

Heinz Memorial Chapel

Located on the University of Pittsburgh campus in the heart of the Oakland neighborhood, the Chapel began as a gift to the university from Henry John Heinz, the founder of the H.J. Heinz Company, and is renowned for its exceptional stone and wood carvings, powerful pipe organ with over 4,000 pipes, and medieval-style stained glass windows including some of the tallest in the world. The windows contain 391 people including men and women from history, literature, music and science as well as religious figures. Heinz Memorial Chapel is the perfect addition to any group tour itinerary.

Docent-led tour: 30 to 60 minutes in length

Great for seniors: accessible entrance, seated tour, restrooms

Groups can add an organ concert to their itinerary with advanced booking

Performance space is available for choirs and small band and orchestra groups



Suggested Itineraries for Motorcoach Groups:

Glorious Glass Tour

- Compare and contrast the medieval– style stained glass windows at Heinz Memorial Chapel with the Louis Comfort Tiffany windows at Calvary United Methodist Church and then visit the Pittsburgh Glass Center for a demonstration or hands-on workshop.

Iconic Foods of Pittsburgh Tour

- Learn more about the man behind Heinz Ketchup at the Chapel, eat your way through a Pittsburgh neighborhood on a ‘Burgh Bits and Bites Food Tour, and experience the excellence of “church lady food.”

Pittsburgh’s Early Entrepreneurs Tour

- Explore the lives and legacies of H.J. Heinz, Andrew Carnegie, and Henry Clay Frick on a tour that includes the Rivers of Steel National Heritage sites, the Frick Pittsburgh, and Heinz Memorial Chapel.

Pittsburgh Church Tour

- Discover the history, art & architecture on a tour of Pittsburgh’s sacred spaces.



Group Tour Attractions Located Within Two Blocks of the Chapel:

- Cathedral of Learning Nationality Rooms
- Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History
- Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum
- Carnegie Music Hall of Oakland

Heinz Memorial Chapel welcomes student groups!

Our docents can customize your tour to include stained glass windows that feature figures from a certain period of American history or a category such as writers, musicians, or scientists. Students can learn more about the pipe organ, hear the music and see and touch an organ pipe.

A Chapel scavenger hunt is also available for student groups.

