**BLUES and GREENS:** Philadelphia and Pittsburgh

*Warhol, Fallingwater and Cheesesteaks*

**March 27 - April 3, 2017**

B = Breakfast   L = Lunch   D = Dinner

**Monday March 27, 2017 (D)**

7:00 AM--------Drive to Pittsburgh (10.5 hours with stops)
Movies, games, a stop or two, and a charming host will make travel time fly by.

7:00 PM----check into DoubleTree Pittsburgh

About the DoubleTree
The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh Downtown is set in the heart of the central business district between the U.S. Steel Tower and BNY Mellon Complexes. DoubleTree, in downtown Pittsburgh, puts us right in the middle of the action of this vibrant city.

8:00 PM EST----------Dinner TBD
We had planned to eat at Istanbul Sofra, but after the drive, I'm afraid our driver will not have enough allotted hours to legally drive us anywhere. I am working on a restaurant within walking distance of the hotel. Hope you understand.

**Tuesday, March 28, 2017 (L, D)**

You may want to go light on breakfast, because we'll begin a food crawl at 10:00 AM

10:00 AM: Burgh, Bits and Bites Food Tour
The Strip District Market tour features a behind-the-counter look at a variety of eateries in Pittsburgh's historic market district. This tour links local history with the eating establishments peppered along Penn Avenue with taste samples from around the world including Italian pastries, Mediterranean and Polish specialties, European meats and cinnamon bread.

12:00 PM: City Tour with Guide Richard Domencic
Mr. Domencic will lead us through Pittsburgh neighborhoods, explaining the European immigration and how it colored the city. We'll ride the Duquesne Incline to capture a breathtaking view of the City of Bridges, a nickname owing to its location at the confluence of the Allegheny, Ohio, and Monongahela Rivers. Richard will lead us to see the colorful murals in the chapel of St. Nicholas. (Richard literally wrote the book on these murals) Check them out: [http://vankamurals.org/](http://vankamurals.org/)

5:30 PM: Dinner at Grand Concourse [www.grandconcourserestaurant.com](http://www.grandconcourserestaurant.com)
Housed in the beautifully preserved Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Station, the Grand Concourse restaurant at Station Square is a true testament of grandeur and elegant dining. With a cathedral stained-glass vaulted ceiling, marble columns, and a dramatic staircase, guests are quickly transported to the glamorous side of the Progressive Era with the luxury of a modern day menu.
8:00 PM: *Daddy Long Legs* at the Pittsburgh Public Theatre

*About Daddy Long Legs*

This two-actor musical is based on the cherished 1912 novel which became a popular movie starring Fred Astaire and Leslie Caron. Set in the early 20th century, Jerusha is an orphan whose college tuition is paid for by a mysterious young benefactor. His only condition is that she write him letters, a stirring exercise which awakens her to literature and love. With its beguiling contemporary score, theater and popular music fans will be thrilled to discover this new charmer.

Doubletree Pittsburgh

*Wednesday, March 29, 2017 (L, D)*

8:30 AM: Breakfast at Pamela’s-------------CASH ONLY*


Pamela’s is a landmark and a MUST DO stop in Pittsburgh. Its specialties are crêpe-style pancakes, omelets and Lyonnaise potatoes. It is "treasured" and is considered to be in the "pantheon of pancake purveyors. "In 2013, Pamela’s Diner was featured by the *Wall Street Journal* in a "What to Do in Pittsburgh" feature story. In 2012, Pamela’s catered a Whitehouse Memorial Day breakfast for the first family and 80 veterans.

*Since Pamela’s isn’t set up for group menus, and since they take cash only, I have used the $16 allotted for breakfast for our meal at the over-budget Jack’s Firehouse in Philadelphia.

10:00 AM: Museum Tours

Richard Domencic will return to our group to lead us on additional neighborhood tours, plus take us to Pittsburgh’s three most famous museums and most visited sites.

10:00 Am-----The Carnegie Museum

The Carnegie Museum of Art was the first museum of modern art in the United States. Founded in 1895, it continues Andrew Carnegie’s love of contemporary art. In addition, the museum’s permanent collection includes European and American decorative arts from the late seventeenth century to the present, works on paper, paintings, prints (notably Japanese prints), sculptures and installations. **90-minute guided tour of museum highlights.**

12:00 PM-----Lunch at The Porch at Schenley Park Visitor Center

*About The Porch*

The Porch is an amazing farm to table restaurant in the heart of Pittsburgh. It is one of the Eat‘n Park restaurants which share an interesting philosophy of food and service. Manager Tia Hurtt will speak to our group as we dine.

1:00 PM------The Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

A green oasis in the middle of Pittsburgh, Phipps has provided a world-class garden experience to its visitors since 1893. Our visit will include seasonal flower shows, stunning outdoor botanical gardens, and some of the greenest buildings in the world.

2:30 PM------The Warhol Museum

The Andy Warhol Museum is the largest museum in the country dedicated to a single artist. The museum holds an extensive permanent collection of art and archives from the Pittsburgh-born pop art icon Andy Warhol. The museum features 900 paintings, close to 2,000 works on paper, over 1,000 published unique prints, 77 sculptures, 4,000 photographs, and over 4,350 Warhol films and videotaped works.
6:00 PM: Dinner at Cabaret
The Cabaret at Theatre Square has a delicious menu from which we can choose for our pre-show dinner. I’ll miss our planned stop at Max’s but what fun to turn this into a dinner-theater experience!

7:30 PM: Pump Boys and Dinettes, Cabaret at Theatre Square
About Pump Boys and Dinettes
This popular 1982 musical was nominated for both a Tony Award and Drama Desk Award for Best Musical. It went on to become one of the most produced shows of the 80’s. The ‘Pump Boys’ sell high octane on Highway 57 in Grand Ole Opry country and the ‘Dinettes’, Prudie and Rhetta Cupp, run the Double Cupp diner next door. Together they fashion an evening of country western songs that received unanimous raves on and off-Broadway. With heartbreak and hilarity, they perform on guitars, piano, bass and, yes, kitchen utensils.

Doubletree Pittsburgh

Thursday, March 30, 2017 (B, D)
6:45 AM: Bring luggage to bus
7:00 AM: Breakfast at Bigelow Grille in the Doubletree
7:30 AM: Drive to Philadelphia
        Lunch in route (on own)
1:00 PM: Check into Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District
About Wyndham
The Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District hotel is situated in the celebrated neighborhood of Old City Philadelphia. Located one block from Market Street, and a five-minute walk to many of the city’s iconic American Revolution landmarks – including Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, this spacious hotel in Philly is a top choice for business and leisure travel.

3:00 PM Meet guide Ed Mauger in Wyndham Hotel Lobby
About Edward Mauger
Ed Mauger is the author of three books, Philadelphia Then and Now, Philadelphia in Photographs, and Lost Philadelphia. He has appeared on ABC’s Good Morning America, PBS’s A Taste of History and Romance and the American Revolution on the History Channel. Among other accomplishments, Mr. Mauger is coordinator of Philadelphia Guides Testing and Certification and past president of Elfreth’s Alley Association.
Topics include:
    Historic Philadelphia / Founder William Penn
    Women in the 18th century / birthplace of women’s rights
    Betsy – did she or didn’t she
    America’s oldest “melting pot” / Homes of the 99%
    Where the 1% gathered

Visited Sites:
    Betsy Ross House
    Elfreth’s Alley and Museum House
    Christ Church
7:00 PM: Cooking Class at Reading Terminal Market

About the Class
Executive Chef Tess Connors of City Kitchen Events will host a cooking class. We hate to make you work for your first dinner in Philly, but we know it will be loads of fun at Reading Terminal Market, Philadelphia’s oldest and largest market. Think Milwaukee’s Public Market on steroids!

In this Italian Interactive Cooking Class, Tess is planning to demonstrate: Trio of Bruschetta: Mozzarella Roasted Red Pepper & Arugula, Goat Cheese & Pear with Thyme Honey, Brie & Prosciutto Chicken Francaise with Angel Hair Pasta and Roasted Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Chip Ricotta Cannoli YUM!

Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District

Friday, March 31, 2017 (B, D)

8:00 AM: Breakfast at Wyndham

9:00 AM----Tour with Step-on docent from Mural Arts Project

10:00 AM: Mural Arts Project Workshop

About the Mural Arts Project
For 30 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative process, rooted in the traditions of mural-making, to create art that transforms public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts engages communities in 50–100 public art projects each year, and maintains its growing collection through a restoration initiative. We will get in on the fun and paint canvas for a soon-to-be-installed mural. (aprons will be provided)
Learn more about the Mural Arts Project:

• Watch the YouTube video: https://www.youtube.com/user/phillymuralarts
• Google the July 31 CBS Sunday Morning feature.

12:00 PM: Return to Reading Terminal Market for lunch (on own)

About Reading Terminal Market: http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/
Over one hundred merchants offer fresh produce, meats, fish, artisan cheese, groceries, ice cream, flowers, grilled cheese, baked goods, crafts, books, clothing, and specialty and ethnic foods. Every space in the market is rented out; three of the vendors are descendants of original market merchants. Pennsylvania Dutch have a small but important presence here, but you may want to check out DiNic’s, voted Best Sandwich in America.

1:00 PM Meet guide Greta Greenberger for city tour

I am very excited about Friday afternoon with Ms. Greenberger. Ed has this to say about his friend and mentor Greta:

Greta Greenberger is a Phila legend in the business. When she retired in November after 25 years running the tours of Phila City Hall, even Ed Rendell, former PA governor came to speak. I first met her about 24 years ago when she was also the director of the training and educational series on Philadelphia sponsored by the Philadelphia Architectural Association. She was responsible for the first - and a legendary - training program for tour guides in the city. When I designed the program for the tour guides association 12 years ago, I used parts of her - more architecturally-oriented - program as a template for the certification program now in place in Philadelphia. Greta’s husband is former deputy mayor and internationally-awarded architect and city planner, now distinguished prof at Drexel. Together, they served almost as Phila’s “1st
family. She is lovely, gracious, and deeply knowledgeable about all things Phila - especially the
arts and architecture side. She's sure to give your group a first-rate experience.

WOW! Hey?
Topics include:

- Art and architecture of America’s largest municipal building
- The Parkway and the “City Beautiful Movement”
- History & architecture of America’s 1st art museum
- History of America’s oldest continuing music hall

Visited Sites:
- Philadelphia City Hall / Dilworth Park
- Eastern State Penitentiary
- Ben Franklin Parkway

4:00 PM Philadelphia Museum of Art
About Philadelphia Museum of Art
We’ll discover works of art at one of the largest and most renowned museums in the country. The
museum features beauty, enchantment, and the unexpected among artistic and architectural
achievements from the United States, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. We will send you some
information which highlights the permanent collection.

With limited time in the museum, we may want to focus on their sizable collection of John
Cornell, an outsider artist who worked primarily with assemblages. If you have the time, look at
this 45-minute video narrated by Tony Curtis
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T65K0ipTQHo#t=453.437618337

6:00 PM----- Eastern State Penitentiary
About Easter State Penitentiary
This was once the most famous and expensive prison in the world but stands today in ruin, a
haunting world of crumbling cellblocks and empty guard towers. Known for its grand architecture
and strict discipline, this was the world’s first true “penitentiary,” a prison designed to inspire
penitence, or true regret, in the hearts of prisoners.

We will have a 60-minute, after hours guided tour.

7:15 PM----- Jack’s Firehouse http://www.jacksfirehouse.com
Celebrating 25 years of truly distinctive & flavorful food from a Great American Chef!
Featuring the nationally renowned food of Chef Jack McDavid with a commitment to use the
finest and freshest homemade and locally grown products.
Set in a 19th Century Firehouse in the Fairmount neighborhood of Philadelphia, Jack’s Firehouse
offers a unique setting with an elegant old neighborhood feel.

Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District
Saturday, April 1 (B,L)

8:00 AM: Breakfast at Wyndham

9:00 AM Meet guide Ed Mauger at Visitors Center, 6th and Market Sts.
Topics include:
- The real story behind that famous bell
- George and Martha’s 20th wedding anniversary
- Ben Franklin’s “kissing machine”
- The World Heritage Site where our two most important Documents were approved and debated
- The first “presidential sale”

Visited Sites:
- The President’s House site
- Liberty Bell Pavilion
- The Powel House
- Independence Hall

12:30 PM----City Tavern [https://www.citytavern.com/](https://www.citytavern.com/)

**About City Tavern**
Called the “most genteel tavern in America” by John Adams, the original tavern was the favorite meeting place of many of the Founding Fathers and of many members of the First Continental Congress. The land on which City Tavern was built was conveyed in 1772 by Samuel Powell to a group of seven wealthy citizens. The tavern was built by subscription in 1773 at a cost of more than £3,000. On May 20, 1774, over two-hundred men gathered in the long gallery of the City Tavern to respond to the request for assistance from Bostonians following the passage of the Boston Port Bill.

Many important things happened at City Tavern in the first few decades of the new nation. The first Fourth of July Celebration was held at City Tavern in 1777 to celebrate the anniversary of America’s Independence from Britain. General George Washington first met the Marquis de Lafayette at City Tavern in 1777. The building was partially destroyed by fire on March 22, 1834 and the structure was demolished in 1854. The entire building was reconstructed in the 1970s and re-opened in 1976 for the United States Bicentennial as a functioning tavern and restaurant.

2:00 PM----Afternoon on own
Saturday afternoon will give you an opportunity to visit an historical site or museum we have missed or to return to one where we didn’t spend enough time.

**Dinner on own**

*I transferred money budgeted for this dinner to get us into the over-the-budget, but HISTORIC, City Tavern. I think the change will be worth it.*

8:00 PM ---- *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Walnut Street Theatre

**About Walnut Street Theatre**
The Walnut Street Theatre, founded in 1809, is America’s Oldest Theatre. It is also the Official State Theatre of Pennsylvania, and a National Historic Landmark. With more than 55,000 season ticket holders, the Walnut is also the most subscribed theatre company in the world!

**About *The Importance of Being Earnest***

Oscar Wilde’s classic, *The Importance Of Being Earnest* tells the story of two bachelor friends, dandy Algernon Moncrieff and reliable John (Jack) Worthing, as they take on double lives to court the attentions of the desirable Gwendolyn Fairfax and Cecily Cardew. But the
gallants must then grapple with the uproarious consequences of their ruse... and with the formidable Lady Bracknell.

**Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District**

**Sunday, April 2, 2017 (B, L, D)**

**8:00 AM: Breakfast at Wyndham**

**9:00 AM: Check out of hotel and drive to Lancaster**
Back in the bus... but this time, it’s only for a little more than an hour. Just enough time to play Family Food. 😊

**10:30 AM: Lancaster, PA**
Lancaster boasts a rich history. Although we’ll only be in Lancaster for a few hours, we’ll have a chance to experience all the attractions, activities, and entertainment customary to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Much of Lancaster is “quiet” on Sundays; however, we will stop at Plain and Fancy gift store and restaurant for a taste of the Amish culture. [http://www.plainandfancyfarm.com/](http://www.plainandfancyfarm.com/)

**2:00 PM: Drive to Uniontown, PA**

**6:00 PM: Check into Hilton Gardens, Uniontown, PA**
[About Hilton Garden Inn](#)
Opened in January 2016, the Hilton Garden Inn Uniontown hotel is nestled in the Laurel Highlands, just 10 minutes from historic downtown Uniontown, PA. We will enjoy the lush, rural setting and conveniences.

**7:00 PM: Dinner at the Historic Stone House** [http://www.stonehouseinn.com/](http://www.stonehouseinn.com/)
[About the Stone House](#)
The Stone House Restaurant and Country Inn, located in Pennsylvania’s scenic Laurel Mountains, is proud to continue a time-honored tradition of fine dining and rest for the weary traveler. One of the original wayside inns along the National Road, the Stone House first opened its doors in 1822 to wagoners and travelers seeking renewed health in the waters of nearby Fayette Springs. Ever since those early days, the Stone House has been regarded by travelers and locals alike as a charming getaway for fine dining and good times in a peaceful mountain setting.

**Monday, April 3, 2017 (B, L)**

**7:00 AM: Breakfast at Hilton Garden Inn**

**7:30 AM: Check out and drive to Falling Water**

**8:30 AM: Fallingwater In-Depth Tour**
[About Fallingwater](#)
Frank Lloyd Wright’s masterpiece completes the set for any FLW bucketlister from Wisconsin, his home state. We will recognize the rhythmic interplay between interior and exterior space by the numerous terraces, open-air walkways and unexpected views of the trees and water as we move through the house on this guided experience. The In-Depth Tour provides a greater
understanding of what Wright was seeking to create with his masterwork. Their guides have a deep, broad knowledge and will interpret Fallingwater in many contexts including: historical, architectural, and the relationship between the house and surrounding landscape. This tour offers access to secondary spaces not available on the Regular Tour. Photography is permitted for personal use only.

11:30 AM: (EST) Depart for Wisconsin

1:00 PM: Lunch stop in route
Rather than eating in Uniontown before we leave, the driver and Vic will choose a stop which is in route to Waukesha. As soon as a nice restaurant, I will let you know
I PROMISE it won't be a truck stop!
Lunch included in package

(Other Rest stops along the way; Dinner on own)

11:30 PM (CST): return to Waukesha