



# PITTSBURGH

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**THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY IN AMERICA'S FALL STUDY TOUR**

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA • OCTOBER 18 - 21, 2023

Come with us as we explore the city that has been called the Paris of the Appalachian region

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HENRY CLAY FRICK ESTATE

**Breakfast on your own • 9:30 a.m. depart from hotel by coach • Lunch included • Dinner included with overview speaker  
4:00 p.m. return to hotel • 5:45 p.m. depart from hotel by coach for Opening Dinner at Grand Concourse Restaurant**

Experience the culture and refinement of the Gilded Age in a beautiful setting no other museum in Pittsburgh can offer. The Gilded Age was an era not only of immense wealth and progress, but also rapid industrialization, unprecedented immigration, and labor strife. Explore this pivotal time in our nation's history at Clayton, the only remaining fully preserved Gilded Age mansion in Pittsburgh. Join your guide and other visitors for a conversational experience that shares the stories of the Frick family and other Pittsburghers, and considers how the legacy of the Gilded Age continues to affect us today.

## GUIDED TOURS OF CLAYTON

Henry Clay Frick and his wife, Adelaide Howard Childs, purchased Clayton in August 1882. In 1891 architect Frederick J. Osterling was hired to transform Clayton into the 23-room chateau-style mansion seen today. **Lunch together with the group in the Cafe.** Self-guided visits to other venues on the property.

### Frick Art Museum

The Museum opened in 1970 to house Helen Clay Frick's personal collection of historic and contemporary painting and decorative arts as well as traveling exhibitions. The permanent collection contains fabulous examples of early Renaissance Italian painting; rare French and Flemish tapestries; Renaissance and Baroque bronze statuettes; eighteenth-century French painting, furniture and decorative arts; spectacular Chinese porcelains; and masterpieces by artists such as Rubens, Boucher, Gainsborough, and Fragonard.

### Car and Carriage Museum

The Car and Carriage Museum houses the Frick's collection of historic carriages and automobiles dating back to the turn of the twentieth century. Visitors can travel back to the time of horse-drawn carriages, see some of the first horseless carriages to have an impact on Pittsburgh, and learn about Pittsburgh's role in the developing automobile industry. NOTE: Special current exhibition *Pittsburgh and the Great Migration: Black Mobility and the Automobile* is not included but may be visited on your own for a fee.

### Garden Greenhouse, and Grounds

The path that winds through the Frick's 10-acre site is lined with lush gardens and a diverse selection of trees. The active greenhouse is a renovation and partial reconstruction of one built by Alden & Harlow that served the Frick family from 1897 through the 1970s. Before returning to the hotel to refresh before the Opening Dinner, we will stop at the **Duquesne Incline** for a panoramic view of Downtown Pittsburgh from the observation deck 400 feet above the three rivers: the Ohio, the Allegheny, and the Monongahela. There will be a visit to the machine room to observe the original hoisting equipment from 1877 in operation, and a pictorial history of Pittsburgh's industry, inclines, sports venues, and natural disasters.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 • 9:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH

**Breakfast on your own • 9:15 a.m. depart from the hotel by coach  
Lunch included • 5:00 p.m. return to hotel • Dinner and evening on your own**

*This morning, half of the group will stay downtown while the other half boards the bus to Carnegie Mellon University. Groups will reverse for Friday morning. Half of the downtown group will tour the Allegheny County Courthouse while the other half joins architect John Martine, a Principal at Strada Architecture, on a walking tour of significant buildings on Fourth Avenue. Groups switch after one hour.*

The highlight for many visitors to Pittsburgh is the **Allegheny County Courthouse** by the architect Henry Hobson Richardson, considered among the finest examples of the Romanesque Revival style for which Richardson is well known. Construction began in 1884. The Jail was completed in 1886 (and was renovated in 1999 to house the Allegheny County Family Courts); the Courthouse was finished in 1888. Adjacent to the Courthouse, **Fourth Avenue** is known as Pittsburgh's "Wall Street," boasting some of Pittsburgh's most important buildings. See inside Dollar Bank's iconic building by architect Isaac H. Hobbs & Sons of Philadelphia that was opened in April 1871 and is still in operation today. Long-time VSA member John Martine's firm was responsible for the restoration.

**Carnegie Mellon University** campus is a wonderful combination of historic buildings and quite a few excellent buildings constructed since 2010. The campus began to take shape in the Beaux-Arts architecture style of George Carnegie Palmer and Henry Hornbostel of Palmer & Hornbostel, winners of the 1904 competition to design the original institution and later the founder of what is now the Carnegie Mellon School of Architecture.

The full group will meet up for lunch at a local restaurant, then continue together for an afternoon tour of **Chatham Village**, a community within the larger Mount Washington neighborhood, and an internationally acclaimed model of community design. Built 1932-36, it was designed in the Georgian Colonial Revival style by Clarence Stein and Henry Wright on the principles of the Garden City Movement of the early twentieth century, and was built to show that affordable housing for the working class could be attractive and safe. It quickly became a middle- and upper-class neighborhood, however, because it was so attractive.



Above: the Dollar Bank building by Isaac H. Hobbs & Sons, 1871.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 • 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**



Above, l to r: Emmanuel Episcopal Church; the Mexican War streets neighborhood; the Children's Museum complex.

**Breakfast on your own • 9:15 a.m. depart from hotel by coach • Lunch included  
5:30 p.m. return to hotel • Dinner and evening on your own**

*Morning schedule the same as Thursday, reversing the groups. Lunch together with the full group at Vallozzi Italian Restaurant.*

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church** was completed in 1886 and is considered to be one of H. H. Richardson's best. The fortress-like "Bake-Oven" church building has served Emmanuel's congregation for over a century. The massive structure has been celebrated by architectural historians as "Pittsburgh's most important religious building" and along with the courthouse and jail, one of the most important pieces of architecture in the city.

**The Mexican War Streets**, originally known as the "Buena Vista Tract," is an historic district that is located in the Central Northside neighborhood of Pittsburgh. The district is densely filled with restored row houses, community gardens, and tree-lined streets and alleyways. The area dates to around the time of the Mexican-American War, 1847, and has the most stellar assemblage of Victorian residences, with a great historic preservation story.

**The Children's Museum** complex comprises a nineteenth century Post Office building; an Art Deco former planetarium; a great contemporary building that's also a wind sculpture connecting the first two buildings; and one of the earliest Carnegie Libraries, which has been repurposed into a maker lab for the Museum, a charter school, and a theater space.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 • 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF ART**

**Breakfast on your own • 9:30 a.m. depart from hotel by coach • Lunch NOT included  
Return to the hotel by 5:00 p.m. • Closing Dinner included at 6:30 p.m.**

This morning we'll tour the **Carnegie Museum of Art**, including the Heinz Architecture Center with works in architecture, landscape design, engineering, and furniture and interior design. The museum's origins can be traced to 1886, with Andrew Carnegie's initial concept: a museum collection consisting of the "Old Masters of tomorrow." The museum received a major expansion in 1907 with the addition of the Hall of Architecture, Hall of Sculpture, and Bruce Galleries, with funds again provided by Carnegie. An addition to the existing Carnegie Institute, designed by architect Edward Larrabee Barnes, opened in 1974. The gallery has been renovated several times since its original creation, most recently in 2004.

In the afternoon, enjoy an entertaining **three-hour bus tour** through multiple city neighborhoods, disembarking at two points en route. Participants will get a sense of Pittsburgh's architectural and topographical character and fascinating history as we travel through neighborhoods including, among others, the Golden Triangle, where Pittsburgh was born and which remains the City's Central Business District; the South Side, a Victorian neighborhood that was reclaimed from decline through historic preservation; and Oakland, which was the City's first cultural district and is now home to a booming "meds and eds" (medical institutions and universities) economy.

Our closing dinner at the **Bottega by Talia Restaurant**, which is a short walk from our hotel.

Below, l to r: the Grand Staircase at the Carnegie Museum of Art; Oakland, the City's first cultural district; the Golden Triangle and Point State Park.



# FALL STUDY TOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**AS THIS STUDY TOUR IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND REGISTER WITH THE SOCIETY AND MAKE THEIR HOTEL RESERVATIONS UPON RECEIPT OF THIS BROCHURE, AND THAT HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE PRIOR TO THE HOTEL CUT-OFF DATE OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.**

The Study Tour Package includes: site admission fees; transportation; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunches; Wednesday and Saturday Dinners. Hotel accommodations are **NOT** included in the Study Tour Package.

**Special Note:** Bear in mind that there will be extensive walking so please bring comfortable shoes. We regret that we cannot provide alternate means of transportation for those who have walking or endurance difficulties. (Public transportation or Uber or Lyft may be available in some areas, but participants will be responsible for the cost if they use them.)

## Getting There

Pittsburgh is served by **Pittsburgh International Airport** and there are direct flights from major U.S. cities. Pittsburgh is also accessible by Amtrak and bus (various companies) as well as by car. Uber, Lyft and taxi service are available at both the airport and train station for transportation to the hotel.

## Weather & What to Wear

Daily highs in Pittsburgh in October average 65 F and daily lows average 44 F, but it is advisable to check the local forecast before departure and pack accordingly. Layers are always practical.

## Eating Out

Our headquarters hotel is centrally located and there are restaurants of various types, cuisines and price points within walking distance of the hotel. A list of local restaurants will be provided.

## Hotel Information

Our headquarters hotel is the **Courtyard Pittsburgh Downtown, 945 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**. We have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate of \$179 per night single or double occupancy until **September 18, 2023**. After this date, the discounted rate will no longer be available and the rooms will be subject to availability. Hotel parking (valet only) is available at \$34/day. Reservations may be made by calling (412) 434-5551. Be sure to ask for the group name Victorian Society in America.

Click here for hotel reservations:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1675781015646&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**MAKING RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOTEL ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AT YOUR EXPENSE. THE SOCIETY'S ONLY ROLE IS TO SECURE THE DISCOUNTED GROUP RATE.**

## How to Register

We recommend reserving as soon as possible, **AS THIS STUDY TOUR IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS**. Registrations can be made via check (preferable), credit card, or money order. Your spot in the program is secured only after we receive payment. Checks should be made payable to The Victorian Society in America and mailed to the address shown below.

## Cancellations

Cancellations received on or before September 18, 2023 will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. **There will be no refunds after September 18, 2023**. If you think that there is a chance that you will need to withdraw from this program, you may wish to consider purchasing trip insurance. Trip insurance protects you against any unforeseen need to cancel. Trip insurance can cover the Society's fee and your airfare and hotel costs. There are many providers of this type of insurance; one place to start looking is [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com) (800-487-4722). The Society is providing this information purely as a service to you, and we do not receive any compensation from any insurance organization.

## Disclaimer

The Victorian Society in America is not responsible for accidents, injury or loss of personal items during this program. The Victorian Society in America reserves the right to make such changes to the schedule, sites to be visited, or personnel as may become necessary or desirable. Anyone wishing to depart from the planned itinerary must notify one of the tour leaders of their plans before the day of the change. Unused or unattended parts of the trip will not be refunded.

	COST	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
Pittsburgh Fall Study Tour	\$1,150	_____	= _____
Membership in the VSA Individual	\$55	_____	= _____
(If not already a member) Household	\$65	_____	= _____
<i>Non-members wishing to attend the Study Tour must join the Victorian Society in America</i>		<b>TOTAL AMOUNT \$</b>	_____

There are several ways to pay:

- By check made payable to **The Victorian Society in America**
- Pay securely online with Ticket Leap <https://victoriansociety.ticketleap.com/pittsburgh/>
- Phone in your credit card reservation to the National Office at **(856) 216-8124**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Name tag \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Name tag \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

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