

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:

Guided Tour of Geroux Herb Gardens & Herb Craft.

Enjoy a private tour of *Ga-hanna's beautiful Scented Culinary, Spiritual and Medicinal Gardens.*

Then head to the *Ohio Herb Education Center* for a "make-it-and-take-it" gift project that shows participants how easy it is to incorporate herbs into everyday life. Craft option custom blended bath herbs.



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.

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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.



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.



Franklin Park Conservatory

Visit one of the Midwest's premier botanical landmark and cultural attractions, featuring exceptional plant collections, seasonal art and 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.





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.

Lunch or Dinner

CRUISE - The

Queen III will hold

over 36 passengers with a full galley, lower air-conditioned deck which will seat 36 for



meal. The top deck has more seating that will allow any visitor a full view of *Buckeye Lake*. One restroom on board. In the early 1900's *Buckeye Lake* was well established as the "Playground of Ohio". *Buckeye Lake* was a haven for entertainers and train loads of people! There are 21 Islands on the Lake. Three of them have no homes where as the other islands house anywhere from one home to 200 or more homes. Some of the Islands include: *Circle Island*, *Rownd Island* (Once owned by Wendy's owner, the late Dave Thomas), *Journal Is-land*, *Liebs Island*, *Watkins Island* just to name a few. The most famous island would be that of *Cranberry Bog*. This island is over 13,000 years old and has rare flora and fauna along with unusual birds and waterfowl.



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".

Coffee tastings and fill your bucket tour.



Ladders Coffee Bar – guests will sit back sip different coffee's and a tea and determined their favorite and learn about the differences in various coffee. **Everyone will receive a small bag of coffee or tea to take home with them.**

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. **They accept cash and checks no credit cards for shoppers.**

Visit the **PRIVATE Cameron Gardens** to learn how the owner, yearly, plants 10,000 tulips in her yard. Enjoy refreshments in the "she shed" or while walking the gardens. Allow 60 minutes for tour.



CRUISING on Ohio's third largest inland lake

boasts sparkling clean water, marina, fishing, hiking and 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.