

The Golden Glow of Christmas Past – ANNUAL CONVENTION 2019 Lancaster, Pennsylvania Pre-Convention Tours

ALL TOURS HAVE LIMITED AVAILABILITY – TICKETS SOLD ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS



TOUR #1

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019, 8am-5pm (includes lunch) \$74 per person

Visit GLENCAIRN MUSEUM, BRYN ATHYN CATHEDRAL and BYERS' CHOICE

Buses depart host hotel at 8 AM, returning to the hotel approximately 5 PM

TOUR TIME APPROX 8 HOURS (including travel time to and from location)

Travel to the picturesque borough of Bryn Athyn and explore two National Historic Landmark buildings—Glencairn Museum and Bryn Athyn Cathedral. Glencairn is the castle-like former home of the Raymond and Mildred Pitcairn family. Now a museum, Glencairn is brimming with magnificent art collections and superb examples of early 20th-century craftsmanship. Visitors will enjoy tours of Christmas art (medieval to modern) throughout the building, Christmas decorations once used by the family, and a chance to interact with contemporary Nativity artists. Husband-and-wife artists Michael Palan and Karen Loccisano will bring some of their major works, including their recently completed “Nativity Maker’s Workshop” (2018). Michael Stumpf and AJ DiAntonio of Navidad Nativities, a Nativity atelier in nearby Bucks County, will also be on hand, and will have several Nativities for sale.

Visitors will next tour the Bryn Athyn Cathedral (dedicated 1919), one of the great Gothic Revival churches in America. The Cathedral is internationally renowned for its stained glass, which was designed and made on site in the Bryn Athyn glassworks.

The day-long tour will conclude with a visit to the family-owned Byers’ Choice Company in Chalfont, Pennsylvania. Joyce Byers began making Carolers in the late 1960s for her family and relatives, but today over 65 artisans are employed by the company. View the factory floor from the observation deck and see the figures being made; shop the Gift Emporium and add to your collection or begin a new one. Be sure to visit the Creche Room filled with Nativities from around the world including an 18th century precipio.

TOUR #2

CHRISTMAS BY RAIL



TWO TOURS: MON, 7/15 and TUES, 7/16, 11am-2pm (includes lunch) \$68 per person

RIDE THE HISTORIC STRASBURG RAIL ROAD and visit the CHOO-CHOO BARN

Trains under the Christmas tree is a beloved holiday tradition by many collectors. Here is your chance to see a fabulous toy train garden of model trains *and* ride a real train through the farmlands of Lancaster county!

Our "Christmas by Rail" tour features a visit to the Choo Choo Barn and the Strasburg Rail Road in Strasburg, PA. Since 1961, people across the country and around the world have come to visit a truly unique attraction...the Choo Choo Barn -- Traintown U.S.A.®! The 1,700 square foot train layout features over 150 hand-built animated figures and vehicles and 22 operating trains. The Choo Choo Barn is like nothing you've ever seen!

The most exciting part of this tour is that we will be boarding a real steam train pulling vintage passenger cars for a one-hour train ride through the farms of Lancaster! Lunch will be served during this ride. Who knows? Maybe even Santa himself might show up for a ride!



TOUR #3

A TRIP TO THE STAR BARN VILLAGE/STONE GABLES ESTATE



TUESDAY, 7/16 10am-3pm (includes lunch) \$85 per person

BUS TRIP: To the Star Barn Village, excursion and lunch.

TOUR TIME APPROX 6 HOURS (including travel time to and from location)

One of the greatest events to happen in 2018 was the news that the National Christmas Center would be saved and relocated to a new structure not far from the original location. The new home for the NCC will be on the Stone Gables Estate in Elizabethtown, PA. The location currently houses many other saved historic structures, including the 1877 Star Barn. Today, known as the Star Barn Village, the magnificently restored Star Barn is a special venue for weddings and events.

Buses will depart the Marriott at 10 AM. We will arrive at the Star Barn Village around 11 AM. Attendees will be the first to view the Belmont Barn, now under construction, which will house the new National Christmas Center. Next, it's off to the Star Barn, where you will dine first class, in the magnificently restored 1877 barn. Your catered meal is provided meal will be provided by the exclusive C&J Caterers. Lunch will be followed by a personalized multi-media production of Christmas in the Star Barn 2018. Followed by a first-time showing of the architectural plans for the NCC installation, presented by David Abel, Jim Morrison and John Enterline.

Afterwards there will be time to stroll the property and visits the gardens, other historic buildings and gift shops. On the way home, we will be stopping at the Masonic Village to see their Christmas Garden and model railroad display.

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-Convention Tours are ONLY open to Glow Members and their Guests who register to attend our Annual Glow Convention in Lancaster, PA July 17-20, 2019. To join the Glow to become a member, please visit www.GoldenGlow.org