A SALUTE TO AMERICAN LEGENDS IN NORTHEAST OHIO Find It Here. Pre-FAM #3





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"A SALUTE TO AMERICAN LEGENDS"

Come and celebrate legends of the football field, battlefield and some quirky salutes to Americana. You can roam where Ohio's first settlers called home, witness the empires created by titans of industry and pay respects to our fallen heroes and beloved Presidents. In NE Ohio, a Salute to American Legends is waiting for you!

Please plan your arrival to Canton by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017

<u>If you are flying into the Akron-Canton Airport</u> the Holiday Inn Canton has a complimentary shuttle that will take you right to the hotel.

If you are driving in please go directly to the Holiday Inn Canton (Belden Village), 4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, OH 44718. You will park your car there until after the completion of the FAM tour on Friday at 3:30pm. At approximately 4:00 pm the bus will return you to the hotel for you to get your car and luggage and drive to Cleveland.

Tuesday -January 10th

3:00-5:30PM - Check into the Holiday Inn Canton

Enjoy your 3-day stay in a studio suite at the beautiful Holiday Inn Canton which recently completed a 9 million dollar renovation on their rooms, lobby, indoor pool, state of the art fitness center, restaurant and bar.

Contact Info for questions on Karen T. Harris, Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau

the following portion of tour: kharris@visitakron-summit.org / 800.245.4254

6:10PM - Bus departs hotel for restaurant

6:30PM-Dinner at The Twisted Olive

The Twisted Olive Italian American Kitchen is a 16,000 square foot property set on 10 acres of land and encompassed by the lovely Southgate Park and federally protected land. This is a sister property to the renowned Gervasi Vineyard.

8:30PM-Bus returns to the hotel

Wednesday - January 11th

7:15-8:15AM - Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Canton

8:30AM - Bus departs hotel for Akron Tours

9:00-11:00AM -City Tour of Greater Akron

The city of Akron is a three-time "All-America City" (1980/81, 1995, and 2008). The "City of Innovation" will be on display, as we highlight some of the splendors of Akron, such as the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, Lock 3 -Downtown's Outdoor Entertainment Venue, the historic and beautifully landscaped Glendale Cemetery and many other unique attractions that contribute to one of the proudest "All-American Cities."

11:00-11:40AM- Akron Civic Theatre Tour

The Akron Civic built in 1929 by Marcus Loew, was built to capture American audiences with the allure of silent films. Since that time, the Civic has become a cultural legend in the city and remains as one of five remaining atmospheric theatres in the country.

12:15-2:15PM- Lunch and Tour at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

Tour this historic 65-room Tudor Revival Manor House. The gardens and grounds once belonged to F.A. Seiberling, the cofounder at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

2:30-3:30PM -Akron Glass Works Glass Blowing Demonstration

Opened in 2006, the Akron Glass Works hot shop isn't like anything around! We will watch professional glassblowers create original pieces from start to finish with an in-depth explanation of the process as they work. There will be a drawing for a hand blown glass friendship ball.

3:30-4:30PM - SHOPPING TIME at Akron Glass Works & Don Drumm Studios

Akron Glass Works gift shop showcases blown and fused glass made by their artists in their studio. They have memorable one of a kind gifts. Bowls - vases - ornaments - marbles – paperweights/platters - sun catchers - jewelry - seasonal décor/fine art pieces - and more! The artists are always working to keep the gift shop full of great items.

Step through Don Drumm's courtyard gate and you know you are someplace special. Consistently honored as one of the country's top contemporary craft retailers, Don Drumm Studios & Gallery is a unique shopping experience. Representing over 500 artists from Vancouver to Miami to Berkeley to NYC, exploring our showrooms is a cross-continent adventure in color, style, beauty, and creativity.

5:00PM- Bus returns to hotel

6:10PM - Bus leaves hotel for MAPS Air Museum

6:30 - 8:40PM -1940's USO Themed Reception inside the MAPS Air Museum

You will take a step back in time in this impressive museum, which is located inside an airport hangar on the runways for the Akron-Canton Airport. This WWII 1940's USO themed event will have you among the planes and memorabilia of the era, complete with delicious cuisine and great 1940's music.

9:00PM - Bus returns to hotel

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Thursday - January 12th

7:45-8:45AM – Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Canton

9:00AM – Bus departs for Canton Tours

9:30-10:30AM Canton Classic Car Museum

The Canton Classic Car Museum is so much more than cars! Housed in a 1914 Ford dealership, it opened in 1978 displaying over 45 antique and collectible cars and so much more. Ohio's greatest nostalgia museum celebrates classic Americana.

10:30-11:40AM- National First Ladies' Historic Site

A National Parks Heritage site, this two building destination includes the historic home of Ida McKinley in Canton, Ohio, and the education and research center showcases exhibits, dresses, photos, oral histories, and other materials about U.S. First Ladies.

12:00-1:45PM- Lunch with President McKinley at McKinley Museum

Enjoy a delicious lunch with the President, and then allow him to escort you around the museum to talk about his life and how the exhibits relate. The McKinley Presidential Library & Museum is a family friendly history and science museum. The Museum includes the McKinley Gallery, the Street of Shops, an amazing planetarium, Discover World with hands on science exhibit and The McKinley National Memorial, burial site of President William McKinley and his family, which is also on the grounds.

2:00PM- 4:10PM Pro Football Hall of Fame

No trip would be complete without a visit to this LEGENDARY attraction to a sport born in the area. The Hall of Fame is more than a museum -it's an interactive experience! Enjoy over 120,000 square feet of awe-inspiring exhibits that present pro football's unique story and bring to life words such as courage, skill and dedication. Complete this experience with a dessert display at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

4:30PM- Return to Holiday Inn Canton

Contact Info for questions on Tiffany Gerber, Tuscarawas Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau

remainder of the tour: <u>tgerber@traveltusc.com</u> / <u>800-527-3387</u>

5:30PM - Bus departs for dinner tour

6:00-8:30PM- Dinner Tour of Warther Carvings and Gardens

View the hand-carved trains and engines of the 'World's Master Carver' in one of Ohio's most popular group tour attractions. See important events in railroad history carved from ebony and ivory! End the tour with a candlelit dinner amongst the trains.

9:00PM- Return to the Holiday Inn Canton

Friday - January 13th

7:00-8:00AM - Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Canton

8:15AM – Bus departs Tuscarawas County Tours

9AM-Dennison Railroad Depot Museum, Dennison

Have cookies and coffee with the ladies of a WWII Canteen and experience the feeling of waiting for loved ones to come back to the home front. The Dennison Depot Railroad Museum-Built in 1873 by the Pennsylvania Railroad, this site was made famous during WWII. It was a Servicemen's Canteen serving 1.5 million GI's on their way to the front lines. The museum is housed in the original Depot, newly recognized as a National Historic Landmark, and restored train cars make up half of the exhibits.

11:45AM-Olde Main Street Museum, Newcomerstown

Enjoy lunch and an old fashioned USO-style show on the streets of Newcomerstown in this lovingly created replica of downtown Main Street. Enjoy popular standards and patriotic songs as well as silly songs and tongue twisters performed by the merchants and citizens of small town America.

2:30PM-Famous Endings Museum

Located inside Dover's Toland Herzig Funeral Home, this memorabilia display includes nearly 1,500 funeral and memorial folders, photos, handwritten cards, funeral instructions and service details, and much more from the funerals of celebrities, politicians, athletes and other historical figures. From Elvis to Marilyn Monroe, Rin Tin Tin to Benji, President Roosevelt to Michael Jackson and everyone in between! Each item has a unique story told by John Herzig who has personally collected all of the items.

3:30PM- Depart for Holiday Inn Canton and then on to Cleveland hotels-estimated travel time to Cleveland 1.5 hours

Itinerary subject to change