

Mentor Senior Center

Trips with JKL TOURS

For 2015!

JKL TOURS of Willoughby, Ohio, has been doing trips with the Mentor Senior Center since 2004. We value this partnership and appreciate the tremendous number of guests who have supported the Mentor Senior Center trip program and have traveled with JKL TOURS.

Below is the current list of trips for 2015. For reservations, more information or details, please contact the Mentor Senior Center.

Fri. May 29 ***Wine Tasting Tour along the Lake Erie Wine Trail*** ***Mild*** ***\$79.***

Come enjoy another edition of our Wine Tasting Tours, as we visit wineries that depend on the misty breezes off Lake Erie to help them make unique vintages perfect for sampling. We'll take in the area of Northeast, PA (Arrowhead Winery,) Western New York State (Johnson Estate Winery,) Erie, PA (Mazza South Shore Winery,) and end up at Geneva-on-the-Lake (The Old Firehouse Winery) on our ride home. We'll also include lunch at the historic White Inn of Fredonia, NY. JKL TOURS has had 5 very successful (and really fun) wine tasting tours and they have sold out the last 2 years, so don't hesitate to call. Cancellation/refund deadline is April 29, 2015

Fri. July 24 ***Historic & Ethnic Cleveland - Part 3*** ***Moderate*** ***\$79.***

Continuing in our series of Cleveland history tours, Part 3 will surprise you as we visit hidden areas that give a glimpse to Cleveland's heritage. You will also be delighted by the new developments that showcase Cleveland's future.

We'll see early 1900's buildings from the Brewery trail and visit a 1929 art-deco building that was part of the Terminal Tower legacy. We'll visit the actual site of the 1881 Cleveland Stockyards before our walking tour of the revived Gordon Square Arts District. We'll also enjoy an Italian buffet lunch in a bank building from 1903, (that was part of Cleveland's streetcar-subway system). We'll have a unique driving tour of downtown and see the site of hidden cannons protecting our Bank of Banks. We'll visit the site of the 1936 & 1937, Great Lakes Expo and tour the historic Warehouse District, We'll see the spot where Abraham Lincoln spoke in 1861, across from the theatre where John Wilkes Booth was performing as an actor!

We'll take in an aerial view of Cleveland from the 42nd floor of the grand dame of Cleveland attractions as we visit the Observation level of the **Terminal Tower!** And complete our day with a behind-the-scenes tour of the original Woolworth's that is now The House of Blues (one of only 12 in the world!) in the electric E. 4th nightlife district. Cancellation/refund deadline is June 24, 2015

Fri. August 07 ***Mystery Trip #7*** ***Moderate*** ***\$79.***

There is a group of us, that like to Wander. A group that can't sit still.

So we board the bus to travel Yonder, and see the world at will.

JKL has combined with Mentor Senior Center for 6 years of fun Mystery trips and this one will follow that mold. You can be assured every one of our different mystery trips is to an area we have NOT visited on one of our published trips. But you will need a big sense of adventure, a good sense of humor and really comfortable walking shoes! The Mystery trips sell quick, so call soon. *(If this trip sells out, we'll add a second bus on Friday, August 14.)* Cancellation/refund deadline is July 07, 2015.

Friday, August 28 *Summer Sunset in Toledo* *Moderate* **\$79.**

Say Good-bye to Summer with a trip to the fascinating **Glass Museum** at the Toledo Museum of Art. Glass has been around almost as long as man and this exhibit (all on one floor) provides an engaging and surprising look into the world of Glass. You will be amazed and astonished at the way man has invented and used glass over time, with many unique and special glass artifacts and exhibits. We'll receive a docent-led tour (one guide for every 20 guests,) with free time to explore AND also time to visit the Toledo Art Museum (across the street,) and their spectacular offerings.

Corporal Klinger, from the hit TV show, **M.A.S.H.** was a local Toledo boy, who often reminisced about his favorite restaurant, **TONY PACKO'S - Where Man Bites Dog**. We'll enjoy a home-cooked meal at this quirky, cafeteria eatery, known for their hot dogs. You'll have your menu choice of hot dogs, chicken paprikash or stuffed cabbage and all come with a great dessert.

Enroute home, we'll stop and visit the tranquil, gated community of **LAKESIDE, Ohio**. We'll receive a welcome from a local resident, who will share some of the history of this little-known area. We'll relax on the porch of their restored 1890's Hotel with a chance to look out over the Lake Erie shore and enjoy *Ice Tea, Ice Cream and Cookies*, on the porch! Plus, we can walk to the boat house or pier or roam the little shops around the corner for end-of-summer bargains.

Here is your chance to "*Play Hooky*" and kiss Summer good bye on this adventure with your friends from The MENTOR Senior Center. Cancellation/refund deadline is July 28, 2015.

Wed-Fri, Sept. 2-4 *Take a BITE of the Big Apple - NEW YORK CITY* **\$525. Pp. dble**

Come join your friends from **The Mentor Senior Center**, as we experience an amazing getaway full of excitement in "The City That Never Sleeps, New York City". This trip is the perfect introduction to guests who have never been to NYC, or have not been back in a while!

We'll depart early on Wednesday morning with stops enroute, before arriving in the heart of Times Square to enjoy dinner at BUBBA GUMP'S Restaurant. With its great location, you will see and feel the electricity and excitement of Manhattan.

After dinner, we'll have free time before we head off to check in at The Comfort Suites of No. Bergen, NJ. The rooms are big, the area is quiet and you'll enjoy the fantastic breakfast!

On Thursday, we'll head on into the city, so wear your best smile to show all the folks back home, as we try to get on TV with Matt, Savannah and Al at *the Today Show* or visit **Rockefeller Center, NBC Plaza** or go around the corner to **St. Patrick's Cathedral**.

After our brush with fame, we'll enjoy a tour with a local, step-on-guide, pointing out the world-famous attractions and landmarks like *Trump Plaza, Central Park, Little Italy* and more. Our tour will include a visit to Battery Park, so you can see the Statue of Liberty in the distance, (the way many immigrants first viewed Her!) Next, we'll have time to view the inspirational 911 Outdoor Memorial, built on the site of the *World Trade Center*. (If you want to see the new, indoor 911 Museum, you do have the option to buy your own admission ticket and catch up with us on your own.)

We'll travel to Times Square with time to explore the shops and see the sights and sounds before we gather together for an Italian Feast family-style dinner at Buca Di Bepo! And after dinner, we'll take in a million dollar view of New York from the observation deck at **The TOP of the ROCK**, seeing all the twinkling lights of Manhattan at night. (Night owls can stay in the city longer by arranging with our hotel for return by mini-bus shuttle!)

After breakfast at our hotel on Friday, we'll head back into the city with your chance to shop at either Macy's Flagship store on 34th, or the Chinatown/Little Italy district! In early afternoon, we'll head for home filled with memories of our NYC adventure. Call soon as space is limited

\$525. Pp. dble, \$499. Pp Triple and Quad, \$659. Pp Single Please note-there is NO rollaway for triples or quads. The Walking key for this trip is STRENUOUS

\$150. Pp deposit by June 02, 2015

\$375. (Or Balance) by July 02, 2015. Cancellation/refund deadline is July 02, 2015

Friday, Oct. 02 *Historic and Ethnic Cleveland – PART 4!* *Moderate* \$79.

If you have traveled with us on Cleveland 1, 2 or 3, you will be surprised by this amazing look at both the past and the future of Cleveland. We'll head toward downtown to take in the late 1800's history of Mr. Gordon and his philanthropic donation still in existence and the ore boat sinking that saved the shoreline at Dike 14! Next, we'll see a site that held nuclear missiles underground, as part of the US Defense Command during the Cold War period (one of 8 in Cleveland and 260 in the US.)

We'll continue on to discover the secrets of the Mansions of Bratenahl, and the famous Clevelanders who lived there. Then, we'll explore the revitalized "Waterloo Arts District," ready to be the next Cleveland neighborhood to rise from the ashes, before we head to Lakewood for lunch at the Lake House restaurant with a lakefront view.

After lunch, we'll explore the "Gold Coast" as we work our way to Wendy Park for a very unique view of Cleveland's skyline and hear the story of how Whiskey Island got its name and reputation.

We'll travel to Chinatown, now experiencing a rebirth and spend time in the huge lobby and gift shop of Cleveland's own Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. We'll have time to visit "Hingetown," a tiny neighborhood that houses both an 1840's and 1890's Fire station, now repurposed into a flower/gift shop and a coffee shop that roasts its own beans. Hingetown is also home to Cleveland's newest art gallery, The Transformer Station, created in a building that transformed electricity for streetcars. This neighborhood is gaining a reputation as a hidden jewel of Cleveland.

We'll complete our day at Cleveland's largest and most authentic Arabian Nightclub, with a buffet dinner included. This trip is full of surprises and you will learn a lot about Cleveland. Cancellation/refund deadline is September 02, 2015.

Sunday, Nov. 29 *A Very Merry POPS!* *Mild* \$83.

Enjoy a wonderful holiday afternoon of classic Christmas music with The CLEVELAND POPS ORCHESTRA. Patterned after the Boston POPS, our CLEVELAND POPS will perform both vintage and modern classics at their annual concert to help kick-off your Holiday Season with a POP! This show includes featured vocalists and local choruses raising their voices and our Yuletide spirits. Plus, there is always a rousing version of audience participation, so come prepared to sing along. We'll enjoy a plated dinner in the ballroom of the Wyndham Hotel after the show. Cancellation/refund deadline Oct 15, 2015

Wed., Dec. 09 *A SILVER GRILLE CHRISTMAS PARTY!* *Mild* \$79.

Come take a very special and nostalgic trip down memory lane, as JKL TOURS has been able to obtain Higbee's Silver Grille for a unique Holiday luncheon. We'll be entertained by Violinist, Mary Beth Ions, before we enjoy a wonderful lunch created by the Ritz Carlton directly from the original Silver Grille Recipes. After lunch, we'll enjoy a 16 piece Swing Band as we recreate the magic of the Silver Grille. (Cardboard Stoves will be available for purchase!) There will be free time to view the holiday decorations of Tower City or even visit the Horseshoe Casino. We'll also see the Playhouse Square Chandelier on our way home. Come join us and start a brand NEW Christmas tradition. Cancellation/refund deadline is October 9, 2015

Thurs, Dec. 31 *New Year's Eve at NOON!* *Mild* \$73.

Come join us as we sing *Auld Lang Syne* aboard the elegant *Nautica Queen*. Our motorcoach will deliver us at 11:30 am., to put on our party hats and ring our noise makers for the big, 12 O'clock count down with a champagne (or soft drink if you prefer) salute. We'll toast good-bye to Old Man '15 and say hello to Baby New Year 2016! We'll enjoy the wonderful buffet *The Nautica Queen* is famous for followed by a Lake Erie cruise taking in spectacular skyline views. We'll be entertained by the *Nautica Queen* staff DJ with music for listening and dancing. We are only able to hold a limited number of seats, so gather your friends and join us.

Cancellation/refund deadline is Friday, Nov. 30, 2015

Please note that ALL trips are accurate as of Nov. 13, 2014