

Red Hatters

January 2010



DAY 1

Morning matters for the Red Hatters:

Start the day exploring University Circle. In one remarkable square mile, you'll discover arts, sciences, museums, parks, galleries and restaurants— all within walking distance of one another. Experience blockbuster exhibits at The Cleveland Museum of Art (216.421.7340), take in a production at The Cleveland Play House (216.795.7000) or tour the **Western Reserve Historical Society** (216.721.5722), featuring guided tours of the 1911 Hay-McKinney mansion and the Chisholm Halle Costume Wing with its rotating displays of apparel dating back to the late 18th century.



Lunch/Afternoon Delight:

How about lunch in one of University Circle's most picturesque dining locations? Sergio's (216.231.1234), located in a former carriage house, is a culinary delight, featuring an exciting menu filled with Mediterranean creations and fresh seafood entrees. Special catering arrangements can also be made at the **Glidden House Inn** (216.231.8900) in the sun room or on the patio.

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Explore a world of beauty and intrigue as you journey through the ten acres of beautifully landscaped gardens found at the **Cleveland Botanical Garden** (216.707.2833). The Glasshouse features two separate eco systems—a desert and a cloud forest—to wander among the plants, animals, butterflies and waterfalls. Choose the perfect gift at the Garden Store, from gardening tools to botany books.

Enjoy la dolce vita in Cleveland's Little Italy. The historic district centers around the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, built in 1895. Little Italy is home to many fine restaurants, bakeries, art galleries and stores featuring authentic Italian goods. Choose from several world-renowned fine art galleries along Murray Hill or make your way through the many amazing bakeries such as **Presti's** (216.421.3060) for one delicious cannoli at a time!

Tea and crumpets in the afternoon? Slip on your summer gloves and head to the **Ritz Carlton** (216.623.1300) for afternoon tea. Sample assorted teas, sandwiches and delectable pastries.

Evenings in Cleveland are Quite Revealing

Be sure to save room for dinner at **Guarino's Restaurant** (216.231.3100), one of Cleveland's finest Italian restaurants since 1918. Guarino's features Southern Italian cuisine, including veal, chicken, fish and pasta. Tastes like homemade, but without all of the work!

Stop in at **Nighttown** (216.795.0550) for a nightcap and some great jazz. A neighborhood bar, restaurant, and jazz club, **Nighttown** offers live music seven days a week. Ask for a table on Stephen's Green, the outdoor dining area (fully-heated for year-round use) with a wall-size waterfall.

DAY 2

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Ready for an unforgettable journey on one of the oldest, longest, and most scenic excursion railways in the country? **The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad** (800.468.4070) takes you on a ride through the heart of the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park, along the Cuyahoga River and the historic Ohio & Erie Canal between Cleveland and Akron and on to Canton.

Make a stop in the charming Village of Peninsula. Peninsula is a quaint, historic village in the center of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Here you'll find a variety of charming establishments, including art galleries, antique shops, restaurants and bicycle rentals.

Lunch/Afternoon Delight:

Interested in horticulture, history and architecture? Then visit **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens** (330.836.5533). The beautifully appointed manor of Frank A. Seiberling, cofounder of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., is the place for you. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the domestic staff room and areas of the mansion not open to the general public. For lunch, try The Carriage House Café. The menu features salads, gourmet sandwiches and wraps all made with organic ingredients.

Next stop at **Hale Farm & Village** (877.HALE.FARM) for a delightful afternoon in a restored village of the 1860's. Watch period crafts being made on the premises with skilled artisans demonstrating glassblowing, blacksmithing, spinning, weaving, candlemaking and basket-making.



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Paint the town red:

Whether you're a fan of classical, country or rock and roll, **Blossom Music Center** (330.252.9070) has the perfect evening under the stars May through September. Located within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, this outdoor amphitheater is the summer home of The **Cleveland Orchestra** (216.231.1111). Blossom has reserved pavilion seating of 5,000 and a lawn seating capacity of 13,500. Dining in Blossom's open-air restaurant, The Blossom Grille (330.916.6063), is a perfect way to start your evening. Open for dinner prior to all concerts, the full service restaurant and bar offers a variety of freshly prepared entrees and a selection of wines, spirits and beers. The restaurant is also open post-concert for dessert and drinks. Reservations are recommended.

If you are looking for a more casual fare, picnics are a traditional prelude to Blossom Festival concerts. Enjoy your picnic on the lawn or in one of Blossom's peaceful wooded picnic areas. Prepared gourmet picnic dinners can be purchased in advance through Blossom Grille.

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Champagne spa, anyone? **The Spa at Yellow Creek** is a haven of serenity and rejuvenation. (330.665.2555). Spa packages offer luxurious body treatments, skin care and massage therapies. Include a light lunch provided by **The Mustard Seed Café** (330.666.7333), for a perfect blending of mind, body and spirit.

Afternoon Delight:

An afternoon at **The Aurora Farms Premium Outlets** (330.562.2000) is just the thing for shoppers that prefer designer labels, but don't want to pay designer prices. With 70 outlet stores in a charming village setting, it's easy to find impressive savings. Great outlet stores like the Ann Taylor Loft, Liz Claiborne, Saks Fifth Avenue and Michael Kors offer plenty of choices. Stop by **Treichel's Café** at the outlets for a quick refreshment, stow all your purchases on the coach and head to your next stop.

For a sweet ending to the afternoon, head to **Olympia Chocolates** (440.572.7747) and get a behind-the-scenes look at how chocolate is made. Take part in the Chocolate Decadence Party and relive the "I Love Lucy" episode. Afterwards, take a moment to browse the Ohio products available from honey, cheeses and fine wines.



Dinner:

What, time to eat again? Absolutely - you must try the Blue Egg Ravioli's at **Carrie Cerino's Ristorante**. A Cleveland landmark since 1945, featuring authentic Italian recipes from Umbria, Italy with house made pasta and organic chicken and salmon. Mangia!

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You don't have to travel far for the finishing touch of your day. Head downstairs at Carrie Cerino's to the **Under C's Lounge** and fulfill your evening with Cleveland's best live dance music before returning to your hotel for lights out!

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