

Shrines & Sights of Philadelphia & Emmitsburg



*Presented by Wendt Touring
April 27-30, 2020...4 days*

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Emmitsburg ~ National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes ~ Mount Saint Mary
Gettysburg Battlefield Tour ~ National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
National Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel ~ Independence National Park
National Shrine of St. John Neumann ~ National Centre of St. Padre Pio

TOUR INCLUDES:

- *Motorcoach transportation
- *Three nights lodging
- *Five meals – 3B & 2D
- *All sightseeing & admissions
- *All shrine donations
- *Daily Mass
- *Baggage handling
- *Professional Tour Manager



TOUR FARE:

\$599.00 per person double
\$569.00 per person triple
\$799.00 per person single

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Day 1 – Home City ~ Emmitsburg ~ National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes ~ Mount St. Mary: Travel aboard a private motorcoach to Emmitsburg, Maryland. Rest and meal stops will be made periodically. Visit Mount St. Mary's and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes. Built in the early 1800's, the grotto was the first national Catholic shrine. It is a replica of the Grotto of Lourdes in southern France where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. Paved walkways wind through beautifully landscaped gardens which contain stone and copper Stations of the Cross and mosaics depicting the mysteries of the rosary. Overlooking Mount St. Mary's is a towering 95-foot bronze statue of the Blessed Mother. Later in the day, enjoy a drive through the lovely campus of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary before gathering for dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Emmitsburg.

Day 2: National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ Gettysburg Battlefield ~ Philadelphia: Following breakfast at the hotel we visit the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. In the early 1800's, Mother Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity, left Baltimore and began the first parochial school in the country here in Emmitsburg. In 1975 she was the first native-born American woman to be canonized. A fine museum displaying Mother Seton's life and a lovely basilica containing her remains are among the beautifully restored and furnished buildings. We will celebrate Mass in the beautiful Basilica. Travel to nearby Gettysburg and enjoy free time for lunch in the downtown area. This afternoon we embark on a guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield, where one of the most important and hotly contested battles of the Civil War was fought July 1-3, 1863. Throughout the park there are over 1,300 monuments, statues and markers, three observation towers and 31 miles of marked avenues. Later today we journey to the Philadelphia area for dinner and a two-night stay.

Day 3: National Shrines of St. Katharine Drexel & St. John Neumann ~ Independence National Historic Park: After breakfast we travel to the National Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel for a tour of the beautiful shrine. The National Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel honors the foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who first opened the Motherhouse doors in 1891 to begin serving Native Americans and African Americans. Located beneath the beautiful Motherhouse chapel, the peaceful Shrine is the resting place of St. Katharine Drexel. An American heroine, Katharine was born and lived in Philadelphia. Using her own substantial wealth, she devoted her life to empowering those less fortunate. Following a lunch break we visit the National Shrine of St. John Neumann. In eight extraordinary years as Bishop of Philadelphia, St. John Neumann aggressively reached out to minister to Catholics by building 80 churches and 40 schools as he pioneered the parochial school system. In a glass crypt lies the body of a saint to whom thousands of people travel every year to have their prayers answered. During our visit we will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass and visit the museum and gift shop. Later today we visit Independence National Historic Park. Here, along these old streets and amid these venerated houses and public buildings, Americans began their quest for freedom and independence. Here, too, the United States was born and took shape. Later today after a dinner stop we return to our hotel for the night.

Day 4: National Centre for St. Padre Pio ~ Journey Home: This morning we travel to Barto and visit the National Centre for St. Padre Pio. Nestled on 50 beautiful acres in eastern Pennsylvania, the National Centre for St. Padre Pio is the only information center in North America officially authorized by and working with St. Padre Pio's Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. A replica of the original Friary Church where St. Padre Pio received his stigmata along with a beautiful museum and gift store are also on the grounds. Later today we begin our journey home. Rest and meal stops will be made periodically.

Payment Policy: A \$100.00 per person deposit is due to secure your reservation with the balance due by March 15, 2020. Make checks payable to Wendt Touring and send with trip registration form to 101 Woodland Park, Wintersville, Ohio, 43953.

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