

# LAUREL HIGHLANDS ARTS AND HERITAGE TOUR W/LODGING IN BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS



*Timing/itinerary to be adjusted based on your arrival/departure needs.*

**DAY 1:** Lunch on own either prior to or upon arrival at Ligonier, PA. Meet your local guide at a location to be decided. This afternoon you visit Fort Ligonier. A significant and formidable outpost during the French and Indian War, Fort Ligonier is a full-scale, on-site reconstruction where you will step into history and explore this 18<sup>th</sup> century historic site. The museum showcases the spectacular George Washington Collection, highlighting his early military career, and the highly-acclaimed exhibit, *The World Ablaze: An Introduction to the Seven Years' War*. While at the fort you meet *young George Washington*.



Depending on your arrival time there may be time to explore the beautiful little village of Ligonier with its town center, known as the Diamond, numerous unique shops and a beautiful park where you may enjoy some free time. Ligonier was voted one of eighteen “Most Charming Small Towns Across America” by Country Living Magazine in 2015.

Late afternoon check in to Antiochian Village, your home for tonight. Comfortable rooms are provided along with outstanding dining and simply amazing mountain views all around. A wine and cheese reception in the Antiochian Heritage Museum presents the artistic, cultural and spiritual heritage of the Near East, Orthodox Christianity and its roots in Antioch (Syria) and the Holy Land. Exhibits include richly inlaid furniture of Damascus, colorful hand-embroidered clothing, antique religious icons, and early Bibles in English and Arabic. An interactive touchscreen display explores the life of Saint Raphael, who served as Bishop of Brooklyn during the early 1900s.



A Titanic-themed dinner is included in the beautiful surroundings of Antiochian Village.

This evening you may take a stroll on the grounds or visit the Titanic Exhibit where you learn facts probably never heard before about the ship, its passengers and stories of that tragic event. There are rooms available where you may enjoy the company of friends and perhaps participate in a game or two. We're sure you'll appreciate the serene beauty of this location. (D)

**DAY 2:** Following a delicious hot breakfast you check out and depart with a local guide. Today you visit the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art featuring a permanent display of the impressive Walter Carlyle Shaw Collection of paperweights, with nearly 200 paperweights spanning 150 years. Other exhibits rotate featuring local, regional and national artists. The museum's grounds feature five magnificent flower gardens.

At the Latrobe Art Center YOU are the artist as each tour member makes their own, one of a kind set of coasters/hot pads. Peruse the beautiful artwork, jewelry, and more. Perhaps you will find that perfect piece of art or other special item here.

Lunch included at DiSalvo's Station, a restored Amtrak Station located just around the block from the Art Center.

This afternoon you have a docent guided tour of the recently renovated Westmoreland Museum of American Art located in Greensburg. The facility features significant additions to its collections and a dynamic new architectural design.

Approximately 4:00 PM depart for home. (B/L)

**PRICE INCLUDES:** lodging, 1 wine/cheese reception, 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, tours and admissions to 4 museums, make your own art at Latrobe Art Center, baggage handling, step on guide throughout, taxes and gratuities on included items.

