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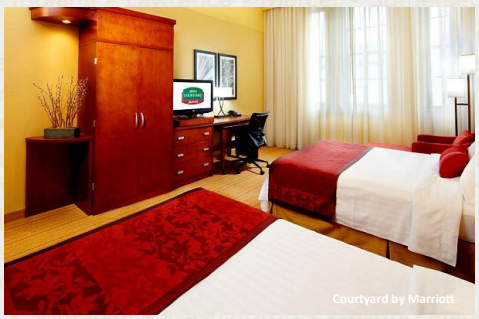
Pittsburgh Cultural District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DESTINATION: GREATER PITTSBURGH

We are your one-stop shop for memorable group moments in Western PA!

Sample itinerary: Welcoming the World to the Greater Pittsburgh Area

Whether you're traveling from near or far, the Greater Pittsburgh Region is a world-class destination! Groups adore this itinerary that's filled with history, sights, and experiences that can only happen here.

Itinerary Snapshot:

DAY ONE:
Rivers of Steel's Carrie Blast Furnaces for a Babushkas and Hard Hats Tour
'Burgh Bits and Bites Food Tour in the Strip District
Tour and ride on the **Duquesne Incline**
Dinner in Station Square at **Buca di Beppo** or **Hard Rock Café**, or Downtown at **Fogo de Chão**
A night of entertainment in the **Pittsburgh Cultural District**

DAY TWO:
Fort Pitt Museum
Three Rivers Sightseeing Cruise on the **Gateway Clipper Fleet**
Lunch at **Hofbrauhaus Pittsburgh**
Senator John Heinz History Center
Dinner and Murder Mystery Show at **Gaetano's Banquet Center**

DAY THREE:
Carnegie Museum of Natural History
National Aviary for tour and Lunch with the Birds
Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium
Kennywood Park for dinner and fun

DAY FOUR:
Drive to Washington County, about 40 miles/45 minutes
Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village
Pennsylvania Trolley Museum with catered lunch
David Bradford House Museum

DAY FIVE:
Drive to the **Laurel Highlands**, about 45 miles/50 minutes
The Big Mac Museum Restaurant
West Overton Village & Museums with catered lunch
Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob

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Gateway Clipper Fleet

Hofbrauhaus Pittsburgh

Fort Pitt Museum

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Senator John Heinz History Center

Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium

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Welcoming the World continued

Day One:

- You've arrived in the Steel City – see how it got that name with a tour of **Rivers of Steel's** Carrie Blast Furnaces. The only pre-WWII iron making technology left in the nation, this piece of Pittsburgh's past is the only remaining nonfunctional mill in the region, and one of the few ways to connect with its steel town past, steeped in industry and immigration. Book a Babushkas and Hard Hats tour to enjoy an immigrant-inspired catered lunch with pierogis, stuffed cabbage, and other ethnic specialties.
- It's off to one of the city's most vibrant neighborhoods for a **'Burgh Bits and Bites Food Tour!** This walking and chomping tour showcases the rich history and cultures of The Strip District, known for its ethnic groceries, bakeries, marketplaces and shops. This tour fits the bill for a light lunch that will leave you full of knowledge and delight. Plan for some time on own here for some shopping and strolling!
- Now to higher ground – atop Mt. Washington on the iconic **Duquesne Incline** for the best views of the city and its three rivers. These beautifully restored cable cars have served commuters since 1877, and are one of the few remaining funiculars in the country. Groups can arrange a tour underneath the operating booth to see the original hoisting equipment at work.
- Check in to one of the area's **incredible accommodation options** to relax and make yourself at home in Pittsburgh.
- Before a night out on the town, settle in for a delicious meal. **Hard Rock Café** and **Buca di Beppo** in Station Square are familiar favorites close to the lower station of the Duquesne Incline – or try **Fogo de Chão** in Downtown for an authentic Brazilian churrascaria – or steakhouse – experience.
- Our first night in Pittsburgh takes us to the heart of the city – the vibrant **Pittsburgh Cultural District.** With seven world-class theaters, 20 galleries, 30 dining venues, and six cultural organizations working together, the curtain is always up in the 14-block Cultural District! Choose from endless performance options from the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Pittsburgh CLO, Pittsburgh Opera, Pittsburgh Public Theater, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, or the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh, Liberty Magic, and many more crowd-pleasing experiences.

Day Two:

- Let's get to the Point this morning – Point State Park, where the city's three rivers converge. It's a piece of land that was important to native people, and was a focal point of British and French attention during the French and Indian War. Learn more about this fascinating history at the **Fort Pitt Museum**.
- Give three cheers for the three rivers on a Pittsburgh Sightseeing Cruise onboard the **Gateway Clipper Fleet**! The picturesque city skyline will be your backdrop as you enjoy lunch and entertaining narration out on the water.
- Raise a glass and enjoy lunch at **Hofbräuhaus**, modeled after the legendary 400+ year old beer hall of the same name in Munich, Germany. The traditionally decorated rooms, beer brewed onsite, and excellent German fare make this a memorable riverside dining experience.
- The **Senator John Heinz History Center** guides visitors through Pittsburgh's rich tradition of innovation over 250 years of Western Pennsylvania's history. Exhibits on Heinz products, Sports, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, and the region's African American history are often complemented by traveling exhibits on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, of which the History Center is an affiliate.
- Head out for a memorable night at **Gaetano's Banquet Center.** Groups love their signature Murder Mystery Dinners, which keep guests laughing and engaged – and the homemade Italian fare steals the show!

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Increase Your Heart Rate or Add Some Adventure:
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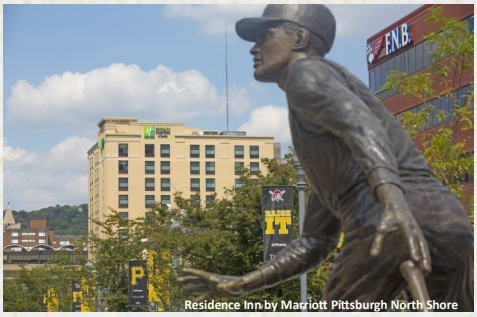
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David Bradford House Museum

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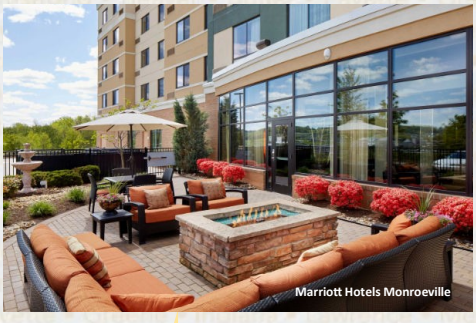
Day Three:

- This morning's adventure takes us to the **Carnegie Museum of Natural History**, among the top natural history museums in the country. The paleontological collection here is one of the premiere in the world, with several of the dinos standing (very) tall as holotypes – the original specimens upon which their respective species are based. The collection of exhibits here covers global and local environments, and points in time across history.
- This day is going to the birds! We'll spend part of it at the **National Aviary**, the only nationally-designated indoor bird habitat. In a historic building with large, walk-through exhibits, visitors get face-to-face with birds in flight. Before touring the Aviary, home to more than 600 exotic and endangered birds, we'll sit down for Lunch (or Breakfast) with the Birds and enjoy a delicious meal while meeting a trainer and a few of his feathered friends.
- We'll go wild this afternoon at the **Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium!** From adorable to awe-inspiring, visitors are sure to roar for more after a day with the animals. Situated on 77-acres in Pittsburgh's Highland Park Neighborhood, the Zoo features approximately 4,000 mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and amphibians from all corners of the world. This eclectic collection of animals is featured in naturalistic habitats representative of each species' often exotic native ranges.
- Feel like a kid again at **Kennywood Park**, a treasured amusement park that's over 100 years old! There are old-time favorites like The Whip and the Turtles; rickety wooden coasters like the Jack Rabbit and Thunderbolt; and adrenaline-fueled thrill rides like Phantom's Revenge and Steel Curtain – which has the world's tallest inversion! There are nostalgic and gourmet dining options at the Park for dinner, and group dining options are available at covered pavilions.

Day Four:

- We're on the move this morning – to nearby Washington County and back in time. Our first stop will be **Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village** to get lost in more than 16,000 years of history. Named one of the "Five Great Places to See Evidence of the First Americans" by *Smithsonian Magazine,* Meadowcroft is the oldest site of human habitation in North America. Visitors can also explore a series of recreated outdoor interpretive areas including a 16th-century Eastern Woodland Indian Village, an 18th-century frontier trading post, and a 19th-century rural village.
- Next, settle in for a catered lunch in the event space of the **Pennsylvania Trolley Museum.** Then take a ride into the past to relive the time when streetcars and trolleys were the way to get around. The collection of more than 50 historic trolleys includes the original "Streetcar Named Desire" from New Orleans. In addition to interactive exhibits, travelers take a 4-mile ride on a vintage streetcar! In a region known for being Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, the Trolley Museum is a can't miss.
- Then it's on to downtown Washington to get in touch with our rebellious side at the **David Bradford House Museum.** This National Historic Landmark is furnished as it would have been when built in 1788 by David Bradford, a successful lawyer who became a leader of the Whiskey Rebellion. Tours of the impressive home reveal what life was like after the Revolutionary War in a town on the edge of the frontier – and how whiskey distillers responded to Alexander Hamilton's new tax on the spirit, mounting the first challenge to a young federal government.
- This evening, raise a glass to the whiskey rebels with a tasting at, David Bradford House Museum partner, Liberty Pole Spirits, serving hand-crafted whiskey that is mashed, distilled and bottled in the heart of the historic farmlands where the Whiskey Rebellion took place.
- Check into one of the many **lodging options** in Washington – some of which are in walking distance to Meadows Racetrack and Casino.

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum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Meadowcroft Rock Shelter and Historic Village

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Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob

Welcoming the World continued

Day Five

- This morning, we're on our way to **Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands** region, and for a morning treat, we'll stop at **The Big Mac Museum Restaurant**, a full-service McDonald's Restaurant that pays homage to the brand's famous sandwich – invented in nearby Uniontown by Jim Delligatti. Groups love posing with the 14-foot-tall Big Mac sculpture on this tour!
- Enjoy a morning at **West Overton Village & Museum,** a pre-Civil War village that consists of more than 20 historic structures, including the 1838 Overholt Homestead. Once a thriving rural industrial center, West Overton is the birthplace of both Old Overholt Whiskey (this is another stop on the American Whiskey Trail), and of industrialist Henry Clay Frick, whose reputation as the Coke King made him an ideal partner to provide fuel for Andrew Carnegie's steel empire. Groups can schedule a number of hands on activities that recreate the homestead life of the 1800s – like fermenting sauerkraut, baking in the outdoor summer kitchen, or making cider on an antique press.
- Have lunch catered at West Overton's charming event space, or stop at The Stone House Restaurant & Inn for a rejuvenating meal, as travelers have been doing for nearly 100 years at this place of respite on the National Road.
- Get in touch with nature and your artistic side at **Frank Lloyd Wright's House on Kentuck Knob**, which seamlessly integrates architecture and sculpture into the beautiful landscape. Kentuck Knob is an excellent illustration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian architecture, built for the Hagan family – don't forget to get a scoop of ice cream after basking in the serenity of the sculpture garden!
- Whether you're seeking a small-town vibe or the expanse of scenic solitude, there's a memorable lodging option for you in the Laurel Highlands. The **Hampton Inn Greensburg** puts you in the heart of a vibrant small town with shops, dining, theatre and a renowned art museum.

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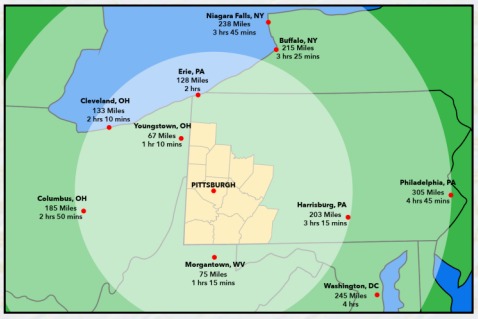

GETTING HERE: Western Pennsylvania is near Pittsburgh International Airport and many major highways, such as I-70, I-76, I-79 & I-80. Making our region the perfect daytrip, overnight, stop along the way, and group destination.

All DGP Partners are within a short drive of each other.
Beaver County - 33 mi (53 km) from downtown Pittsburgh
Butler County - 45 mi (74 km) from downtown Pittsburgh
Mercer County - 64 mi (104 km) from downtown Pittsburgh
Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands - 50 mi (81 km) from downtown Pittsburgh

Overnight accommodations:

While a hotel in the area may be included on a suggested itinerary, DGP members encompass all major hotel brands such as: **Best Western Plus, Doubletree, Fairfield Inn, Hampton, Hilton, Holiday Inn, Homewood Suites, Hyatt, Marriott, Omni, Residence, Sheraton, Springhill Suites and Wyndham**. Please choose your desired stay from one of our Group Friendly Hotel partners at www.DestinationGreaterPittsburgh.com/stay

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Pennsylvania's Laure Highlands

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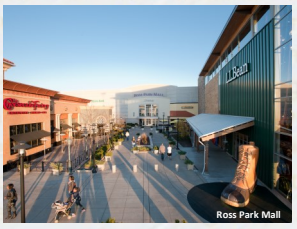
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