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Pennsylvania Dutch Country Christmas

December 1 - 9, 2020

Presents ...

Tuesday, December 1 - Come join us for a Pennsylvania Dutch Country Christmas. You will be transported by motorcoach to a Bay Area airport for our flight to Philadelphia. Once we arrive we will be transported to the Shady Maple Smorgasbord for a hosted dinner. Our accommodations for the next 6 nights will be at the Best Western in Intercourse, PA.

Wednesday, December 2 - Our day begins with a hosted breakfast at our hotel. Today we will have an Amish step-on guide to take us through the countryside where we will learn about this beautiful area. We will enjoy a hosted lunch in an Amish home. Afterwards we will go to the Sight and Sound Theater to see the performance of *Queen Esther*. Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals! The evening is free.

Thursday, December 3 - Begin the day with a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we depart for In the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country, quietly secured on 80 plus acres of natural woodland, you will find the home of the Wolves of Speedwell. For nearly 40 years, the Darlington Family has offered refuge to gray wolves and wolf-dogs. Originally created as a private rescue, Wolf Sanctuary of PA has grown into an educational facility. We are devoted to assuring the highest quality of care and enrichment for our wolves. Here at Wolf Sanctuary of PA, wolves and wolf-dogs are given back their dignity. Afterwards we will go to Hershey's Chocolate World for a hosted lunch and shopping. This afternoon we will take the Hershey Trolley Tour. The Historical Trolley Tour is an in depth historical, sightseeing, & chocolate tasting tour with one of our knowledgeable (and highly entertaining) conductors. This trolley sees the most sites, tells the most history, and shares the most chocolate. We start with the Hershey of today, then jump back all the way to a time before there was a town, or a chocolate factory, or even chocolate in America for that matter. We then work our way through the inspiring life of Milton Hershey, simultaneously visiting the historical sites of town he created, and tasting the chocolate that made him famous. We end with an exclusive, spectacular view of the Sweetest Place on Earth from the "Welcome to Hershey" hill. This evening we will have a hosted dinner at the Hershey Hotel followed by a drive thru the "Sweet Lights of Hershey". This 2 mile drive has nearly 600 illuminated and animated displays with over 2 million lights.

Friday, December 4 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we depart for a buggy ride through Amish Country. We will have lunch on our own at the Farmer's Market before we go to the Turkey Hill Experience. The Turkey Hill Experience features interactive exhibits allowing you to learn about dairy culture, the story of Turkey Hill Dairy and how the company's ice cream and iced tea flavors are selected and created. Afterwards we will visit the Bank Museum. Enjoy a guided tour of the First National Bank Museum and discover one of the few banks still preserved in its original setting in the United States. This evening we will have a hosted dinner before we go to the American Music Theater for the performance of the Christmas Show. The critically acclaimed Christmas Show has become an enjoyable tradition for many, and is renowned as Lancaster's most beloved holiday show. Awe-inspiring music and dance, outstanding voices, warm humor, and familiar holiday cheer will fill the theatre once again, to impress and inspire. AMT's 2020 Christmas Show: *Deck the Halls*, is sure to be the highlight of your holiday season. It will warm your heart and touch your soul with world-class entertainment and sentimental tributes to the true meaning of Christmas.



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Saturday, December 5 - After a hosted breakfast at our hotel we will go to the Kreider Dairy Farm for a tour.

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of a real, working dairy farm on the Kreider Farms tour. This tour features a high-tech view of farming, including a drive down the middle of our "Cow Palace" barn and a bird's eye view of the milking carousel where they milk 1700 cows, 3 times every day. We will have a hosted lunch before we go to Elva's Barnyard Studio for a Chalk Talk and shopping. Elva Hurst is a professional artist from Lancaster County who is reviving the old art of chalk talk. Her live sketches are an experience you will never forget! You have to see it to believe it. We will visit Sturgis Pretzel in Lititz where you will learn how to twist your own pretzel. Tonight we will have a hosted dinner and learn about Belsnickel. Like every Christmas community in the world, Pennsylvania and Netherlands came up with their own version of good and mean gift-bringers. Belsnickel would mainly leave switches for children who were bad through the year and would also leave small toys, socks, mittens, candies or fruits for the well-behaved children he came across.

Sunday, December 6 - Enjoy a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we go for a ride aboard the Strasburg Rail Road.

Marvel at the more than 1000 acres of farm fields as we ride through the tranquil Amish countryside. Afterwards we will go to the Choo Choo Barn which is a 1,700-square-foot train display that features over 150 hand-built animated figures and vehicles and 22 operating trains. Hosted lunch at Isaac's before we go to the National Toy Train Museum which is focused on creating an interactive display of toy trains. Its collection dates from the early 1800s through current production. Tonight we will have a hosted dinner.

Monday, December 7 - After a hosted breakfast at our hotel we will checkout of our hotel. As we travel to

Philadelphia we will stop at Herr's Snack Foods for a guided tour. See exactly how Herr's makes your favorite snack foods and enjoy fresh samples of chips served warm from the production line. We will have a late lunch at the Longwood Gardens. A half-million twinkling lights, thousands of poinsettias, illuminated fountains dancing to music and magnificently decorated trees herald the arrival of "A Longwood Christmas". Our accommodations for the next two nights will be at the Wyndham Hotel in Philadelphia's Historic District, within walking distance of our Nations history.

Tuesday, December 8 - This morning after a hosted breakfast we will explore Historic Philadelphia on foot. We will

start at the Visitor Center where we will see the movie Independence. We will then visit the Liberty Bell, the National Constitution Center, the Betsy Ross House and Christ Church. This evening we will have an unforgettable experience with "Independence After Hours". The only tour of its kind, Independence After Hours takes you on a realistic journey back to 1776. After a hosted 18th-century-inspired dinner at historic City Tavern, we will sneak into Independence Hall where we will eavesdrop on Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin discussing the Declaration of Independence.

Wednesday, December 9 - Our final day! We will have a hosted breakfast at our hotel before we board our

motorcoach to go to the airport for our flight back to the Bay Area. Our motorcoach will be waiting to take you back to your original pick-up location. Approximate arrival time back home will be 4 pm.

Price includes: 8 nights deluxe lodging, 20 meals, motorcoach transportation to and from Bay Area airport, round trip air transportation to and from Philadelphia, step-on guide for Amish Country tour, performance of Queen Esther, Wolf Sanctuary, Historic Trolley Tour, Hershey's Chocolate World, Sweet Lights, Buggy Ride, Turkey Hill Experience, Bank Museum, American Music Theatre, Kreider Dairy Farm Tour, Chalk Talk, Sturgis Pretzels, Belsnickel Dinner, ride on the Strasburg Rail Road, Choo Choo Barn, Toy Train Museum, Herr's Snack Foods, Longwood Gardens, Liberty Bell, National Constitution Center, Betsy Ross House, Christ Church, Independence After Hours, motorcoach transportation while in Pennsylvania, luggage handling, taxes and gratuity on all hosted meals.

\$3895.00 per person, double

\$3785.00 per person, triple

\$4595.00 single

Deposit: \$500.00 per person Balance Due No Later Than September 18

You may cancel up to September 18 with a \$50.00 penalty. Penalty will be waived if deposit is transferred to another trip. After September 18 there is no refund. Please remember there are no refunds after September 18 or on any unused items included in the tour such as meals, attractions and transportation once the tour has commenced. Reserved seating is assigned at time of deposit. There is no smoking on the bus, however, frequent rest stops will be made enroute. An additional surcharge of \$50.00 per person will be applied to reservations after September 18.

Travel Insurance: For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services (CA Agency License #0D10209). For more information and to enroll call 800-228-9792, mention AST & code 05-1782. Plans underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276. 55Y

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