

General Interest Tours

G2208 Kohler WI, The American Club and Kohler Design Center - Monday 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tour Cost - \$45.00

The belief in artistry is one of the great cross-generational ideas that have guided the Kohler family from the beginning. Nowhere is this more evident than in the beauty of the Village of Kohler itself. It is an amazing community of 1,900 people—home to a leading American corporation, a tourist destination and a quaint garden-like village. Visit the American Club and the Kohler Design center where you will find unique and beautiful ways to brighten up your kitchen or bath. A lovely plated lunch will be served in the Wisconsin Room at the American Club. You will also find an assortment of specialty shops where you can browse or make that special purchase.

G2249 Cedarburg Shopping - Monday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tour Cost - \$20.00

Visitors consistently rank Cedarburg as one of Wisconsin's favorite small town getaways. The beautifully preserved downtown offers a delightful array of specialty stores, restaurants, spas, museums and historic inns. Add a full calendar of festivals, shows and special events, and it's no surprise that so many visitors find Cedarburg irresistible. Walking along downtown Washington Avenue is like journeying 150 years back in time. Many of the limestone and brick buildings look exactly as they did when they were built in the 19th century. These early structures aren't museum pieces; they're at the center of community life, housing many of the city's businesses and shops. Preserving these landmarks is a community-wide commitment, and their presence is a point of pride for newcomers and founding families alike. Gift, yarn and craft shops will appeal to many interests.

G3240 Architecture of Sacred Places - Tuesday 7:50 AM - 4:50 PM
A box lunch and bottled water will be provided on this tour. Tour Cost - \$44.00

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Milwaukee and the countryside while your tour four historically significant designs in places of worship. **St. Josephat Basilica** designed by Erhard Brielmaier, completed in 1897 is made from the stone, six granite columns and brass fixtures from Chicago's Old Post Office and Custom House. **The Congregation Shalom** is a modern Jewish Temple highlighted with stunning glass works by artist and designer, Suzi Derzon. The center piece is the colored-faceted glass "Tree of Life" which is full of blues, purples, greens, yellows and oranges.

St. Mary of the Hill located on 435 acres on SE Wisconsin highest point is a shrine dedicated to Mary, Help of Christians. Back as far as the 1700's American Indians came to Holy Hill as a sacred place. The **Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church** was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and is entirely formed of reinforced concrete and full of many symbols of worship.

G4132 Pabst Mansion & Mitchell Park Domes - Wednesday 7:50 AM - 11:50 PM
Tour Cost - \$32.00

No visit to Milwaukee would be complete without at least one beer baron visit. 1889, Captain Frederick Pabst – "Pabst the beer that made Milwaukee famous", commissioned a Milwaukee architect to build a grand home on Grand Avenue. From 1890-92 dozens upon dozens of craftsmen created the structure that we see today. The interior colors, woodwork, furnishings and ornaments harmonize from room to room and floor to floor to create a unified interior treatment. The original art collection that Captain Pabst skillfully acquired featured some of the best artists of the time. See a complete room purchased at an estate sale in Europe then shipped by boat to this beer baron's mansion and find out how Pabst Beer earned its Blue Ribbon designation. Hear how this gem went from beer man to holy men.

The only horticultural structure of its kind, the "Domes" provide visitors with three unique environments: The tropical dome, the arid dome and the Show dome which presents five annual themed shows.

G5446 Cave of the Mounds / Wollersheim Winery - Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tour Cost - \$58.00

Time to take a trip "down under". The Cave of the Mounds is referred to as the "jewel box" of America's major caves for the variety and delicacy of its formations and is recognized as "the significant cave of the upper Midwest". A guided tour of the Cave takes you past a varied collection of colorful stalactites, stalagmites, columns and other formations. Be a kid again – all your friends back home will be impressed!

After your spelunking tour what better way to wash away any dust then to visit the Wollersheim Winery which sits on a scenic hillside overlooking the Wisconsin River. This national historic site was first selected for vineyards in the 1840's by the Hungarian Count Agoston Haraszthy. With 20 different grape wines from dry to sweet, annual production of Wollersheim and Cedar Creek wines has risen from 15,000 gallons in 1987 to now over 240,000 gallons. This regional winery has received numerous awards for its wines and has gained recognition as a leading winery in the Midwest. A box lunch will be served in the winery. See why Wisconsin is famous for more than beer.

G5161 Hilton Hotel Kitchen Tour - Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Tour Cost - \$0.00

Think that preparing a meal for your family is a job? Imagine having to do it for hundreds at a time, with everything having to be *just right*. That's the challenge every week for the staff of the Hilton Hotel's kitchen. Come and see how they do it, as we get a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the Hilton Hotel's commercial kitchen.

The tour is in 3 sections: G5161A = 9AM; G5161B = 10AM; G5161C = 11AM. Space is limited.

G5260 Walking / Trolley Tour of Downtown and Old World Third Street - Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Tour Cost - \$5.00

East Town, Westtown, Water Street, Old World Third Street, the Historic Third Ward and the Milwaukee Art Museum. Take the Trolley to find new and exciting spots in Milwaukee. Stop and enjoy to your heart's content then get back on and go to the next stop. The trolley makes a loop every twenty minutes and runs until 9:00 PM.

G6455 Lake Geneva Boat Tour and Shopping - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tour Cost - \$69.00

Prior to the civil war, Lake Geneva was on the reverse route to the Great Lake ports for slaves escaping from Southern Illinois and Eastern Kentucky. After the war, the town became a resort for wealthy Chicago families. These families began construction of the many mansions on the lake, and Lake Geneva became known as the Newport (RI) of the West. Visitors included Mary Todd Lincoln and Generals Sherman and Sheridan. The Chicago Fire of 1871 caused many Chicago families to move to their summer homes on the lake while the city was rebuilt. The construction and maintenance of these mansions, as well as household employment, developed a separate industry in the town adding to the milling, furniture, wagon and typewriter manufacturing enterprises. After arrival of the railroad, thousands of tons of Lake Geneva ice were shipped each year to Chicago until the beginning of World War II. The main feature of this tour is a cruise on Lake Geneva to see the mansions and enjoy the cool lake breezes while you enjoy a scrumptious lunch. Afterwards tour the downtown area with its specialty shops and interesting sights.

G7156 Boerner Botanical Gardens & Greendale Home - Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Tour Cost - \$25.00

Enjoy a pleasant morning in gardens that are reminiscent of an English Country Manor with glacier fieldstone walls and historic handcrafted limestone statuary. There are 40+ acres of formal gardens including the rose garden with over 500 varieties. Stroll along the herb, perennial, annual, and peony gardens then move on to the Day Lilly path, bog walk, rock garden and shrub mall to complete your adventure.

Afterwards drive through historic Greendale and tour a home in the first "planned" suburban community. Greendale was originally developed in 1936 as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal in the wake of the Great Depression. With the purchase of 3,400 acres of farmland southwest of Milwaukee's city limits, the federal government's Resettlement Administration had three main objectives: to demonstrate a new kind of suburban community which combined both city and country life, to provide good housing at reasonable rents, and to provide jobs to unemployed workers.

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