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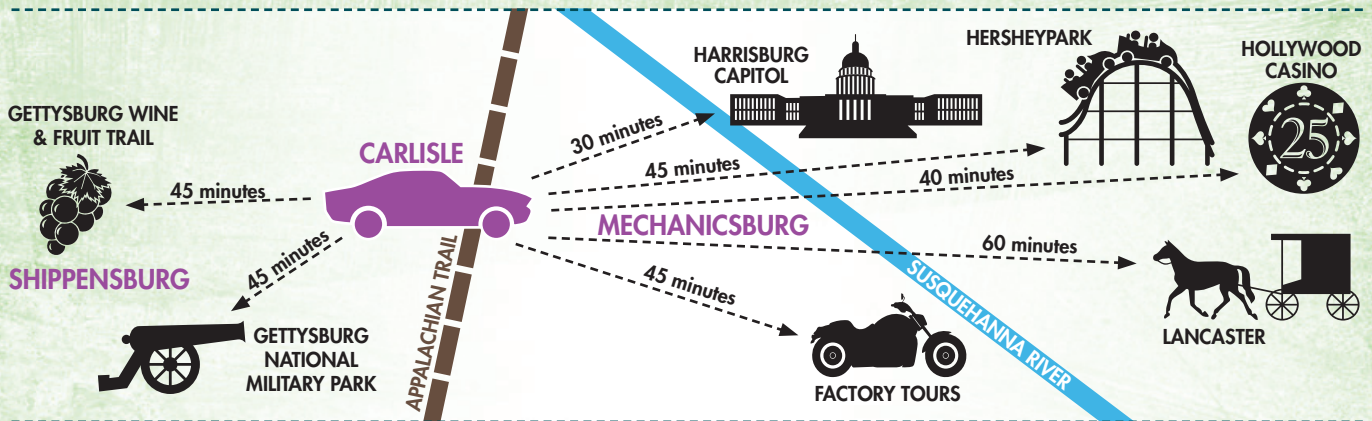


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START YOUR JOURNEY

Our convenient location to **Hershey, Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Lancaster** and **York** allows you to fit more fun into your vacation! Stay here and play everywhere. Explore this sample of trip ideas in Cumberland Valley Pennsylvania and discover the Valley's best things to see and do.



JOURNEY THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD ITINERARY

Forging into the Wild: Part of the National Underground Network to Freedom, Boiling Springs was one of the major escape routes leading from Maryland to Harrisburg. A walking tour of this picturesque village will include Underground Railroad sites like the iron forge and clock tower,



Daniel Kaufman's House, Boiling Springs

ending at the home of abolitionist Daniel Kaufman. Don't forget your walking shoes!

Lunch on the Run: Enjoy a late lunch at the 1832 Boiling Springs Tavern. Prominently located in the heart of the village, this tavern is the longest continually running tavern in the country.

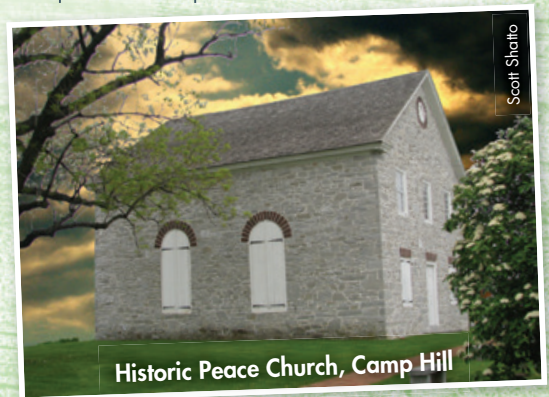
Order in the Court: Continue your adventure with an interactive trial in one of the best preserved examples of a county courthouse in the U.S. The 1846 "Old" Courthouse in Carlisle was the staging ground for two runaway slave trials, Daniel Kaufman and the McClintock Riots, which made national headlines.

Through Soldiers' Eyes: Conclude with a walk through the Soldier Experience Exhibit at the U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center, home to the world's largest collection of Civil War photography. Find exhibits featuring stories from every major U.S. military engagement. Head outdoors for a walk around the Army Heritage Trail with full-scale military exhibits including a Civil War winter encampment with cabins.

Extend Your Stay: Discover Civil War sites in Mechanicsburg and on the West Shore including the Historic Peace Church, General Jenkins Monument, Mechanicsburg Museum Association, General Couch Monument and more.

Relive the history and experience the passion of the Civil War at the nearby Gettysburg National Military Park.

Uncover the "human side" of the Civil War at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. The museum houses a collection of over 24,000 items including photographs, historic documents, manuscripts and artifacts.



Historic Peace Church, Camp Hill

Scott Shallo

PROGRESSIVE DINING – A TASTE OF THE VALLEY ITINERARY

Dining Collection: Uncover delicious dishes and flavors at Sophia's On Market, Rillo's Restaurant, the historic Holly Inn, and a world of flavors in downtown Carlisle – just to name a few! Wet your taste buds at the series of restaurants and grills located along the banks of the Susquehanna River including RockBass Grill, Duke's and Dockside Willies.



Shop 'til You Drop: Find the perfect kitchen gadget at The Kitchen Shoppe or a unique gift at Camellia's Sin Tea Parlor & Gift Shoppe. While at Camellia's sip tea and nibble on scones or take in a lunch tea complete with soup, salad, tea sandwiches and desserts.

Perfect Pairings: Enjoy traditional English dishes and American classics with a handcrafted beer at Market Cross Pub & Brewery.

Sweet Treats: Satisfy your sweet tooth at the Valley's collection of candy hotspots. Grab a treat at Brittle Bark, Georgie Lou's Retro Candy & Gifts, the Virginia Nut Shop and more.



Extend Your Stay: Continue your Taste of the Valley by following one of our nearby beer and wine trails including: Hershey Harrisburg Wine Country, Hershey Harrisburg Craft Beer Country, Mason Dixon Wine Trail, PA Wine Trail or the Susquehanna Ale Trail.

When you need a break from eating head to nearby Lancaster to explore Amish Country and shop at the outlets.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY ARTVENTURE ITINERARY

The Show Must Go On: This art trail begins at Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse. This hidden gem located in the picturesque village of Boiling Springs has been presenting Broadway performances since 1949. Enjoy a selection of their fabulous performing arts while devouring a bountiful buffet.

Artist In Action: Housed in a renovated 1875 brick church, the Village Artisans Gallery was once again voted #1 Gallery and #1 Gift Shop on Central PA Magazine's HOT LIST. You'll enjoy a special demonstration by one of the 200+ artists that

exhibit their wares in the gallery. After, enjoy shopping at this quaint store.

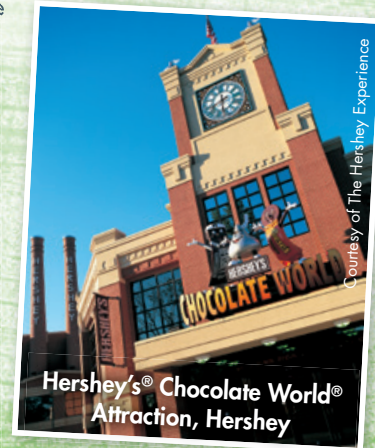
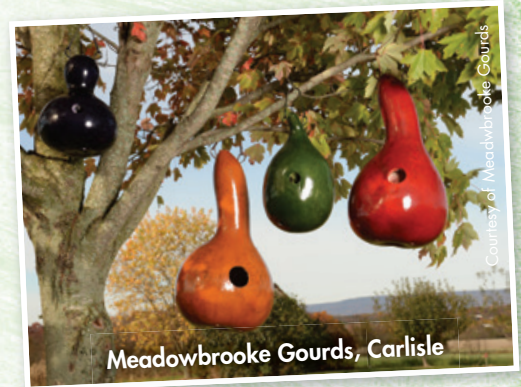
Unique Demos: Learn more about the art process at the Art Center School & Galleries in Mechanicsburg. They feature fun classes and exhibits for every level of artist. For a truly unique experience stop by Valarie Moyer's Unique Dolls & Gifts in Carlisle for a doll making demo.

World's Largest: Enjoy an afternoon at the world's largest gourd-crafting company, Meadowbrooke Gourds. Experience the process of turning a dried out gourd into a work-of-art as the talented staff creates bunnies, angels, birdhouses and more.

State of the Art: Located in a historic firehouse, the Carlisle Arts Learning Center features galleries, demonstrations and lectures. Uncover the magic of throwing clay pots, learn about the featured artist on a guided tour of the current exhibit or shop for locally made crafts from PA artisans.

Extend Your Stay: Venture to nearby York to experience the "Factory Tour Capital of the World." Watch as motorcycles, potato chips and more are crafted before your eyes.

Visit the famous town of Hershey and discover how the favorite Hershey's® chocolate bar transforms from cocoa bean to candy.





Create your own Itinerary Samples



Meadowbrooke Gourds, Carlisle

TOUR • HANDS-ON • SHOPPING



Visit the world's largest gourd crafting company, which was featured on Mike Rowe's Discovery Channel TV show "Dirty Jobs."

TOUR: The tour covers the entire process from gourd seed to finished product. 45 minutes

HANDS-ON: Make your own gourd project. Meadowbrooke supplies all gourds, paints, brushes, accessories, etc. 45 to 60 minutes

SHOPPING: Birdhouses, bunnies, jack o' lanterns, snowmen and more! 15-30 minutes

TOTAL: 1 hour and 30 minutes to 2 hours; maximum of 52 people



The Kitchen Shoppe & Cooking School, Carlisle

LUNCH/DINNER & LEARN • DEMO • SHOPPING



Learn how to put together a simple, but elegant meal. Over 200 demonstration cooking classes that can be tailored to meet your group's requirements.

EAT & LEARN DEMONSTRATION:

- Lunch: four courses – 1 hour and 30 minutes
- Dinner: six courses – 1 hour and 30 minutes to 2 hours

SHOPPING: Browse a wide selection of gourmet spices, coffee, bakeware, cookware, housewares and cutlery. 15 to 30 minutes

TOTAL: 1 hour and 30 minutes to 2 hours and 30 minutes; maximum of 52 people



Art Center School & Galleries, Mechanicsburg

VISUAL ARTS • GALLERY • HANDS-ON • EDUCATIONAL



An experience for the whole family, classroom or group. A century-old barn houses a large exhibition gallery; pottery, painting and resident artist studios.

GALLERY: Explore changing exhibitions by local, regional and national artists. 15 to 30 minutes.

HANDS-ON: Create your own hand-built ceramic vase or serving tray, paint a mixed media/collage piece, or try your hand at glassblowing. All supplies are provided. 1 to 2 hours

TOTAL: 1 hour and 30 minutes to 2 hours and 30 minutes; maximum of 52 people (group is divided in half for activities)



Tastealotta, Lemoyne

TASTING • HANDS-ON • SHOPPING



Shop at Central PA's largest olive oil and balsamic vinegars tasting emporium.

TASTING: Friendly specialists will provide you with personal guidance through hundreds of combinations. Along with over 70 of the finest olive oils and balsamic vinegars is the "salt bar" where you are free to taste salts of all flavors from around the world. 1 hour

HANDS-ON: Mozzarella Demonstration Classes can be arranged. 1 hour

SHOPPING: Shop for baskets, cruets, dipping dishes and more. 30 minutes

TOTAL: 30 minutes to 2 hours and 30 minutes; maximum of 25 people



West Shore Farmers Market, Lemoyne

SHOPPING • BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER • SNACK



60,000 square foot farmer's market and upscale boutiques district. Whether you're shopping for fruits, veggies, meats, designer clothes, trendy gifts or stopping by for breakfast, lunch or dinner - the vast selection will tempt your taste buds.

EAT: The market floor has 50 vendors who sell fresh fruits and vegetables, seafood, ready-to-eat foods, gourmet coffees and soft pretzels. 30 to 45 minutes

SHOPPING: The Upstairs Specialty Shoppes features gifts, jewelry, antiques, clothing, art work and bath products. 45 minutes

TOTAL: 45 minutes to 1 hour and 30 minutes



HANDS-ON



SHOPPING



PERFORMING ARTS



Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse, Boiling Springs

LUNCH/DINNER THEATRE PACKAGES • LODGING



Full-service resort, nestled on a 57-acre, 18th-century estate. Allenberry is renowned for the country's longest running Murder Mystery Weekends that invite guests to figure out whodunit and professional theatre where notable actors such as John Travolta have performed.

MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND PACKAGES: Seasonal (October – April)

LUNCH/DINNER THEATRE: Enjoy lunch (buffet) or dinner (buffet or served) and then a show. For more than 60 years Allenberry has presented professional casts performing Broadway productions (March – December).

TOTAL: Times vary per show.



H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg

PERFORMING ARTS



The premier performing arts center in Central Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland. Any one of the 1,500 seats in the Center's state-of-the-art Grove Theatre provides exceptional views and acoustics of Tony award-winning Broadway musicals, GRAMMY-winning artists and live performances by nationally known tours.

TYPES OF PERFORMANCES: Pop, Country, Motown, Broadway musicals, Bluegrass, comedians, children shows, orchestras, symphonies, speakers, acrobats and other unique performances.

TOTAL: Times vary per show.



Carlisle Events Car Shows, Carlisle & Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg

CAR SHOWS • RACING



CARLISLE EVENTS: Get revved up at THE automotive destination. Carlisle Events hosts ten annual collector car, truck and outdoors events, including the world's largest Corvette extravaganza, attracting more than half-a-million enthusiasts to its 102-acre fairgrounds each year.

TOTAL: Shows April – October; 2 hours to 6 hours per show

WILLIAMS GROVE SPEEDWAY: Get your engine running at the nationally renowned Williams Grove Speedway. This historic, half-mile semi-banked clay oval track opened in 1939.

TOTAL: Races March – October; 2 hours to 6 hours per race



Rolls Royce Museum, Mechanicsburg & Antique Automobile Club of America Museum, Hershey

TOURS • LUNCH



ROLLS ROYCE MUSEUM: The museum and library are dedicated to Rolls Royce and Bentley Motor Cars. View an ever changing display from the American built 1929 Springfield Phantom I to a 1985 Silver Spirit.

TOTAL: Self-guided or guided tour; 30 minutes

AACA MUSEUM: The museum houses magnificently restored and original automobiles, buses and motorcycles displayed in unique scenes and settings.

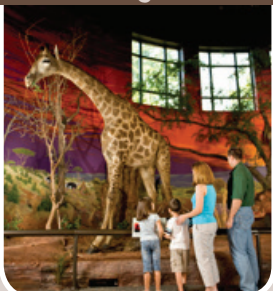
LUNCH: Catered or box lunches are available with advance notice. 1 hour

TOTAL: Self-guided or guided tour; 1 hour to 1 hour and 30 minutes



The Oakes Museum, Mechanicsburg

NATURAL HISTORY • TOUR



An experience for the whole family, classroom, or group. Discover this unique museum devoted to natural history.

MUSEUM: Featuring Smithsonian quality African and North American exhibits with more than 40,000 specimens and 75 full mounts including an elephant, hippopotamus, zebra, giraffe and forest nyala.

TOUR: What happens to a hippopotamus when it gets sunburned? Find out this and more on a guided tour.

TOTAL: 1 hour and 30 minutes to 2 hours; maximum of 52 people



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Cumberland County Historical Society & Two Mile House, Carlisle

TOURS • LUNCH • SHOPPING



TOUR: A guided tour of this award-winning museum uncovers hidden gems including Underground Railroad sites, George Washington's stay in Carlisle and the true inventor of the first telephone. 45 minutes

LUNCH: Enjoy a relaxing lunch at the historic Two Mile House. This 1820 limestone residence is preserved by the historical society. 1 hour and 30 minutes

SHOPPING: Gift shop offering diverse collections of arts and crafts from local artisans as well as printed materials and collectible books. 30 minutes

TOTAL: 45 minutes to 2 hours and 45 minutes plus 30 minutes travel time; maximum of 60 people



U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center, Carlisle

HISTORY • INDOOR TOUR • OUTDOOR TOUR • LUNCH



USAHEC is the U.S. Army's preeminent museum and research complex dedicated to educating and preserving the Soldiers' stories.

INDOOR EXHIBITS: Explore the Soldier Experience Exhibit, featuring an electronic rifle range, a parachute simulator, and a chance to write a letter to a current soldier serving our military. 30 minutes to 1 hour

OUTDOOR EXHIBITS: Take a walk through various time periods along the interactive, one-mile, Army Heritage Trail. 1 hour to 1 hour and 30 minutes

SHOP & EAT: Stop by the Museum Store to purchase clothing and collectibles. Café Cumberland serves homemade soups, sandwiches and boxed lunches to groups upon request. 1 hour



Historical Tours & Trial Re-Enactments

TOURS • CIVIL WAR TOURS • TRIAL RE-ENACTMENTS



SAMPLE GUIDED TOURS:

- Carlisle Indian School **TOTAL:** 1 hour; 25 people maximum
- Former WWII Prisoner of War Camp **TOTAL:** 1 hour; 25 people maximum
- Historic Downtown Carlisle, **TOTAL:** 1 hour; 25 people maximum
- Civil War Bus Tour – follow Ewell's route **TOTAL:** 1 or 2 Day

TRIAL RE-ENACTMENTS: Watch history come to life with Civil War/Underground Railroad, French & Indian War and American Revolution trial re-enactments.

TOTAL: 45 minutes to 1 hour and 15 minutes; maximum of 125 people



Dill's Tavern & Plantation, Dillsburg & Mechanicsburg Museum Association, Mechanicsburg

TOURS • SHOPPING



DILL'S TAVERN & PLANTATION: Original and reconstructed buildings dating back to the 1700s including the tavern, a summer kitchen (which houses a modern kitchen and restroom facilities), a wood shed, bake oven and the wheelwright shop. Open-hearth dinners scheduled upon request. 1 hour

MECHANICSBURG MUSEUM: Spend a day in town wandering through the five historic and architecturally significant buildings that are part of the Mechanicsburg Museum. After visiting the sites, peruse through the museum store for books, toys, mugs and more. 1 to 2 hours

TOTAL: 2 to 3 hours plus 30 minutes travel time; maximum of 52 people



Bent Pine Alpaca Farm, Carlisle

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE • TOUR • SHOPPING



A fun educational addition to any group itinerary.

TOUR: Enjoy an up-close and personal introduction to alpacas, hear about their history and how they came to the U.S. 45 minutes

SHOPPING: Shop for special one-of-a-kind fashions made from alpaca fiber. Items like scarves, hats, sweaters, mittens, ponchos, socks, jackets, shawls and more. 15 minutes

TOTAL: 1 hour; maximum of 52 people



HANDS-ON



SHOPPING



PERFORMING ARTS



The Appalachian Trail Museum in Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Gardners

TOUR • HIKING



TOUR: Located in a 200-year-old grist mill, the AT Museum features a number of trail exhibits relating to the planning, building and early hikers of the trail, a thru-hiker photo display of 18,000 hikers, historical rebuilt shelter, hiker's lounge and an outdoor "Rampatheater" used for weekly presentations in the summer. This is the only museum in the U.S. dedicated to hiking. 1 hour

HIKING: The halfway point marker of the almost 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail is just three miles from the AT Museum. A 15-mile section of the 45 miles of AT in the Cumberland Valley, is the flattest section of the entire AT, making it ideal for beginner hiking trips; or explore 4 miles of trail in the park.

TOTAL: 1 hour; maximum of 45 people for tour



Kings Gap Environmental Education Center, Carlisle

HIKING • LUNCH & LEARN • GARDEN TOURS



The Valley's largest state park features a mountaintop, 38-room, Italian villa style mansion offering weekend retreats and educational programs.

LUNCH: Catering available. 1 hour and 15 minutes; maximum of 50 people

EDUCATIONAL: Programs range from history of the mansion with a tour to a guided interpretive walk through the gardens and grounds. 45 minutes to 1 hour and 30 minutes

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: 16 miles of hiking trails connecting three main areas open year-round, and guided kayaking trips. Times vary per activity.

TOTAL: 1 hour to 6 hours



Waggoner's Gap Hawk Watch, Carlisle

EDUCATIONAL • HIKING • BIRDING



Waggoner's Gap has one of the largest concentrations of raptors in the U.S., with 20,000 to 30,000 raptors passing through every year. It is one of the best sites along the Kittatinny Ridge, in the East to see Golden Eagles, and in PA to watch the fall hawk migration.

HIKE & VIEW: Choose from the Hawk Watch Trail or the Songbird Trail for a short, easy navigated hike leading to a beautiful 180-degree vista of the Valley. The outcrop consists of tumbled boulders so bring proper footwear.

EDUCATIONAL: An open air theatre offers a great view and, if scheduled, an educational session can be arranged. Also great for a picnic lunch.

TOTAL: 1 to 2 hours



Roundtop Mountain Resort, Lewisberry

YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES



WINTER: Skiing, snowboarding and tubing – oh my! With so many great ways to get down the snowy slopes, it will be difficult to get everyone back inside. Lessons available for all ages and abilities. Winter activities available mid-December through mid-March.

SUMMER: OGO Balls, zip lines, bumper boats, scenic chairlift rides and Vertical Trek zip line canopy tour. Summer activities available May through September.

YEAR-ROUND: Paintball (11 themed fields), facilitated team-building at the Ropes Course and catered events.

TOTAL: Times and group sizes depend on activity.



Pride of the Susquehanna, Harrisburg

OUTDOOR TOUR • HISTORY • DINING



See the Harrisburg skyline, islands and picturesque Susquehanna Riverside towns from a new perspective on a fun and interesting sightseeing cruise aboard the Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat! Enjoy special theme cruises including Jazz night, wine and cheese, Wing Nites and more.

OUTDOOR TOUR: Take a relaxing riverboat cruise while enjoying the sights along the river, including the capitol, Harrisburg Skyline, islands and bridges. 45 minutes

EAT: Enjoy snacks and beverages from the galley onboard or other catering options depending on your group and tour type.

TOTAL: 45 minutes to 2 hours; maximum of 120 people



Accessible Location

Cumberland Valley is the hub of the Gettysburg, Hershey and Lancaster vacation region with connections via Interstate 81, I-83, I-76 and US 11/15. We're conveniently located just minutes from Harrisburg International Airport and Amtrak, and two hours from Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Baltimore.



Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, Camp Hill

Courtesy of Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

Accommodations

You'll never grow tired of our Cumberland Valley hospitality, but when it is time to relax for the evening, we have plenty of places to call it a night. Our town and country lodging ranges from a creekside resort to modern hotels.

Group Tour Services

Don't get weighed down planning your next trip, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau is here to do the heavy lifting when you're traveling with a group. Our sales team can assist you with itinerary creation or help develop that new Mystery Tour theme you've been looking for in our region with our variety of group-friendly locations. The Cumberland Valley Visitors Center in downtown Carlisle is a great start or end to any tour and allocated Motorcoach parking makes a quick stop a breeze. Contact us today to start planning your next memorable group tour!