

Ft Wayne Area Tour Information

General Motors Plant Tour

This tour will take us to the GM Manufacturing facilities that is located about thirty minutes from the hotel. This plant was built and started production in the mid 80's and is one of the major employers in Northeast Indiana. UAW Local 2209 will have some members of their veterans committee introduce us to modern manufacturing. Limited Tram's will be available for those with limited mobility. Tour should take about an hour.

We then venture a short drive to UAW Local 2209 where their President Holly Murphy will host us at the union hall. Holly will give a presentation on how they serve their membership and the local community. We will have a catered lunch.

After lunch, we then travel back into the city and visit the Allen County Public Library. This library has been updated recently and is rated the second-best library in the United States for Genealogy. They also have a venue that they have named "The Lincoln Collection". This section of the library has an exclusive amount of data of Abraham Lincoln where many scholars come to research our sixteenth president. There will be a presentation in the library where you will be seated. This tour will take about 1.5 hours. A library is a tool that most need and very seldom use. These tours should be a learning experience!

Ft Wayne City, Embassy Theater, and DeBrand Candy Co.

This City Tour will be hosted by Linda of Fort Wayne Tours. The city has three rivers, St Mary's, St Joe, flowing into and making the Maumee River. Fort Wayne is named after General Anthony Wayne where a replica fort now stands. The city is the second largest city in Indiana and is one of the top ten cities to live in the United States for job opportunities, cost of living, health care, housing, ect.

Linda will highlight us through the city with a tour of "The Historical Embassy Theater" This theater dates back to the late 1920's where we will hear the original organ being played.

We will be having our lunch at Casa's, a popular Italian restaurant where they will serve Lasagna family style.

Following lunch, we will continue our city tour ending at DeBrand's Candy. This store makes some of the best candy you can buy. It is considered one of the World's Elite Chocolatiers! This tour normally takes about an hour depending on each group. We will probably have to go through in two groups because thirty is about all they can take through in their tour.

Veterans National Memorial and National Auto & Truck tour Plus The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

This National Memorial is one of a kind. It has the Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica constructed permanently. The wall is laid out very unique with a wide concrete walk-way with a posted bar code you can take a smart phone and scan for the name of someone you may know. This wall is the one that toured the United States and is eighty percent the size of the one in D.C. We will be holding our Memorial Service remembering those who have passed but not forgotten. We will have some time after the service to view the museum. We will have a box lunch brought in before leaving for the car museum.

These Auto & Truck Museums are world class and a must for any person that appreciates classic cars of yesteryear. The Auburn Cord were built in the one museum you will be touring. The Duesenberg's were built on one chassis then, several different companies built the bodies. There is over one hundred cars and trucks in each museum. The National Auto & Truck Museum has vehicles that most of us drove on our first date. A lot to see, and there will be a few chairs and the bus should be open if someone needs to rest. We should be there about three hours.