

ROAD SCHOLAR

MILE Charter 2012 – Program # 19287
Tel: (877) 426-8056, Mon-Fri, 9am to 6 pm
Pittsburgh: A Signature City
Sunday, June 3 to Friday, June 8, 2012
5 nights/6 days

Program Summary:

An ongoing urban facelift and a steadily brightening economic outlook have erased Pittsburgh's gritty reputation from 30 years ago and made the city one of the world's best places to live. Celebrate the culture and history of this 21st-century city, and learn about the personalities who played a part in its tale. Journey up the Duquesne Incline by funicular rail and use the view from atop Mount Washington to learn about Pittsburgh history and geography. Study the lives of barons like Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick and John Heinz, and trace the legacies they and others left behind during expert-led field trips to the Phipps Conservatory, Carnegie Museum of Art, Frick Art and Historical Center, and Rivers of Steel National Heritage Center.

Program Highlights:

- Discover the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, a gift to the residents of Pittsburgh from Henry Phipps and a National Historic Landmark.
- Enjoy an expert-led discovery of the Frick Art and Historical Center where you will see a collection of Italian Renaissance and Flemish Masterpieces.
- Visit the Carnegie Museums, the largest, most far-reaching cultural organization in the Pittsburgh region.
- Discuss the past and future of Pittsburgh during a final lecture presented by a local expert.

Program Price:

- Double Occupancy: \$1,049
- Single Occuopancy: \$1,389

Accommodations:

Hilton Garden Inn (formerly Wyndham Pittsburgh -- University Place, recently renovated)

- Full Service Hotel
- <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=PTTUCGI>

Meals included: 14 total, 5 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners

Daily Schedule:

Sunday, June 3rd: Welcome and Orientation

- Check in and Registration
- Orientation
- Dinner at the hotel
- Welcome Presentation

Monday, June 4th

Morning:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Field Trip to the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.
- Narrated coach tour of Pittsburgh's Cultural District & Oakland. Also take a ride on the Duquesne Incline and see the beautiful view from Mount Washington

Afternoon:

- Lunch at the Grand Concourse in Station Square
- Enjoy a river cruise with a representative from Riverlife, an organization dedicated to the restoration of Pittsburgh's waterfront.
- Return to the hotel for free time

Evening:

- Dinner at Buca di Beppo, also in Station Square.
- After dinner you will have free time to explore the area on your own. Enjoy views of the river and a variety of nightlife options

Tuesday, June 5th

Morning:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Field trip to the Heinz History Center for a presentation and guided tour, followed by free time in the museum

Afternoon:

- Walk to lunch at Lidia's Pittsburgh a few blocks away in the Strip District
- Field trip to The Frick Art & Historical Center for a presentation: "From Horses & Carriages to Horseless Carriages" followed by a visit to the Car & Carriage Museum

Evening:

- Dinner at the hotel
- After dinner enjoy some storytelling by Pittsburgh historian Alan Irvine and learn untold secrets of some of Pittsburgh's most influential characters.

Wednesday, June 6th

Morning:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Walk to the Cathedral of Learning located on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh and enjoy a guided tour of the Nationality Rooms.

- Explore the internationally renowned collection at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Afternoon:

- Lunch at the Carnegie Café
- Guided tour of the Carnegie Art Museum
- Free Afternoon to explore the Natural History Museum, Art Museum and/or other Pittsburgh Sites

Dinner:

- Dinner on your own

Thursday, June 7th

Morning:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we will visit the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Museum for an in-depth examination of Pittsburgh's industrial past. Learn about the infamous Homestead Steel Strike and explore the ruins of the Carrie Furnace, a pre World War I blast furnace located in Rankin, PA along the Monongahela River.
- ***Please note that heels and open-toed shoes are not allowed at this site.***

Afternoon

- For lunch, immerse yourself in the flavorful traditions of Pittsburgh's Eastern European heritage at the Bulgarian Club followed by a presentation: Babushkas & Hard Hats
- Return to the hotel for free time before dinner

Evening:

- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant
- Enjoy a performance in downtown Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh Playhouse, *A Chorus Line*.

Friday, June 8th

Morning:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Our final presentation will discuss the current state of Pittsburgh and the future of the city. How has the city recreated itself? How has the city shed its steel and coal history? What is next for Pittsburgh?
- Pick up gift cards for lunch

12:00PM: Check out and Program Departures