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AN OGLEBAY CHRISTMAS IN WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

NOVEMBER 19-21, 2023

Join us for a delightful getaway of holiday touring in Wheeling, WV featuring the spectacular Festival of Lights, Oglebay Park, Wheeling Island, & much more! Each year, Oglebay Park is transformed into a breathtaking winter wonderland as guests travel from near and far to experience the time-honored tradition of the Festival of Lights, which has delighted hundreds of thousands of guests for more than 30 years.

Our departure/return times and pickup locations are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:45 AM	6:00 PM
Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville at Rts. 26 & 27 (Drop-off/pick-up only)	7:00 A.M.	5:45 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19: We will begin our travels this morning making a breakfast stop at Cracker Barrel in Hagerstown, MD and a lunch stop en route. Early afternoon, we will make a “sweet stop” at **Russell Stover Chocolates** in Triadelphia, West Virginia, where you can shop Russell Stover exclusive flavors and boxes that can be found in no other stores, old fashioned handmade fudge, gourmet handmade confections and more. Then, go next door to **Cabela's**, an enormous 175,000-sq.-ft. store which not only offers quality outdoor merchandise, but also has museum-quality animal displays and huge aquariums, complete with an indoor trout stream. Upon arrival in Wheeling, we will check into our premium resort accommodations at:

OGLEBAY RESORT'S WILSON LODGE (304)243-4000
 465 Lodge Drive
 Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

Experience the recently renovated Wilson Lodge which offers all of the amenities you need to feel right at home. This evening, enjoy a delicious **holiday dinner buffet and entertainment** at the Lodge overlooking Schenk Lake.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20: Following a **buffet breakfast** at the Lodge, we will first visit **Oglebay Institute's Glass Museum** which displays over 4,000 examples of Wheeling glass made from 1829-1939 including cut lead crystal, Victorian art glass, peachblow glass, pattern and depression glass, Northwood's carnival glass, and many other glass examples showcasing Ohio Valley history. Witness the largest piece of cut lead crystal ever made – The Sweeney Punch Bowl. Standing five feet tall and weighing 225 pounds, this remarkable piece of Victorian artistry is world renowned. Then, tour the elegant holiday decorations at the **Oglebay Mansion**

Museum, the first museum in West Virginia to be accredited by the American Association of Museums, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. With a different theme each year, the mansion sparkles with original designs by local decorators and offers impressive collections of American furniture, china, silver, glass, pewter, toys, and textiles. Explore 13 period rooms focusing on Wheeling's earliest settlement through the opulent Edwardian era, plus the Wymer General Store and Sinclair Pharmacy collections. Afterwards, browse the **Hilltop Shops**, before having lunch on your own at Speidel Grill with time for browsing the **Speidel Christmas Shop**, a winter wonderland featuring a variety of traditional holiday décor, unique gifts, apparel & more. This afternoon, we will visit **Winter Fantasy**, located at **Oglebay's Good Zoo**, which includes an exciting **Rockin' Holiday Light Show** which features 40,000 LED lights choreographed to the music of legends like Led Zeppelin, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and more, plus a spectacular **Holiday Laser Show** at the **Good Zoo's Benedum Theater and Planetarium**, a 16-minute show that includes your favorite holiday jingles featuring music from Brad Paisley and B.E. Taylor. Return to the Lodge for a **buffet dinner** before embarking with a step-on guide onboard the motorcoach who will give detailed information about the illuminated displays as we drive through **Oglebay's Winter Festival of Lights**. Delighting visitors since 1985, this annual light show is one of the nation's largest, covering more than 300 acres over a 6-mile drive through Oglebay Park. Deemed one of the 10 Best Christmas Light Displays in the United States by AOL Travel, the festival features more than 100 larger-than-life exhibits.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21: This morning, enjoy a **buffet breakfast** before a mid-morning departure from the Lodge. Spend some time at Wheeling's **Historic Centre Market**, an eclectic mix of locally owned shops and quality dining. Built in 1853, the Upper Market House is the eldest market house in the country. An optional shuttle will be offered for you to try your luck at **Wheeling Island & Racetrack** featuring over 1,400 of the most popular slot machines, exciting table games, and a poker room. (Must be at least 21 years of age.) We will make a dinner stop en route home with fond memories of our Oglebay Christmas Tour!



PRICE PER PERSON:

SINGLE	\$750.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, lodging, luggage handling, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tax & gratuities on meals included, entertainment, admissions, & step-on guide with gratuity)
DOUBLE	\$650.00	
TRIPLE	\$610.00	
QUAD	\$590.00	

A DEPOSIT OF \$150 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY **OCTOBER 4, 2023**. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at above address. Luggage tags and final itineraries are mailed about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due, however, courtesy calls as a reminder will be made in case payment is not received by due date. Bus driver & tour director gratuities are not included in tour cost.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for package inclusions such as reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer. In the event where travel companions sharing the same room should need to cancel one or more persons in that room, the remaining passengers will be responsible for paying the supplemental charge to change occupancy.

We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance which is available through Travel Insured International. For information and to obtain a quote, visit our agency specific link: <http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=61986> For specific questions regarding trip cancellation insurance, call Travel Insured's customer care at (800)243-3174 and refer to Agency #61986 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited onboard the motorcoach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is also strictly prohibited. While every reasonable effort will be made to handle your luggage carefully, Rill's Bus Service will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage, due to breakage, theft, hotel or carrier handling, fair wear and tear, etc.

CASUAL CLOTHING is appropriate for the entire tour. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS WALKING involved on this tour.

Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations at their discretion, with or without notice, if in the best interest of the customer and to improve the quality of the tour, which could be necessary for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, local weather conditions, cancellations/substitutions for trip inclusions made by outside vendors, and/or any other circumstances beyond their control. Rill's Bus Service acts only as an agent on behalf of tour patrons in all matters relating to tour package inclusions, except transportation by their own vehicles, and is not responsible for any damage, delay, loss, injury, or accident to person or personal property when passenger is participating in tour activities and/or traveling by other transportation means while on tour prepared by Rills. Furthermore, Rill's is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of sickness, injury, weather, or any other unforeseen circumstances that are beyond their control.

By traveling with Rill's Bus Service and participating in any and all tour package inclusions, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

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