

Kauffman Museum Bus Tours

Topeka: Up Top and Underground!

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Tour overview: We'll spend all day in Topeka seeing both well known and lesser known sites. Let us take you to the top of Topeka (twice)!

Breakfast. We'll serve breakfast muffins and juice on the bus and make a stop for coffee (pay on your own) along the way.

Kansas Museum of History. We'll go behind closed doors to see storage and curatorial preparatory areas at our state's official museum. After the tours (we'll go in shifts), you'll have time to look on your own. The permanent exhibit tells the stories of our state from the earliest times to the recent past. The current special exhibit, *Captured: The Extraordinary Adventures of Colonel Hughes*, is a nod to the WWI centennial. It tells the story of James Hughes who served in the U.S. Army from 1917 to 1948. He fought in both World Wars, left many records of his time in service, photographed European towns, recorded daily life as a Prisoner of War, and saved many belongings that were later donated to the museum.

Lunch, Top of the Tower Restaurant. For lunch we'll head to the top of the Townsite Tower in downtown Topeka. On a clear day you can see 40 miles from this elegant perch.

State Capitol Building. Built between 1866 and 1903, the capitol was renovated from 2001 to 2014. On a guided tour we will hear about the renovation, hear the story of John Steuart Curry's murals, and see the Senate chambers and the House of Representatives. For those who are interested and able, climbing 296 steps for a view of the inner and outer domes will be an option. The summit offers a "breathtaking" perspective of the city.

Historic Ritchie House. At the same time that Kansas was forming as a state, the U.S. was experiencing the political turmoil that led to the Civil War. The Ritchie House—built by abolitionists John & Mary Jane Ritchie in 1856—was a station along the Underground Railroad and is considered to be Topeka's oldest home.

Supper on the way home. We're sure it will be yummy!

Cost includes all meals, all admissions, travel by modern motor coach with a restroom, and gratuities. Fee is refundable (minus \$25 processing fee) prior to May 11. After the deadline, refunds depend on site policies and waiting lists. No refunds given 48 hours or less prior to departure.

\$ 110 per museum member

\$ 125 per non-member (yearly museum membership not included in this price)

To reserve your seat, return this form with payment to **Kauffman Museum, Bethel College, 300 E 27th Str., North Newton, Kansas 67117**. Phone reservations will only be accepted with credit card payment.

Questions? Contact Andi at asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

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