

OPTIONAL TOURS

DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 ~ 8:30AM-12:00PM ~ PRICE \$23



The tour will explore Dayton's aviation heritage at the Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, where interpretive centers give you a glimpse into that history and the accomplishments of Orville and Wilbur Wright. At the park you will be able to visit the Wright Dunbar Interpretive Center, the original site of the Wright Brother's Bicycle Shop and the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum. The Parachute Museum tells the story of the development of the free fall parachute from its invention at Dayton's McCook Field after World War I, up to the vital role it plays in safely landing today's spacecraft. The Museum also includes interactive exhibits, artifacts, historic photographs and text.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 ~ 8:15AM-4:00PM ~ PRICE \$15



The National Museum of the United States Air Force galleries present military aviation history, boasting more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles on display – many rare and one-of-a-kind – along with thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits that bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with today's stealth and precision technology. The Museum's galleries are arranged in chronological order. The Early Years Gallery features airplanes and exhibits from the dawn of aviation through World War I. The Air Power Gallery focuses on World War II aviation, while the Modern Flight Gallery covers the Korean War and the Southeast Asia (Vietnam) conflict. The museum's newest buildings, the Eugene W. Kettering Cold War Gallery and the Missile and Space Gallery, take visitors from the Soviet era to the cutting edge of space exploration. Lunch will be on your own at the museum café. There will be a shuttle bus scheduled at designated times to go between the museum and the hotel during the day.

HUFFMAN PRAIRIE ~ CARILLON PARK & LUNCH
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 ~ 8:45AM-4:00PM ~ PRICE \$59



Huffman Prairie Flying Field is where the brothers turned their idea of powered flight into a practical, useable machine during 1904 and 1905. It is where the brothers would train the next generation of aviators between 1910 and 1916. When the Wright brothers returned to Dayton, after their historic first flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903, they looked for a suitable flying field closer to home. Dayton banker, Torrence Huffman allowed the brothers to use his pasture, which was located eight miles northeast of Dayton, rent-free. Here at Huffman Prairie in 1904 and 1905, through a series of unique experiments, the Wright brothers mastered the principles of controlled powered flight and developed the world's first practical airplane.

The Park is situated on 65-acres on the banks of the Great Miami River, just around the bend from where the Wright Brothers perfected their first float plane. The Park immerses you in Dayton's rich heritage of creativity and invention—two centuries of expansion, industrialization, and innovation. From the Wright Brothers through the first half of the Twentieth Century, new inventions were being turned out in Dayton at an unparalleled rate: the automobile self-starter, the electric cash register (think computer), the refrigerator, information technology, code breaking—even the pop-top can. Learn about these revolutionary achievements while strolling through the Park with its hundreds of artifacts and interacting with costumed interpreters in its 25 historical buildings. There's something for all interests, including a transportation hall with early rail transportation, antique cars and trucks, and canal operations

The highlight of the Carillon Park tour will be the Wright Brothers National Museum. The museum has more Wright artifacts on display than any other place in the world, including the 1905 Wright Flyer III: the only airplane designated a National Historic Landmark, the first practical flying machine, and what the Wright brothers considered their most important aircraft. Referred to as "the first pilot's last project," preserving the 1905 Wright Flyer III for Carillon Historical Park was Orville Wright's last major project before he died on January 30, 1948. And while Orville died before Carillon Park was opened in 1950, he had a hand in designing Wright Hall—the building that houses the 1905 Wright Flyer III. A buffet lunch is included at the Carillon Brewing Company.