulton Steamboat Inn



Monday, June 3, 2024

6:30am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

8:00am Depart for Hershey, PA

9:00am Arrive at Hershey's Chocolate World

Hershey's Chocolate World

101 Chocolate World Way

Hershey, PA 17033

Phone: 717-520-8981

9:15am-9:45am Experience the one-of-a-kind attraction that let's you *create your own candy bar* using real factory equipment! Dream up your perfect candy bar and watch it come to life, from flowing chocolate to solid bar. You'll start with a pure HERSHEY'S Milk Chocolate base, and then choose three more ingredients to create your own customized candy bar! Create your own wrapper too. It's totally interactive and fun for everyone!

10:00am-10:30am Dazzle all five of your senses to taste HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE in an interactive family-oriented theatre show led by a pair of zany tasteologists. With your Official Chocolate Tasting kit in hand, smell and taste chocolate. Then, head into the chocolate laboratory with Doc Chocolate as he dreams up sweet creations with the audience!

10:30am-12:00pm Experience the trolley tour through tropical rainforest where cocoa beans grow to the *sweetest place on earth—Hershey, Pennsylvania in the Hershey's factory* where you'll see, feel, smell and hear the delicious transformation from bean to milk chocolate.

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch break

~Lunch on Your Own in the Food Hall ~





1:00pm-3:00pm A local step-on-guide will join us for a historical tour of the Hershey area with a stop at Founder's Hall. At 74 feet high the Founders Hall Rotunda is the second-largest rotunda in the world. Learn how Milton Hershey's vision and insight elevated him from rags to riches and how he transformed Hershey, PA into one of the most popular tourist attractions of today. A most fascinating story indeed!

3:00pm-5:00pm The Hershey Story Museum is a journey through Milton Hershey's lifetime and beyond, a tale of trials and triumphs that spans more than 150 years. The Museum is a series of engaging exhibits that provide details about Milton Hershey and the history of Hershey, Pennsylvania!

The Hershey Story
63 West Chocolate Avenue
Hershey, PA 17033
Phone: 717-534-3439

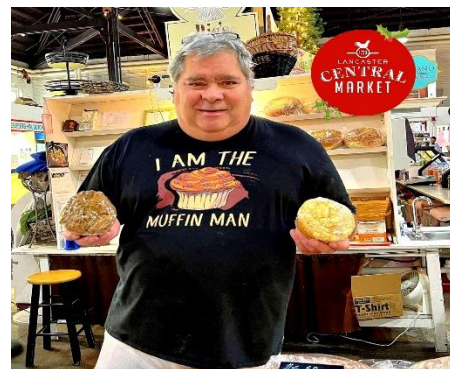
5:00pm Depart for Dinner at the *Harvest Restaurant*

5:30pm-7:00pm Dinner at the Harvest Restaurant
Harvest Restaurant
The Hotel Hershey
100 Hotel Road
Hershey, PA 17033
Phone: 717-534-8800

Located at The Hotel Hershey, Inspired by local and regional ingredients, Harvest offers a fresh take on American cuisine perfect for the whole family. The menu features fresh seasonal fare and a variety of beverages including micro-brews, cocktails, and American Wine List.

7:00pm Return to Fulton Steamboat Inn





Tuesday, June 4, 2024

6:30am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

9:30am Depart for *Lancaster Central Market*

10:00am-1:00pm We visit the iconic *Lancaster Central Market*

~Lunch on Your Own~

Lancaster Central Market

23 N. Market Street

Lancaster, PA 17603

Phone: 717-735-6890

Established 1730, and still fresh, a blend of old world and new awaits you at Lancaster Central Market. Designated as a market town in 1730, the city of Lancaster is home to Lancaster Central Market, the oldest, continuously running public farmers' market in the country. More than 60 local vendors call the beautiful 1889 Market House home three days each week, when it opens its doors to welcome the surrounding community. A step inside is sure to highlight all that Lancaster County has to offer. A walk through its aisles will find an abundance of produce from the deeply nutrient-rich soils native to the local landscape; an array of prepared foods representing the proud cultural diversity of the country; and locally sourced meat, poultry, cheeses and more. (Credit: Excerpts from Lancaster Central Market)

1:00pm Depart for Bird-in-Hand, PA

2:00pm-8:30pm We visit "*The Amish Experience*" in Bird-in-Hand, PA and experience the life-style of the Amish community.

2:00pm We begin our adventure by watching the film "*Jacob's Choice*" at the Amish Experience Theatre. "400 years of history in 40 minutes of magic." Our one-of-a-kind, five-screen movie experience is one of only a handful of experiential theatres in North America. Combining film, a three-dimensional barnyard set and striking special effects, the Amish Experience Theatre's critically acclaimed production of *Jacob's Choice* tells the unforgettable story of the Amish, a journey from Europe to America, emotionally unfolding in the modern day daily life of the Fisher family. (Credit: Excerpts from "*The Amish Experience*")

2:40pm We visit the "*Amish Country Homestead & One-Room School*," Lancaster's only officially designated *Heritage Site* Amish Home. The





scenic country setting, completely surrounded by Amish farms, is but one reason why the Homestead is the only *Heritage Site* Amish House tour. This prestigious distinction has been earned for its....

Authenticity—the “lived-in” look of the house as you walk through nine rooms, including one-room school.

Interpretation—Our guide answers the how and why questions that baffle visitors (and locals). Why do the Amish dress so plainly? How do they power their appliances? Why don’t they have churches? Oh, and yes, you’ll just love all the marble rollers. *(Credit: Excerpts from “The Amish Experience”)*

3:30pm We enjoy an Amish Farmlands tour with Step-on-Guide. Visitors know the beauty of our Amish countryside the world over...sights you find nowhere else. The spectacular farmland scenery changes with the seasons. It seems not much has changed along our backroads. Horses plow the fields, Amish buggies clip-clop down country roads, but things are indeed changing...there’s an Amish girl texting on her Iphone! Our Step-on-Guides are certified local exports, and our Farmlands Tour includes admission to both Amish Experience Theatre and the Amish Country Homestead. *(Credit: Excerpts from “The Amish Experience”)*

5:30pm Enjoy a Dutch Country meal in the Miller Family Amish home.

Menu

Entrée:

Pot Roast w/Gravy

Baked Chicken (leg & thigh)

Sides:

Tossed Salad, Cole Slaw, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Homemade Bread with Peanut Butter Spread.

Dessert:

Apple Pie, Shoofly Pie, Vanilla Ice Cream

Beverage:

Meadow Tea (Mint Flavor), Coffee

After dinner our host will answer any questions we may have pertaining to the Amish culture or otherwise.

The Amish Experience

3121 Old Philadelphia Pike

Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505

8:30pm We head back to the Fulton Steamboat Inn.





Wednesday, June 5, 2024

6:30am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

9:15am Depart for the *National Watch & Clock Museum*

10:00am-12:00pm We visit the *National Watch & Clock Museum*. The Museum features the largest collection of timepieces in North America—more than 13,000 from around the world, including a German table clock from about 1570.

National Watch & Clock Museum

514 Popular Street

Columbia, PA 17512

Phone: 717-684-8261

With more than 20 galleries to explore, The National Watch & Clock Museum features timekeepers from all over the world spanning centuries. From sundials to atomic clocks, the Museum has it all. We start our visit with a guided tour of the Museum followed by free time to explore the many galleries.

What is Horology?

Horology is the study of timekeeping and the making of timepieces. Humans have been measuring time for thousands of years by tracking sunrise and sunset as well as the phases of the Moon and apparent movement of the stars. The ability to track the seasonal cycles, such as the regular flooding of the Nile, directly affected survival. Over the years timekeeping has evolved to encompass ever-smaller increments with accuracy beyond the nanosecond.

Advances in timekeeping prompted global changes in society. Timekeepers began keeping everyone and everything on schedule, from farmers to Pharmacists and from sailing ships to space shuttles. Today, almost nothing is coordinated without using a timepiece. (Credit: Excerpts from the NW&CM)

12:30pm-2:00pm ~Lunch on Your Own~ at Wendy's

Wendy's

3995 Columbia Ave

Columbia, PA 17512

Phone: 717-285-9607





2:30pm-4:15pm The Turkey Hill Experience features interactive exhibits allowing you to learn about dairy culture, the story of Turkey Hill Dairy, and how the company's ice cream and iced tea flavors are selected and created. You will truly experience what it's like to be a Turkey Hill Dairy ice cream maker for a day, including the opportunity to create your own virtual ice cream flavor. In addition, you can sit in our vintage milk truck, milk our mechanical cows, star in your very own Turkey Hill commercial, and enjoy plenty of free samples of iced tea and ice cream! We will learn the History and Culture of Western Lancaster County and the Susquehanna River Valley.

Turkey Hill Experience
301 Linden Street
Columbia, PA 17512
Phone: 717-684-0134

Taste Lab

Your chance to make your own Turkey Hill ice cream in our taste lab. Bring your virtual ice cream creation to life in the Turkey Hill Taste Lab: a hands-on educational experience allowing you to develop and taste the flavor you created.

Make your own virtual ice creation

Walk through interactive exhibits of the ice cream making process, from milk and cream delivery to freezing the mix and filling the cartons. Learn about the homogenization and pasteurization then race to measure out the perfect batch. Research and develop your own ice cream concoction by choosing your ingredients and designing your package. Cool off from the hard work with a stop in our blast freezer. Then, learn how we test our ice cream with a sample taste test of your own. *(Credit: Excerpts from Turkey Hill Experience Web Site)*





4:15pm Depart for Bube Brewery

5:00pm-8:00pm By the mid-1980's, German-style lager beer had become all the rage among beer drinkers in America. Very different from the English-style ales that predominated in the U.S. previously, lager beer necessitated a different brewing method. Those brewers manufacturing lager beer in the 1850's often could not keep up with demand and by the 1860's a brewery boom was underway. Literally hundreds of breweries emerged all over the United States. Into this brewing climate came a young German immigrant named Alois Bube. Having been a brewing apprentice in his homeland, Alois secured a job at, and in 1876 bought, a small brewery in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania.

Bube's Brewery as it stands today is the result of Alois Bube's life's work. He expanded his small brewery several times and built a Victorian hotel to save his beer and accommodate overnight guests and offer dining to travelers passing through Mount Joy. By the turn of the century, he had a very successful business and his reputation as a good brewer and decent businessman had spread far and wide.

Mr. Bube died suddenly in 1908 at the age of 57. He had built up enough wealth that although his brewery closed just prior to Prohibition in 1920, members of his family were able to live here until the 1960's changing nothing and doing little with the buildings. As common as breweries similar to this one would have been in the late 1800's, Bube's Brewery is the only one of the hundreds of the "lager era" breweries that still stands in almost completely intact condition in the United States today. Restoration of the complex began in 1968 and continues currently. *(Credit: Excerpts from Bube Brewery.)*





Bube Brewery
Catacombs Restaurant
102 North Market St
Mount Joy, PA
Phone: 717-653-2056

By Royal decree, join the King and Queen for a Royal Banquet. Medieval Splendor will fill the banquet hall this night, to honor the King and his noble lords and ladies. Least we not forget the food. A meal of royal delights, served to your board to fill you up just right. Join us for a night of games and thrones, of knights and ladies, fun and medieval frolic. The Royal Banquet and Tournament show at Bube's Brewery is a fully scripted and professionally performed interactive entertainment experience. You don't have to just watch, you have the chance to be part of the fun. Truly an immersive evening of entertainment for the whole group. Before and after the event we will have a guided tour of this historic brewery.

Menu

Appetizer:

Pretzel Bites with Beer Cheese

Salad:

Bed of mixed greens topped with tomatoes and cucumbers served with our House Dressing.

Entrée:

Sauteed Tenderloin Tips in French Pepper Sauce served with whipped Potatoes & Seasonal vegetables
Chicken Alfredo, Chicken Breast with Parmesan alfredo Sauce in Penne Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables

Beverage:

Iced Tea Station, Coffee Station

Dessert:

Chef's Choice of Dessert

8:00pm Return to Fulton Steamboat Inn





Thursday, June 6, 2024

6:30am Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

9:00am Depart for *Spooky Nook Llama & Alpaca Farm*

10:00am-12:00pm Visit *Spooky Nook Llama & Alpaca Farm*

Spooky Nook Llama & Alpaca Farm

462 Weidler Lane

Manheim, PA 17545

Phone: 717-459-3414

Pamala Campbell and Michael

Scornovacchi wanted to have animals on their 80-acre farm. Both were retired successful business owners with grown children and grandchildren and were ready for the commitment of owning livestock.

After going to a community fair and seeing alpacas, they both fell in love with their fluffy coats and sweet dispositions, pursued educating themselves on the care and health of alpacas and llamas and 6 alpacas were purchased. Shortly after, two llamas were purchased. They surrounded themselves with other camslid owners who have shared their knowledge with them and helped them to understand the industry better. That love grew into the herd we now have, which includes some of the finest llamas in the country. Our herd is growing, but you can be sure of one thing—we will only breed quality stock, and we will continue to educate ourselves on their care and training.

Michael is involved in the daily farm maintenance and care of the animals, while Pamala trains, grooms & loves on them, and works with them to prepare them for show competitions.

Our goals in owning these beautiful creatures, are to have the world know more about them, breed good dispositions with exceptional conformation, and be good stewards of what God has blessed us with.

Our farm was built in 1812 and we spent 6 years refurbishing the property. We love the beautiful landscape of Landscape of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and the history of this area.



12:00pm Depart for *Lititz, PA*

12:30-1:30pm Lunch on your own at the historic shops of downtown Lititz, PA.

Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery

219 E. Main Street

Lititz, PA 17543

Phone: 717-626-4354

In 1861, at the age of 26, Julius Sturgis purchased the house at 219 E. Main Street in Lititz and opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in America. Julius lived in the house with his family and added an addition to the house for his bakery. Sturgis is still the oldest pretzel baking family in America. Tom Sturgis and his son Bruce now run the business, with other family members helping to manage both Tom Sturgis Pretzels and Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery.

In addition to being the site of America's first commercial pretzel Bakery, the building at 219 E. Main Street holds an even longer history. Built in 1784 by Peter Kreiter, the house is one of the original structures in Lititz. The sturdy stone house was built from stones dug from the street itself and timber hewed from the surrounding forest. The home has musket firing windows in the cellar to ward off attacks from Native Americans, while the interior included beautifully carved wooden panels on the staircase, heavy wooden doors on iron strap hinges, and plank pegged floors. The Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

1:30pm Half of our group will take the first tour at Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery as you roll your own pretzel and learn the iconic history of how the pretzel was made.

2:00pm The second half of our group will take the second tour at Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery.

2:30pm-4:30pm Free time to browse the shops of downtown Lititz. (Be sure and visit Wilber Chocolate)

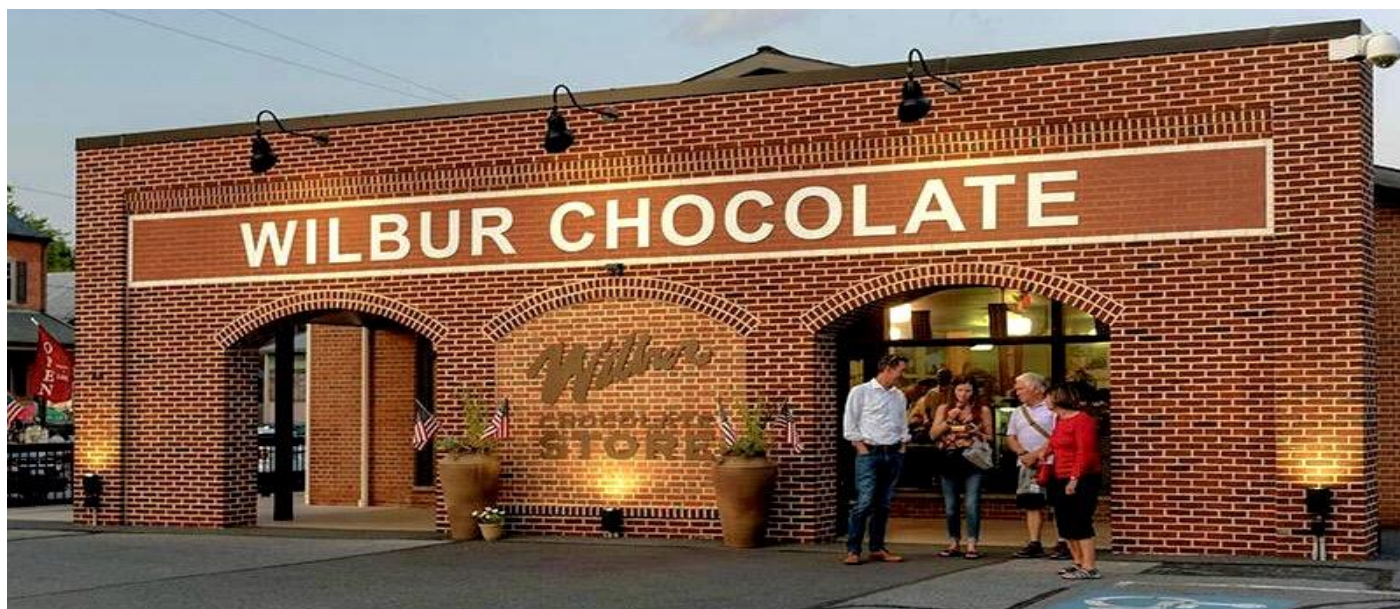
Special Moments in Lititz History

The Wounds of War In 1777, during the American Revolution General Washington ordered 250 wounded and sick soldiers to be quartered in Lititz. The Moravian Brothers' House, built in 1759, was approved to serve as a hospital.

Nation's Oldest Girls School Lititz is home to Linden Hall, the oldest all-girls boarding school in the United States. Linden Hall was founded by the Moravians in 1746.

Pretzels Started Here Founded in 1861, the Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery is the oldest commercial pretzel baker in America active today.





The Champ's Chocolate Wilbur Chocolate Company's famous Wilbur Buds were first introduced in 1894. In 1978, Muhammad Ali interrupted his training for his rematch with Leon Spinks to hold a press conference in Lititz, announcing his Muhammad Ali Crisp Crunch candy bar made by Wilbur Chocolate.

4:30pm Depart for Bird-N-Hand, PA for dinner.

5:30pm-7:00pm Dinner will be at *Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant*.

Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant

3121 Old Philadelphia Pike

Bird-N-Hand, PA 17505

Menu Family Style—all you can eat

Entrée:

Made-from-scratch-Golden Fried Chicken

Roast Eye Round of Beef with Au Jus

Plain & Fancy Signature Pork Sausage

PA Dutch Chicken Pot Pie with Homemade Noodles

Sides:

Real Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Browned Buttered Noodles

Corn

Chef's choice of Vegetable

Desserts:

Chocolate Cake

Warm Shoo-Fly Pie

Apple Dumplings

Vanilla Ice Cream

Bottomless Beverages:

Lemonade

Brewed Iced Tea

Hot Tea and Coffee

7:00pm Return to the Fulton Steamboat Inn





Friday, June 7, 2024

6:30 Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

7:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

8:00am Depart for Washington, PA with rest stop in route.

10:15am Rest Stop at Sunoco Mini Market

Sunoco Mini Market

PA Turnpike Milepost 172

Waterfall, PA 16689

10:45am Depart for Washington, PA for lunch.

1:15pm-2:15pm Lunch stop at Chick-fil-A

~Lunch on Your Own~

Chick-fil-A

375 Washington Rd.

Washington, PA 15301

Phone: 724-222-0200

2:15pm Depart for Plain City, OH

5:00pm-7:00pm Dinner at *Der Dutchman*

Der Dutchman

445 S. Jefferson Ave

Plain City, OH

Phone: 614-873-3414

7:00pm Depart for overnight lodging. .

7:30pm Check into overnight lodging for one night stay.

Drury Inn & Suites-Columbus/Dublin

6170 Park Center Circle

Columbus, OH 43017

Phone: 614-798-8802



Saturday, June 8, 2024

6:00am Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

7:30am Bags down by the bus for loading

8:30am Depart for Indianapolis, IN for lunch

11:00am-12:00pm Lunch at Culver's

~Lunch on Your Own ~

Culver's

4701 Kentucky Ave

Indianapolis, IN 46221

Phone: 317-821-2938

12:00pm Depart for St Charles, MO with Rest Stop in route. Move clocks back one-hour to Central Daylight Savings Time.

1:30pm Rest stop at Pilot Travel Center

Pilot Travel Center

10 Interstate Dr

Vandalia, IL 62471

Phone: 618-283-1557

2:00pm Depart for St Charles, MO

3:15pm Arrive Blanchette Park, St Charles, MO

