

FRIDAY - JUNE 7, 2019

TOUR DESCRIPTION

8:30 am - Tour Departs from Model T Museum

A beautiful back roads drive takes us into Dayton, Ohio to visit Carillon Historical Park, a 65-acre park and museum. It contains buildings and exhibits featuring the history of Dayton and its residents from 1796 to the present. Visitors learn about the area's landmark inventions, aviation heritage and pioneer history, and view the 1905 Wright Flyer III, the world's first practical airplane, which was invented and flown in Dayton by Orville and Wilbur Wright. Major sections of the park include settlement, transportation, invention and industry. Visitors usually spend about half of their time strolling along the street, visiting the many buildings outdoors and the other half in the main visitor center which is chock full of very interesting displays. Don't miss the short program in the Visitor Center theater.

Welcoming visitors to the park since 1942 is the 150-foot tall Deeds Carillon Bell Tower, named for Dayton industrialist and innovator Colonel Edward Deeds. With 57 bells, the carillon is Ohio's largest. In 1988 the bells were converted from an electric keyboard to a traditional baton-keyboard mechanical carillon. Live concerts are performed on Sunday afternoons from May to October.

LUNCH. There are two restaurants here. The Carillon Brewing Company makes and serves reproductions of historic beer and European comfort food recipes. Staff in period costumes, and oak barrels of fermenting beer, wine and cider, greet visitors. With trestle tables and a wood-burning fireplace, the atmosphere is that of an 1850 brewery.

The other restaurant is Culp's Café. Reminiscent of Culp's Cafeteria, located in the downtown Dayton Arcade in the 1930s and 1940s, the café serves soup, salads, sandwiches, ice cream and sodas.

