



## LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



# Rivers of Steel & The Laurel Highlands

*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania & Frank Lloyd Wright*

5 Days – 4 Nights August 14-18, 2024

Rich in culture and history, Pittsburgh, known as the City of Bridges, sits at the confluence of three rivers and is a delight for history buffs and art lovers alike with world class museums and galleries. There's so much to see here and a stop to tour Frank Lloyd Wright's creations are just icing on the cake!

### Day One, Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Depart the **Cascades Senior Center** this morning for **Pittsburgh, PA**. Arrive at the **Phipps Conservatory and Botanic Gardens** where you'll embark on a **Guided Conservatory Tour** focusing on their plant collections, history, and current flower show. Enjoy lunch on your own while exploring. Visit the **Frick Pittsburgh**, a cluster of museums and historical buildings formed around the Frick family's 19<sup>th</sup> century residence known as "Clayton". Check-in to the **Drury Plaza Downtown Pittsburgh**. This evening depart for a **Dinner** included at the **Grand Concourse**, Pittsburgh's former equivalent of Grand Central Station featuring exquisite Victorian and Edwardian architecture and style. (Meals: D)

### Day Two, Thursday, August 15, 2024

Enjoy your **included breakfast** at the hotel this morning. Depart for **Molly's Trolley Depot** and step aboard their vintage 1920s-style trolley for the "**All About the Burgh, The Culture to Ketchup Tour**". Your **90-minute Sightseeing Tour** departs from the Strip District and travels to popular areas of the city including Downtown, the North Shore, Oakland, and Mt. Washington. Visit **SouthSide Works** on the Monongahela riverfront for **free time**, lunch on own, and unique boutique shopping. Explore the **Senator John Heinz History Center** for a docent-led tour of the unique "people museum". A Smithsonian affiliate, the center has 6 floors of historical exhibits, archives, & a separate sports museum. Step back in time at the delightfully unique **Duquesne Incline**, one of the few remaining inclines in the country, offering amazing views with its original, elegant, wooden cable cars. Only steps away, indulge with a **fine-dining dinner experience** at a 5-star favorite restaurant. Tonight, discover something new and special at the **Allegheny Observatory**, one of the major astronomical research institutions in the world. A short presentation is shown, followed by a narrated tour of the building ending up at the 13" Fitz-Clark refractor. If it's a clear night you will be shown whatever celestial objects are within range of the telescope. (Meals: B, D)

### Day Three, Friday, August 16, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning. Depart with your **Guide on a "Burgh Bits and Bites" Food Tour** and embark on a fancy culinary adventure around the world in the Brookline District. Visit the **Carrie Blast Furnace** for an **Industrial Tour** to learn about the former blast furnace and its part in the **Homestead Steel Works** during the Big Steel era of the 20th century. Return to the hotel to rest and freshen up for this evening's activity. Join your group onboard the Gateway Clipper for a wonderful **Sunset Dinner Cruise & Tour!** Enjoy a fabulous evening including dinner, music, dancing, and gorgeous views of the city skyline while you sail away on your cruise ship. Certainly a memorable and fun evening for everyone! (Meals: B, Foodie Tour Lunch, D)

### Day Four, Saturday, August 17, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning. Depart with your **Guide** to visit **St. Nicholas Church**, the first **Croatian Church** in America, established in 1894. Enjoy a **docent-led tour** with time to explore on your own at the **Carnegie Museum of Natural History**. Join Natural History Interpreters for an engaging exploration of the most treasured fossils, artifacts, and specimens in the museum's exhibitions. Hear stories about the history, collections, and research making the Carnegie Museum of Natural History unique. Enjoy lunch on own at your leisure while visiting the museum. Depart to discover the **Nationality Rooms at the Cathedral of Learning** where you can visit each of the **31 Nationality and Heritage Rooms** and be immersed in the rich cultural and ethnic heritage contained therein. This evening, enjoy **Dinner** at a Pittsburgh favorite to conclude your grand adventures. Return to your hotel to rest and relax. (Meals: B, D)

### Day Five, Sunday, August 18, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning, prior to checking out. Delight with a visit to **Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob**, a classic design of the architect, both dramatic & serene. Kentuck Knob is situated just below the crest of a great hill and appears almost part of the hill itself. An organic floor plan, cantilevered overhangs, and great expanses of glass effortlessly integrate the interior of the house with its surrounding landscape. On your tour of Kentuck Knob, visitors will learn about the Hagan family, Frank Lloyd Wright, and the architect's vision for the house. A wonderful **lunch** is included at a beautiful and historic location. Conclude your adventure with a **Guided Tour at Fallingwater**, the home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and the most recognized example of the union of architecture and nature. As you walk the beautiful, forested grounds and explore the house from both interior spaces and outdoor cantilevered terraces, you will closely examine Fallingwater's intimate relationship with the mountainous landscape inspiring its design. Inside the living room, one of modern architecture's most iconic spaces, you will experience Wright's pioneering idea of "breaking the box" and see an exceptional collection of fine and decorative art as well as custom-made furniture designed by Wright, specifically for Fallingwater. Depart for home late this afternoon and return to the Cascades Senior Center. (Meals: B, L)



**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 2176 Member / \$ 2221 Non-Member**  
**SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 2720 Member / \$ 2765 Non-Member**

#### **Tour Includes:**

- Round-trip Luxury Motor Coach transportation,
- Four (4) Nights' Hotel Accommodation with round-trip baggage handling,
- 4 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners,
- Admissions and guide services as stated in the Itinerary.
- Gratuities for Driver
- Payable in 4 Installments
- **TRIP # 946631**

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**Important note: This trip requires extensive walking and long periods of standing. Fees are non-refundable, although a refund minus a 25% administrative fee may be issued if seat is resold. Purchase of Travel Insurance recommended.**