

The Bed and Breakfast Tour

June 8–13, 2026

Angola, IN, Put-In-Bay, OH, Painesville, OH, Lakeside, MI



4 Historic Bed & Breakfasts · 3 National Parks · 2 Presidential Homes · 1 Scenic Private Train Ride

Summary Description:

Discover charming B&Bs, historic mansions, national parks, a private rail ride, and presidential homes on this 6-day all-inclusive tour filled with elegance, history, and unforgettable experiences.

Long Description:

Step into a bygone era of charm, elegance, and discovery on this richly woven journey through America's heartland. The **Bed and Breakfast Tour** is a fully immersive, all-inclusive 6-day experience that blends historic lodging with presidential heritage, scenic rail adventures, and the natural beauty of three national parks. With exclusive access to grand mansions, wineries, and private rail cars, this is a tour designed for lovers of history, comfort, and storytelling.

Itinerary:

Day 1 – June 8, 2026

- 7:30 AM – Depart from Watertown Plank Park & Ride, with additional pick-ups in Racine and Kenosha (The Brat Stop). Sit back, relax, and enjoy the scenic drive as we embark on our elegant escape.
- Midday – Step into Victorian elegance with a *Luncheon Tea* at the **Oliver Mansion** in South Bend, Indiana. Surrounded by period décor and fine china, enjoy a refined meal in this historic estate.
- Afternoon – Tour the exquisite **Ruthmere Mansion** in Elkhart. Home to Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley, this Beaux-Arts beauty offers an intimate glimpse into turn-of-the-century upper-class life with fine art, antique furnishings, and compelling family stories.
- Evening – Arrive at the serene **Potawatomi Inn**, beautifully located on the shores of Lake James in Indiana's Pokagon State Park. Enjoy a peaceful walk along the lake before dinner (I) and a restful night in nature's embrace.

Day 2 – June 9, 2026

- Morning – After breakfast (I) at the inn, we journey to **Spiegel Grove**, the picturesque estate of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Explore his historic home, presidential museum, lush grounds, and even his tomb.
- Lunch (I) will be served on-site beneath the shade of ancient trees.
- Afternoon – Travel to **Port Huron, Ohio**, where history and Hollywood meet.
- Evening – Check in to the storied **Historic Island House Hotel**, once host to luminaries like Marilyn Monroe, Joe DiMaggio, and Presidents Hayes, Taft, and Garfield. Stroll the lakeside paths or explore the quaint nearby shops before dinner (I) on the way.

Day 3 – June 10, 2026

- Morning – After breakfast (I), board the ferry to **Put-In-Bay**, Ohio's vibrant island paradise. Known as the "Key West of the North," it offers scenic views, rich history, and a relaxed island vibe.
- Explore **Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial**, honoring a crucial War of 1812 naval battle and the enduring peace between nations. The sweeping views from the 352-ft monument are unforgettable.
- Delve into the wonder of **Crystal Cave**, the world's largest geode—its glittering celestite crystals sparkle like diamonds. Then sip and savor a wine tasting in the garden at **Heineman Winery**, an island tradition since 1888.
- Antique car lovers rejoice with a stop at **Skip Duggan's Antique Car Barn**, a quirky gem packed with nostalgia.
- Dinner (I) will be enjoyed back on the island before we ferry to the mainland.

- Evening – Settle in at the opulent **Steele Mansion** in Painesville, an 1867 showpiece once almost lost to time. Stay in beautifully restored rooms once graced by presidents and elite Ohioans.

Day 4 – June 11, 2026

- Morning – Breakfast (I) in Victorian splendor, then off to **Lehman's Hardware** in Kidron, Ohio. This 32,000-square-foot wonderland of old-fashioned goods blends nostalgia with practicality in the heart of Amish country.
- Enjoy a hearty lunch (I) at **Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen**, where authentic Amish cooking warms your soul.
- Afternoon – Visit the beautifully preserved **James A. Garfield National Historic Site**, known as "Lawnfield." Walk through the first official presidential library and experience a home meticulously restored with over 80% original Garfield furnishings. Admire authentic Victorian wallpapers, rare books, and family treasures.
- Evening – Return to **Steele Mansion** for more porch sitting, storytelling, and dinner (I) with fellow travelers.

Day 5 – June 12, 2026

- Morning – Breakfast (I) followed by check-out.
- Board a private rail car on the **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad** for a 3.5-hour journey through **Cuyahoga Valley National Park**. Marvel at lush forests, winding rivers, and cascading waterfalls—all from the comfort of your exclusive vintage railcar.
- Lunch (I) will be served aboard as the countryside rolls by your window.
- Evening – Arrive at the peaceful **Lakeside Inn**, a charming getaway nestled along the lake, where you'll enjoy a relaxing evening and dinner (I).

Day 6 – June 13, 2026

- Morning – Breakfast (I) and check-out.
- Tour the newly renovated **Barker Mansion** in Michigan City, a grand estate from the Gilded Age built in 1857. With 38 rooms and sprawling gardens, this mansion tells the story of the influential Barker family and their role in shaping America's railways.
- Lunch (I) will be served in the **historic Carriage House** on the grounds.
- Afternoon – Enjoy a 90-minute guided tour through ornate halls and restored rooms before heading back to our original drop-off locations with full hearts and fond memories.

(I) Meal Included

(NI) Meal Not Included

Inclusions:

Luxury Motor coach Transportation
5 Nights Lodging at Hand-Picked Historic Bed & Breakfasts
All Admissions & Guided Tours
5 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 5 Dinners
Private Train Ride in Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Ferry Ride to Put-In-Bay
Wine Tasting, Car Museum, Presidential Libraries, and More
Small Group for Comfort and Community

Pricing:

- \$2,665 per person (Double Occupancy)
- \$3,220 (Single Occupancy)
- Deposit: \$600 due at booking
- Balance due: June 7, 2026 (Final day to cancel with refund)

Important Notes:

- **Trip Insurance:** Offered at sign-up only; birth date required
- **Physical Requirements:** Stair climbing, uneven surfaces, moderate walking, frequent boarding/exiting of the bus
- **Itinerary Subject to Change**

For more information or to sign up for the trip, and payment, call Lori at (414) 477-0155.