



Hilton-Parma Senior Center 2025 Day Trip Schedule



Erie Canal Bicentennial Trip Rochester, NY

Join us as we celebrate some of Rochester's most treasured gems, with a special focus on the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal! Our journey begins at the historic **Court and Broad Street bridges**, where we'll be joined by Rochester & Monroe County Historian, Christine Ridarsky. She'll share insights on the important convergence of three historic waterways at this very site: **the Genesee River, the Erie Canal, and the Johnson & Seymour Mill Race**. We'll also learn about the **Erie Canal Aqueduct** and admire the vibrant canal-themed mural painted on it - a perfect start to our day of discovery. Next, we'll head to the **Strasenburgh Planetarium for *The Sky Tonight***, a captivating, guided tour of the current night sky. You'll learn about the stars, constellations, and planets visible this season, an experience that's as enlightening as it is awe-inspiring. Lunchtime brings us to a local favorite: **Jeremiah's Tavern** in Fairport to enjoy a delicious buffet featuring Garden Salad, Chicken French, Grilled Tenderloin Tips with mushroom glaze, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Baked Penne with Marinara, Mozzarella and Ricotta cheeses, Cheesy Broccoli, fresh rolls, and your choice of soda or coffee. We'll wrap up the day with a true highlight: a relaxing, narrated 3-hour cruise on the Erie Canal aboard the **Colonial Belle** from Fairport to Pittsford, passing through Lock E32. This scenic cruise offers a unique opportunity to experience the Erie Canal as never before, while indulging in sweet Italian cookies from **Leo's Bakery**. Drinks will be available for purchase on board. Don't miss this special celebration of the Erie Canal's legacy and its lasting impact on our region and the nation. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a day filled with history, beauty, and community.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 21

TIME: Depart: 9:15 a.m. from Hilton Community Center
Approximate return: 6:30 p.m.

FEE: **\$120 Parma Residents – registration opens 4/9; \$145 Non-Parma Resident - registration opens 4/23**

NOTES: WALKING Level 1 at your own pace

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 4/30 or until seats exist; limited to 52 seats

A Day in Cortland: History, Hauntings & Hilarity Cortland, NY

Step back in time as we explore one of Cortland's most fascinating landmarks - the **1890 House Museum**, home to a rich history... and a few unexplained ghostly visitors. This stunning 15,000 square-foot limestone mansion was once the residence of **Chester F. Wickwire**, a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist who, along with his brother, built the **Wickwire Wire Mills Factory**. Their innovation in wire weaving led to an empire that produced everything from barbed wire and window screens to corn poppers, coal sieves, and horse muzzles, making them some of the wealthiest industrialists of their time. The 1890 House is a magnificent example of Chateausque architecture, featuring parquet floors, jewel-like stained glass windows, rich oak and cherry woodwork, and ornate decorative stenciling. *(Please note: Tours include the second and third floors, as well as the cupola. Unfortunately, these areas are not accessible for those with mobility challenges.)* After the tour, we'll enjoy a relaxing lunch at **The View at Sunset Pines**, where you'll dine overlooking beautiful scenery. Lunch includes a sandwich and salad buffet featuring:

- Sandwiches on Brioche Rolls (Ham, Tuna, or Chicken Salad)
- Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Chips
- Choice of Coffee, Tea, or Soda

Then it's time for some laughs at the **Cortland Repertory Theater** with a performance of **The Odd Couple**, a classic comedy featuring the hilariously mismatched duo, Felix and Oscar. Watch the chaos unfold as tidy, neurotic Felix moves in with laid-back, messy Oscar, resulting in a riotous clash of personalities. History, charm, great food, and big laughs - it's the perfect day out!

WHEN: Wednesday, June 25

TIME: Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Hilton Community Center
Approximate return: 7:30 p.m.

FEE: **\$123 Parma Residents – registration opens 4/16; \$153 Non-Parma Resident – registration opens 4/30**

NOTES: WALKING Level 2 at your own pace

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 5/28 or until seats exist; limited to 52 seats

Thousand Islands Adventure: A Two-Nation Cruise & Optional Castle Tour

Alexandria Bay, NY

Spend the day exploring the stunning Thousand Islands region with a scenic drive to Alexandria Bay. We'll make a brief comfort stop along the way before heading to our main destination. Board **Uncle Sam Boat Tours** for the 2¼-hour **2Nation Cruise**, a guided journey covering 22 miles through U.S. and Canadian waters—no passport required! Along the way, expert narration brings the region's history to life, highlighting the lavish island mansions of the Gilded Age, the legends of pirates and patriots, and stunning landmarks like **Sunken Rock Lighthouse, the Canadian span of the Thousand Islands Bridge, Tom Thumb Island, Millionaires Row, Devil's Oven (a pirate hideout), Hopewell Hall, and breathtaking views of Boldt Castle**. While on board, enjoy a lunch buffet featuring Garden Salad, Baked Ziti, Herb-Grilled Chicken, a Deli Platter with Rolls, Pasta salad, a beverage, and the chef's choice of dessert. After the cruise, you'll have two options to wrap up your adventure. If you've chosen to add the **Boldt Castle** tour (additional fee, pre-registration required), you'll disembark on Heart Island for a self-guided tour. This magnificent European-style castle was built by George Boldt, millionaire proprietor of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, as a monument of love for his wife, Louise. Tragically, construction halted when she passed away, and the castle remained vacant for over 70 years. You'll have approximately 60–90 minutes to explore the castle and grounds at your own pace. If you opt out of the castle tour, you'll return to Alexandria Bay and enjoy free time exploring the town, browsing local shops, or relax along the scenic waterfront.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 23

TIME: Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Hilton Community Center
Approximate return: 9:00 p.m.

FEE: **\$97 Parma Residents without Boldt Castle OR \$110 Parma Residents with Boldt Castle – registration opens 4/23**
\$127 Non-Parma Resident without Boldt Castle OR \$140 with Boldt Castle – registration opens 5/7

NOTES: WALKING Level 2-3 at your own pace

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 6/25 or until seats exist; limited to 52 seats

History, Hospitality & Top Hat

Auburn, NY

Begin your day with a guided tour of the **Seward House Museum** in Auburn, a beautifully preserved estate built in 1816. This historic home holds an extraordinary collection of political memorabilia, travel souvenirs, photographs, and decorative arts chronicling the nearly 40-year political career of **William H. Seward**. Seward served as a New York State Senator, Governor of New York, U.S. Senator, and Secretary of State under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson. The home's elegant interior has been meticulously restored, offering a rich glimpse into 19th-century life and leadership. After the tour, we'll take a short and scenic drive to **Skaneateles** for lunch at the **Sherwood Inn**, a local treasure that has welcomed guests since 1807. Enjoy a delicious meal in this historic setting, with your choice of:

- **Chicken French** with tavern rice, and seasonal vegetables
- **Yankee Pot Roast** with mashed potatoes, julienne root vegetables, and Sherwood gravy
- **Scrod Christopher** finished with a cracker crumb crust, tavern rice, and seasonal vegetables

We'll wrap up this delightful day with a stop at the **REV Theater** for a dazzling performance of **Top Hat**. Set to the iconic music of **Irving Berlin**, this production brings the glitz and glamour of Hollywood's golden age to the stage. Expect show-stopping numbers including **Cheek to Cheek, Top Hat, White Tie and Tails, Let's Face the Music and Dance**, and **Puttin' on the Ritz**. With elegant costumes, witty charm, and the timeless magic of **Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers**, **Top Hat** promises an unforgettable finale to your day.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 27

TIME: Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Hilton Community Center
Approximate return: 6:30 p.m.

FEE: **\$143 Parma Residents – registration opens 4/30; \$173 Non-Parma Resident - registration opens 5/14**

NOTES: WALKING Level 1 at your own pace

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 7/30 or until seats exist; limited to 52 seats

All Aboard for a Fall Rail Adventure

Medina – Arcade, NY

Climb aboard for a nostalgic autumn journey as we travel the tracks of Western New York, beginning with a visit to the **Medina Railroad Museum** - home to the largest railroad and toy train collection in the state. Explore the massive HO-scale model train layout, measuring an impressive 204 feet by 14 feet, where history comes to life through an interactive timeline. Follow the story of how goods were transported across Western New York, from the Erie Canal era to the rise of railroads. Enjoy push-button features that activate model trains and scenes, and don't forget to stop by the gift shop for unique train-themed souvenirs. Next, we'll head to the **Arcade VFW Post** for a hearty buffet lunch consisting of:

- Full Salad Bar
- Two Soups: Chicken Noodle and Potato
- Deli Platter (make your own sandwich): Ham, Turkey, Swiss, American Cheese and sandwich toppings on a mini kaiser roll with coffee, tea or a soft drink

After lunch, it's time to board the **Arcade & Attica Railroad**, the last operating steam engine train in New York State! This authentic short-line railroad is one of the few remaining "common carriers" still running both freight and passenger services. Feel the excitement as the whistle blows and the train picks up steam for a 2½ hour scenic ride through the countryside, offering a perfect glimpse of vibrant fall foliage along the way. Before we head home, we'll make one final stop at **Coops Red Caboose** for a sweet ice cream treat, the perfect ending to a day full of history, scenery, and classic Americana.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 24

TIME: Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Hilton Community Center
Approximate return: 6:00 p.m.

FEE: **\$108 Parma Residents – registration opens 5/7; \$133 Non-Parma Resident - registration opens 5/21**

NOTES: WALKING Level 1 at your own pace

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 8/27 or until seats exist; limited to 52 seats

Guten Tag! A Day of Farm Fun & Oktoberfest Festivities

Scottsville - Batavia, NY

Get ready for a fun-filled fall outing that kicks off at **Stokoe Farms** with a visit to their **Animal Encounter Experience**. This optional hands-on adventure lets you get up close with some of the farm's most fascinating residents. The Roo Ranch is home to an array of exotic animals including kangaroos, wallabies, Sulcata tortoises, bearded dragons, Russian tortoises, Patagonian maras, armadillos, and even an African crested porcupine. While we can't guarantee which animals you'll meet, one thing's for sure, it's going to be a wild time! From there, we head to **Batavia Downs** for a festive **Oktoberfest Buffet** lunch, featuring a mouthwatering spread: House Salad, Green Beans with Onions and Bacon, German Potato Salad, Scott's Käsespätzle (cheesy pasta), Jägerschnitzel (breaded chicken cutlet), and Beer-Soaked Grilled Bratwurst. Finish off your meal with a classic apple strudel and a beverage. After lunch, the celebration continues with lively entertainment from **The Frankfurters**, a traditional German band known for their high-energy style of German, Austrian, and Swisse folk music. After the show, you'll have an hour of free time to try your luck on over 900 slot machines, with **\$10 in free play** to get you started!

WHEN: Wednesday, October 22

TIME: Depart: 8:00 a.m. from Hilton Community Center
Approximate return: 5:00 p.m.

FEE: **\$118 Parma Residents – registration opens 5/14; \$148 Non-Parma Resident - registration opens 5/28**

NOTES: WALKING Level 1 at your own pace; (government picture ID required to receive free slot play)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/24 or until seats exist; limited to 52 seats

Syracuse Sampler: Salt, Sweets & Sparkling Lights

Syracuse, NY

Get ready for a day of surprises and a bag full of goodies as each vendor will be adding something to your bag! We're heading to Syracuse, affectionately known as "**The Salt City**", once a hub of salt production where even the roads were paved with it. Our first stop takes us to the **Syracuse Salt Company**, where a father/daughter duo will share the fascinating history behind their locally sourced, hand-finished, small-batch salts and yes, you'll get a special item for your bag! Next, enjoy free time to shop, eat, sip, and explore at the vibrant **Salt City Market**, a 78,000-square-foot culinary and cultural hub featuring a diverse mix of global vendors. Grab a bite or a drink on your own (\$), browse the shops, and soak in the eclectic atmosphere. With appetites satisfied, we'll head to the beloved **Speech Family Candy Shoppe**, serving sweet treats in Syracuse since 1920. Indulge your inner chocoholic with something delicious to take home or enjoy right away! No trip to Syracuse would be complete without a visit to the iconic **Columbus Bakery**. There, Jimmy will hop on the bus to share the rich family history and send everyone off with a fresh loaf of legendary Italian bread for the ride home. Our final stop before hitting the road is dinner at the **Spaghetti Warehouse**, where you'll choose from a delicious entrée, house salad, freshly baked bread with garlic butter, and a soft drink. Entrée options include:

Spaghetti & Meatballs -- Chicken Parmigiana -- Warehouse Lasagna -- Chicken Riggies

Four Cheese Manicotti -- Shrimp Alfredo -- Spaghetti Primavera Pomodoro

As the perfect finale, sit back, relax, and enjoy a festive drive through **Lights on the Lake**, a magical holiday display sure to put you in the spirit, maybe even with a holiday sing-along or two!

WHEN: Wednesday, December 3

TIME: Depart: 8:30 a.m. from Hilton Community Center

Approximate return: 8:30 p.m.

FEE: **\$114 Parma Residents – registration opens 5/21; \$144 Non-Parma Resident - registration opens 6/4**

NOTES: WALKING Level 1 at your own pace

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 11/5 or until seats exist; limited to 52 seats

Cancellations & Refund Policy:

1. Cancellations received in the Recreation Department (392-9030) prior to the trip registration deadline may be refunded with a processing fee of 10%. Cancellations received after the deadline or "no shows" will **NOT** receive a refund unless someone else is found to take the place of the cancelled party. **We will attempt to give refunds, when possible, but please realize that refunds are NOT guaranteed.** If a refund is approved, you have the option to put a credit for the amount paid on your account to be used later.
2. All replacements will be handled by the Recreation Department from the waiting list if one exists.

Registration Procedure and Information:

1. Pick-up and departure from Hilton Senior Center, 59 Henry Street, Hilton, NY.
2. **Since the Town of Parma and the Hilton Senior Center subsidizes these trips, they are open to Town of Parma** residents age 55 and up at a subsidized rate. Those who do not live in the Town of Parma will be accommodated if space is available; however, they will be required to register at a non-resident rate according to the trip dates for each trip. Waitlists only open on the registration day if the trip is full.
3. The following is the procedure for trip registration: Register in person or register online at www.hprecreation.org based upon registration opening dates or any time after that opening date if there are available spots. For any seating requests, submit information on the registration form with any other requirements such as food choice and emergency contact. We cannot hold spots for people without payment. Payment should be made online or in person with recreation staff as these trips are in high demand. We will take a waiting list if a bus fills. If cancellations occur, placements will be taken in order from the waiting list.
4. We recommend that interested participants register for any trip as soon as possible to guarantee a spot. Keep in mind that there are trip deadlines to meet minimum numbers – this is extremely important. These trips will fill very quickly.
5. **REMINDER:** The first two sets of seats are reserved for those who have a difficult time maneuvering up and down the aisle and will be rotated to share this opportunity with all. Please state if you need a front seat or even if you need to be towards the front of the bus.
NOTE: Front seat requests will be taken at registration, but please be aware that these seats are limited.
6. Please be at the pick-up point at least 10 minutes before the designated departure time. **Passengers cannot board the bus without the travel escort and seats cannot be saved.**
7. We are required to have a minimum number of people attend each trip. If our minimum is not reached, other options will be explored, including possible cancellation of the trip.
8. Payment by check, cash, MasterCard, Discover or Visa is accepted. Make checks payable to: **Town of Parma.**
9. Friendly reminders: bring a drink, snack, cell phone and something to read as well as a sweater or jacket as sometimes the bus can be cool. Additionally, please park around the perimeter of the parking lot and not occupy any handicap spots as these trips are lengthy and prime parking spots should be kept for those that need to do business at the community center.