

Historic Castles & Railroads of Bucks County, PA

Fonthill Castle • Mercer Museum • Pearl S. Buck House
Moravian Pottery & Tile Works • New Hope Railroad
Doylestown, PA

September 3-5, 2025 Wed-Fri



Day 1: We board our deluxe motorcoach as we head to Bucks County, PA located north of Philadelphia. Experience the vibrant hues of autumn amidst the charming landscapes and historic towns of Bucks County, PA. We begin with a visit to the historic residence of **PEARL S. BUCK**. This 68-acre estate is where the Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning author Pearl Buck spent the majority of her life working to ensure the rights of women and children. 2 nights accommodations at the **HAMPTON INN DOYLESTOWN**. Welcome dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Doylestown is home to the impressive belt of historical attractions comprised of **FONTHILL MUSEUM, MERCER MUSEUM AND THE TILEWORKS**; also known as the Mercer Mile. These three concrete structures celebrate the life, work and collections of Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer was an American archaeologist, collector, and tile-maker known for founding the Mercer Museum and his innovative work in tile design. **FONTHILL CASTLE** was the former home of Mercer built between 1908 and 1912 as a 44 room concrete castle decorated with Mercer's personal collection of ornate handmade tiles. Visit the **MORAVIAN POTTERY & TILEWORKS** where you can take a step back in time through the "working history" museum that still produces handmade tile and mosaics in the same style of Mercer's original designs. Explore the **MERCER MUSEUM**, a castle housing more than 40,000 early American artifacts including a Conestoga wagon, horse-drawn carriages and an antique fire engine suspended overhead in the Central Court Area. Farewell dinner tonight.

Day 3: All aboard the **NEW HOPE RAILROAD** for a 45 minute traditional scenic ride. Take a glimpse into travel of a bygone era on historic trains traveling over tracks that were laid in 1891 by the North-East Pennsylvania Railroad. We head for home this afternoon after our adventure to Bucks County.

COST: \$745 pp double / triple
\$899 pp single based on 40

INCLUDES: Deluxe motorcoach, 2 nights hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners,
sightseeing & admissions per itinerary, Friendship Tours Escort

***IMPORTANT:** *There is a moderate amount of walking on this tour. The historic properties offer limited accessibility with steep stairs, narrow and uneven passages.*

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DEPARTURE: 1. New London Adult & Continuing Education, 3 Shaw's Cove
2. New Britain Park & Ride Lot, 57 Village Square Dr
3. Waterbury Chase Parkway Park & Ride Lot, 709 Chase Parkway
4. Danbury Park & Ride Lot, 114 Mill Plain Road

DEPOSIT: \$250 pp due with reservations

FINAL PAYMENT: July 23, 2025

FOR RESERVATIONS: FRIENDSHIP TOURS 800-243-1630

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Friendship Tours

MAIL TO: Friendship Tours Att: Overnight Department
705 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002

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