

2017 St. Peters Motorcoach Tours

St. Peters motorcoach tours offer a great chance to explore interesting places and learn about our region.



Are you ready to get away for a fun

WORLD RELIGIONS IN WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Friday, Feb. 24, • 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • \$79

We will be touring the new **Hindu Temple of St. Louis** where you'll learn about Hindu beliefs and customs. We will visit the **St. Louis Abbey/St. Anselm Church**. This modern chapel's design by Gyo Obata, and glass by Frei Studios, it is wonderfully unique. Buffet lunch will be at **Assumption Greek Orthodox Church** where you will enjoy delicious Greek entrees and delicacies prepared by members of the Congregation. After lunch, we'll tour the Church Sanctuary's new iconography. Next is the **Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple** to learn customs and traditions of Buddhism. Following this will be the **Daar ul Islam Mosque** where you will learn about Muslim worship and customs inside this inspiring Mosque.



Tour includes transportation, lunch, and donations ***

ST. LOUIS HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Wednesday, March 15 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • \$89

Visit the new **National Blues Museum in downtown St. Louis**. The Museum celebrates the Blues as the foundation of all modern American music. Next we will view the newly-renovated **Grand Hall of Historic Union Station**, once the waiting hall for train travel, now it serves as a beautiful lounge and gathering places for visitors. Enjoy a delicious cafeteria-style lunch at **St. Raymond's Maronite Church**, with a large variety of foods. Following lunch, we will visit the magnificent **Victoria Campbell House**. Recently painstakingly restored to its mid 19th century glory. The last visit is to the **Missouri History Museum in Forest Park** to view the fun St. Louis Route 66 exhibit. Save a bit of time to browse one of the favorite gift shops in town.



Tour includes transportation, lunch, admissions, and gratuities ***

IL AMISH QUILT FEST AND MORE

Saturday, April 29 • 7 a.m.–7 p.m. • \$112

Come visit Arthur, Illinois for the Amish quilt fest. A brief restroom and snack stop will be made at Effingham truck stop. When arriving at Arthur there should be time to stroll along the main street for a little shopping. For quilters, the **Stitch and Sew**

Shop is a must. Then we will head out to the **Arthur Quilt Show**, where we will view the gorgeous quilts. Afterwards, we will head out to the Countryside and watch for signs of the Amish way of life. Stop and shop at **Beachy's Amish Grocery** store for jams, noodles, baked goods, spices, cheese. Bring a hearty appetite as we will enjoy an Amish home meal served family-style in an Amish home. Next, we will visit another Amish home to take a tour of the house and outside buildings. The lady of the house will show us a variety of conveniences that differ from the ones we are used to. Check the quilts on the beds and the one in the frame. The Amish day trip will conclude with a visit to **Melrose Quilts**, a wonderful quilt and gift shop, or visit an interesting Amish hardware store. (Brief high-way rest stop)



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SHOES, BOOZE AND BASEBALL

Monday, May 15 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • \$94

Get ready to "play ball" on the baseball in St. Louis tour. We will stop at **Lafayette Park**, site of the first baseball diamond in St. Louis, and then drive by sites of major league baseball stadiums. We will make a photo stop at the site of **Old Sportsman's Park**, once the home for both the Cardinals and the Browns, and now the site of the Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club. Next, we will visit the **James "Cool Papa" Bell monument in St. Peters Cemetery**, memorializing the Negro National star and Baseball Hall of Famer. Take a photo of the "big shoe" at the Brown Show World Headquarters. Enjoy lunch and beer tasting at St. Louis' second-largest brewer, **Schlafly Bottleworks**. Our buffet lunch will consist of a delicious turkey club sandwich, salad, soup of the day and beverage. Then, we will enjoy a tour of **Busch Stadium**, home of the St. Louis Cardinals. See the private clubs and press box; sit in the Cardinals dugout. Also enjoy the new Cardinals Hall of Fame/Museum in **Ballpark Village**.



Tour includes transportation, lunch, Busch Stadium tour, Cardinals Hall of Fame/Museum, and gratuities ****

IN THE ARMY NOW

Tuesday, June 13 • 8 a.m.–5 p.m. • \$81

Arrive at **Fort Leonard Wood**. Take a driving tour of the base, visit buildings, facilities and activities. Enjoy dining with the soldiers in one of the post dining facilities. Next, we'll visit the

John B. Mahaffey Museum of Engineering, Military Police, and Chemical Warfare. Stroll among heavy equipment, barracks, a mess hall, and POW facility from the WW II era. We'll be observing actual engineering and HAZMAT training sites.

Tour includes transportation, gratuities, and lunch **



Sherman, Tennessee Williams, Dred Scott. Learn about burial customs and traditions. Enjoy a delicious lunch at **GRBIC restaurant**. Tour participants will enjoy salad, beef goulash over spatzle, bread, beverage and dessert. After lunch, enjoy the **New Mount Sinai Cemetery**, the largest Jewish cemetery in the region. Learn about Jewish burial customs and traditions and see family mausoleums for the St. Louis department store magnates. Afterwards, tour **Jefferson Barracks National Military Cemetery**, one of the largest military cemeteries in the U.S. Over 150,000 servicepersons and their spouses are buried here.



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KIRKWOOD AND WEBSTER TREASURES

Friday, July 14 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • \$77

Tour a famous **1950's Usonian Home**, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for Kirkwood artists Russell and Ruth Kraus. Also, tour the historic Kirkwood Victorian home **Mudd's Grove**. You will Lunch on your own at any of the fun restaurants in **Downtown Kirkwood**. After lunch, visit the **Kirkwood Farmer's Market** for produce, plants and browse shops in downtown Kirkwood. Then visit the historic **Hawken House in Webster Groves**, built for Christopher Hawken's bride in 1857.



MO ROUTE 66, CUBA AND ST. JAMES WINERY

Friday, Nov. 10 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • \$85

We will head down I 44 to **Cuba, MO**, truly the "Route 66 Mural City." Created by artists from US and Canada, the collection of 13 beautiful outdoor murals commemorates Cuba and our nation's history. A short trip down Route 66, we will marvel at the world's largest Rocking Chair and a shopping stop. Enjoy a delicious barbecue chicken, beef or pork sandwich, side, chips, cobbler and beverage, at the **Missouri Hick Barbecue in Cuba**. Next, we will visit one of the largest wineries in MO, **St. James Winery** for tasting and shopping.



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KIMMSWICK AND THE ANHEUSER MANSION

Thursday, Aug. 10 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. • \$91

Visit **Mastodon State Historic Site**. View 15 minute film presentation on the prehistoric era and view exhibits on excavation. Enjoy a great lunch at the **Blue Owl Restaurant**. The Blue Owl is most famous for its mile-high apple pie. We will order from the "Trio" menu, picking three from the following: several choices of soup, salad, sandwich, quiche and dessert. After lunch, there will be time for shopping in **Kimmswick**. Then, we will visit the **Anheuser Mansion**. This historic 1867 23-acre estate on the Mississippi River was gifted to Fred and Mabel Ruth Anheuser by his parents in the 1940's and lots of Anheuser memorabilia are on display including dresses.



TREE-MENDOUS HOLLY-DAY TRIP

Wednesday, Dec. 13 • 12:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. • \$98

Visit the magnificent Romanesque **Cupples House** on the **St. Louis University Campus**. Completed in 1890 at a cost of \$500,000, this Victoria mansion would cost about \$20 million in today's dollars. Next, visit **Walter Knoll's Wholesale** on LaSalle Street and purchase holiday plants and decorations at wholesale prices. Afterwards, enjoy the wonderful annual holiday and wreath show at the **Missouri Botanical Garden**, then spend some time in the **Garden Gate gift shop**. Then, do some holiday shopping at **DiGregario's Grocery** and **Missouri Baking Company** on The Hill. Enjoy a delicious dinner of chicken spedini, house salad, side of pasta, bread and beverage at the **Zia's** on the The Hill. After dinner, drive by the holiday lights of downtown St. Louis and the **Anheuser Busch Brewery**. Also, enjoy the holiday lights at **Tilles Park**.



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PROS AND CONS (THE BIG HOUSE TOUR)

Tuesday, Sept. 12 • 8 a.m.–5 p.m. • \$91

In this tour, we will see the old **1836 Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City**. Enjoy a delicious meal of your choices, pizza, soup or salad, sandwich and beverage, at the local **Prison Brews**. Next, we will tour the magnificent **Missouri State Capitol** which dominates the bluffs of the Missouri River and is noted for its architectural features. Treat yourself to an ice cream delight at **Central Dairy**.



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TOUCHSTONES TO OUR PAST

Thursday, Oct. 26 • 8 a.m.–4 p.m. • \$79

Tour the **Bellefontaine Cemetery**, established in 1849 and sprawls over 327 acres in North St. Louis. See the gravesites of many notables like William Clark, Adolphus Busch, and Thomas Hart Benton. Learn the history of the rural garden cemetery movement and admire large family mausoleums. Next, tour the **1857 Calvary Cemetery**. Visit gravesites of William Tecumseh

WALKING LEVEL

- * Little walking. Mostly on the bus or sitting.
- ** Some walking.
- *** Quite a bit of walking, but mostly at your leisure.
- **** Mostly walking.

Tours are guided by Linda Koenig. All tours meet in the west parking lot at City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd. To register or to learn more about motorcoach tours, go online to stpetersmo.net/rec-connect or call 636.939.2386, ext. 1400.



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