Joint EC and NE Regional Meeting Tour Itinerary

Thursday, October 15, 2020
Cost per guest: $62
Length: 6.5 hours, 11:00 am to 5:30 pm, optional add on: 2 hours, 5:30-7:30 pm

Wright/Dunbar Center – National Historical Park
Wilbur and Orville started their careers as printers and operated their second print shop at this location. This is also the home to one of their bicycle shops. The tour includes a 25-minute video providing an overview of the Wright’s and their contribution to history. Featured at this Park is also Paul Laurence Dunbar, the famous African-American poet and boyhood friend. There is also a small museum dedicated to the parachute, one of many Dayton inventions.

Carillon Historical Park and Hawthorne Hill
Carillon Park immerses you in the region’s history – from Dayton’s founding in 1796 through two centuries of expansion, industrialism and innovation. Learn about these revolutionary achievements while strolling through the Park’s 25 historical buildings and interacting with the hundreds of artifacts in the exhibits. Meet the “founding fathers” of Dayton (Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, Col. Edward Deeds, Charles “Boss” Kettering and John Patterson) in an amazing 4D Theater production in the theater. Where else can you see the original 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world’s first practical airplane and National Historic Landmark, the 1835 B&O (Grasshopper) steam locomotive, and the first automobile self-starter?

- Plenty of time to tour at your own pace. This park is very walkable and has many places to sit, both inside and outside, to relax as you view the enthralling history of Dayton.
- Lunch, on your own, at the Carillon Brewing Company or the quaint Culp Café.
- We will break up into smaller groups to visit Hawthorne Hill, the Wright Brothers mansion just a few miles away. What stories you will hear about the bright, but social and funny, brothers and their sister, Katherine. (Only 14 guests can go at the same time, so groups will be staggered to leave the park at various times.)
- A six-person golf cart will be requested for the group to help shuttle to various buildings, if some members have limited walking ability.

OPTIONAL: Dinner and shopping at The Greene
Dinner on your own
Length: 2 hours, 5:30-7:30 pm

Take the motorcoach to The Greene, an open-air, mixed-use shopping center featuring upscale retail, restaurants, and entertainment with over 100 merchants and restaurants. Choose a restaurant and enjoy dinner on your own. [https://www.thegreene.com/](https://www.thegreene.com/)
Friday, October 16, 2020
Cost per guest: $40
Length: 7.5 hours, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The galleries present military aviation history, boasting more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on display -- many rare and one-of-a-kind -- along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits that bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with today's stealth and precision technology. The newest 4th hangar houses the Presidential planes, along with space exhibits. Over 1 million visitors come each year to experience our nation’s aviation history.

- Have lunch on your own at the upstairs café
- Limited walking

Huffman Prairie, the location of the early flights of Wilbur and Orville. How awesome it is to stand on the actual ground where powered flight first took place. At Huffman Prairie, a national park ranger (based on availability) will step on the motorcoach for a story about the events that took place.

- Limited walking

USAF Aerospace Medicine Tour: The U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine is an internationally renowned center for research, education and worldwide operational consultation. It trains nearly 6,000 Department of Defense, international and civilian students each year. During this 45 minute tour, we will learn about the history of Aerospace Medicine and the current mission sets. For a real treat, we will take a tour of the flight simulators.

Saturday, October 16, 2020
Cost per guest: $108 (dinner included), additional cost for alcoholic and special drinks at dinner $15/per drink ticket (includes tax and 22% gratuity), CASH payment required
Length: 11.5 hours, 9:00 am – 8:30 pm

Cincinnati Union Terminal
The terminal is an intercity train station and a museum! Guests will have free time upon arrival to visit the permanent tenants that are in the Terminal: The Cincinnati Museum Center (a museum, a library and a theater), an IMAX theater show and the Holocaust & Humanity Center. The special exhibits during October 2020 to be announced at a later date.

- A guided tour of the Holocaust Center is scheduled for the group from 10:00-11:30 AM.
- A guided Rotunda Tour will be from 12:00-1:00 PM.
- Lunch or snack on your own at the Terminal.
Lebanon, Ohio: Shopping and strolling. A list of the quaint downtown Lebanon shops and boutiques will be made available to guests. Or, visit the Historical Society Museum.

Dinner at the Golden Lamb, Lebanon: Dinner starts at 6:00 pm. In 1803, this “house of public entertainment” was opened and 12 US Presidents have visited. You’ll want to visit the three museum rooms. “Since 1803, the Inn has been a community gathering place for neighbors, travelers, statesmen, presidents, families and friends. Our legacy runs deep - infused with a spirit of hospitality, accented by the flavors of history and framed by inspiring events. We are proud to be one of America's most historical inns, and Ohio's longest continually operated business. We've captured the rich heritage of the nearby Shaker settlement, Wisdom's Paradise, in two museum rooms filled with period Shaker furniture and rare artifacts.” People come from all over the country to dine or stay at The Golden Lamb – it will be an experience!

Sunday, October 17, 2020
Cost per guest: $160
Length: 11.5 hours, 8:30 am-9:00 pm, approximately 3 hours at each museum.

Optional Extra Day Tour: The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky, and The Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky

The Ark Encounter is a one-of-a-kind, historically themed attraction. In an entertaining, educational, and immersive way, it presents a number of historical events centered on Noah’s Ark as recorded in the Bible. As the largest timber-frame structure in the US, the 510-foot-long full-size Ark is designed to be family-oriented, historically authentic, and will equip visitors to understand the reality of the events that are recorded in the book of Genesis.

The state-of-the-art 65,000 square foot Creation Museum brings the pages of the Bible to life, casting its characters and animals in dynamic form and placing them in familiar settings. Majestic murals, great masterpieces brimming with pulsating colors and details, provide a backdrop for many of the settings. Walk through the Garden of Eden where the Tree of Life, central to the garden, stretches out its branches, laden with ripened fruits. Walk through the Cave of Sorrows and see the horrific effects of the fall of man. Finally, see the sacrificial Lamb on the cross, and the hope of redemption. The area within the museum has been divided into unusually configured spaces that allow for personal interaction with each of the 160 exhibits. Beautiful outside gardens and a small zoo open during the spring through fall.

Both museums have excellent dining options for a lunch and/or dinner.