

LIFE'S A GARDEN DIG IT!



Available as a day trip up to a three-night tour. End of April through mid-October

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR TOUR COULD INCLUDE:

Ohio Herb Center, Gahanna, Ohio

Learn about the herbs we plant and the ones that are hiding in plain sight. Let's talk about Dandelions, Violets and the other weeds that we see in our yards. Take the Herb Quiz to see what you know and walk through the gardens. You will look at your garden in a whole new way.



Purple Plains Lavender Farm

- The Story of Purple Plains Tour. This tour encompasses all of which *Purple Plains* grows and produces at their farm. Enjoy a brief presentation of the lavender, mushrooms, and hickory syrup process. Sample a delightful herbal lavender tea and taste the sweet and smoky hickory syrup with a bite of warm waffle. There will also be an opportunity to shop at their pop-up farm stand! Departure gift for all.



A Painting in Topiary?

How about a famous painting? i.e., *Georges Seurat's 1887, A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of La Grand Jatte*, which is a depiction of people gathering on a Sunday afternoon at the *Seine*

River in Paris. The original is shown at the *Art Institute of Chicago*. But in downtown *Columbus' Old Deaf School Park*, artist *James T. Mason* created the only topiary garden in existence based on a work of art. *Elaine Mason* was the first of many topiarists to trim and meticulously maintain the living topiaries of 54 people, eight boats, three dogs, a monkey, and a cat. This seven-acre sanctuary is a haven for tranquility.



Franklin Park Conservatory

Visit one of the Midwest's premier botanical landmark and cultural attractions featuring exceptional plant collections, seasonal art nature-based exhibitions and a dynamic array of educational opportunities and special events for visitors of all ages. The *Conservatory*, home to the spectacular "Blooms and Butterflies" exhibit, (March-September) is situated in the lovely 88-acre *Franklin Park* and features indoor gardens filled with exotic plant life and artwork by *Dale Chihuly*.

Farm-to-Fork Lunch or Dinner: A Day on the Farm. Enjoy dinner and a tour of the farm where our crops are sustainably grown. Sit down on one of our picturesque patios or in our authentic restored barn to enjoy lunch designed for your group. Visit the *Artisan Food Shop* and *Arts and Antiques Barns* where you will find unique *Ohio-made* gifts including house-made gourmet foods and one-of-a-kind pieces of art.



Dutch Mill Green House & Leo Berbee Bulb Company.

Marysville, OH. For more than 48 years the *Berbee* family has been sharing the beauty of their trade by cultivating and distrib-

uting millions of bulbs across the U.S. and beyond. Tour their facility to learn, discover and take home a pack of inspiration for your own garden.

There's truth in the *Hans Christian Anderson* quote, "Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower," - the only exception is that there's nothing little about the family-owned *Leo Berbee Bulb Co.* Among their esteemed customer list is: *The Columbus Zoo, U.S. Botanic Garden, SeaWorld, The Pentagon, and the National Parks Service!* Learn, discover, and take home a pack of inspiration for your own garden.

Lunch or Dinner on the Pottersburg Covered Bridge

- Participate in a truly unique experience of dining on a covered bridge, complete with delicious cuisine, entertainment and a setting sure to celebrate a slower era. Picturesque *Pottersburg Bridge*, built around 1868, has become the venue for signature covered bridge meals which are always a delight for the senses.

There will be a bluegrass musician entertainment and a historical presentation about the bridge.





The Dawes Arboretum Botanical Garden – Wagon Tour

The Dawes Arboretum is one of Ohio's many hidden gems: a scenic paradise with a vast collection of forest and ornamental trees, plants and shrubs from around the world. Enjoy a 45-minute narrated tour via wagon and learn about the collection areas from the Japanese Gardens where you can enjoy some meditation time and reflecting pool to the beautifully landscaped gardens which feature perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs that are common to Ohio.



On this next part of the tour guests will all receive a small bucket to store your galore of garden goodies in! Think of the Ricky Nelson song "I went to a garden party."

List of Shoppes!

Guests will receive a list on a seed packet of the various boutique styled shoppes over a 2 block radius where they can **collect a wide variety of take away gifts**. Fun for all and then when you get home, **PLANT THE SEEDS** in your bucket!!!! **4 different gift items included.**



Pot House Garden Center

Spring to Fall plants are grown on site, Mums in fall come in from NY and they are beautiful. **EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE A PLANT TO TAKE HOME** based on the season.



They also have herbs and many varieties of healthy plants. Owners on site. The gift shop offers a variety of treasures. hey accept cash and checks. **No credit cards for shoppers.**



CRUISING on Ohio's third largest inland lake boasts sparkling clean water, marina, fishing, hiking and a beach. A lovely water

front restaurant, the *Dockside Restaurant*, overlooking Seneca Lake is a group favorite. **Included is a pontoon excursion mid May through fall complete with a local captain**, and you have a perfect experience for your group! **Following meal function guests will have time to MAKE their own embellished pot.**



PLENTY OF OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE depending upon length of tour.

TOUR WILL BE CUSTOMIZED based on your location.