

## TALKING TOURISM

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Each month this space will be devoted to a column written by Debbie Robinson, executive director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB). She will provide information about upcoming events, area attractions, bureau services and projects, and most importantly, communicate the tremendous impact that the travel and tourism industry has on this region.

### Dickens Victorian Village Celebrates 18<sup>th</sup> Season

For most of us, the tidings of comfort and joy Christmas brings come only once a year. But for the residents of Cambridge, Ohio, the magic of the holiday season is something they plan for all year.

For nearly two decades — from November 1 through January 1 — our community has transformed downtown into ways that reflect the Victorian Era in which Charles Dickens, beloved author of *A Christmas Carol*, lived.

Dickens Victorian Village has become known as “The Most Unique Holiday Experience in the Midwest.” The event entices visitors to step back in time and into a one-of-a-kind public art installation comprising 96 Victorian scenes replicating what life was like in the 1800s. You’ll eagerly anticipate your next encounter with one of the 168 charming characters that have been meticulously created by local artisans, dressed in vintage clothing and placed on benches, next to lampposts and in windows of businesses along Wheeling Avenue.

We encourage you to invite your friends and family to come for a visit and make holiday memories that will last a lifetime. The best place to start your journey is at the Dickens Welcome Center in downtown Cambridge, where costumed volunteers offer a cheery “hello,” share the heartwarming story of how Dickens Victorian Village came to be. It is also a great place to find souvenirs, Made in Ohio ornaments and other unique holiday items ideal for gift-giving.

Like a bow on a gift, the Guernsey County Courthouse Light Show completes every visit. Each night from 5:30-9 p.m. (11 p. m. on weekends and holidays) the courthouse dances with more than 66,000 holiday lights all to the rhythms of your favorite holiday carols and seasonal songs.

Whether you go every year, or it’s been awhile – make plans to celebrate the holidays in Cambridge, Ohio.

### 2023 Events

A full list of our events is located at [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com). Before attending any event, we suggest that you call before you go. ***For a complete listing of events, log on to VisitGuernseyCounty.com.***

- Nov. 1-Jan. 1** Dickens Victorian Village, Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 1-Jan. 1** Courthouse Holiday Lights Show, Guernsey County Courthouse
- Nov. 3** Bluegrass Concert, Pennyroyal Opera House
- Nov. 3-4** Sherlock Holmes Mystery Weekend, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
- Nov. 3-4** Special Holiday Hours, National Museum of Cambridge Glass
- Nov. 3-4** Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 4** Coming Alive Cemetery Tours, Located behind the Senior Center
- Nov. 4** Dickens Victorian Village Kick Off & Guernsey County Light Show Opening Ceremony, Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 4** Run Run Rudolph Fun Run & Walk, Guernsey County Courthouse
- Nov. 9** Chocolate Walk, Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 10-11** Special Holiday Hours, National Museum of Cambridge Glass
- Nov. 10-11** Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 10-12** Sherlock Holmes Play, Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day Parade, Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 11** Coming Alive Cemetery Tours, Located behind the Senior Center
- Nov. 17-18** Special Holiday Hours, National Museum of Cambridge Glass
- Nov. 17-18** Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 17** Bluegrass Concert, Pennyroyal Opera House

- Nov. 18** Queen Victoria Tea, Cambridge Country Club
- Nov. 18** Historic Trolley Rides through Historic Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 18** Heritage Gun Show, Pritchard Laughlin Center
- Nov. 23** Thanksgiving Buffet, Salt Fork Lodge
- Nov. 24** St. Benedict School 7th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run, Great Guernsey Trail
- Nov. 24** Holiday Craft Show, Salt Fork Lodge
- Nov. 24-25** Horse Drawn Carriage Rides, Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 25** Cambridge Christmas Parade, Historic Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 25** Small Business Saturday, Historic Downtown Cambridge
- Nov. 25-26** Holiday Open House, National Museum of Cambridge Glass
- Nov. 27** Holiday Open House, John & Annie Glenn Museum, New Concord
- Nov. 29** Wild Wednesday – Songbirds, Deerassic Park Education Center
- Nov. 30** Southeast Ohio Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert, Secrest Auditorium, Zanesville

To learn more about the VCB, area events, and activities, visit the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email [info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com](mailto:info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com), or log onto [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com).

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