



Visit Pittsburgh Holiday Plaza
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Visit Pittsburgh Skyline with Duquesne Incline
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Highmark First Night
Pittsburgh Cultural District



National Aviary Holiday Late Nights



Daffins Candies, Mercer County



Overly's General Store, Courtesy of the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau



DESTINATION: GREATER PITTSBURGH

We are your one-stop shop for memorable group moments in Western PA
Sample itinerary: Holidays in Western PA

Itinerary Inspiration

- See a show in **Pittsburgh's Cultural District** - a downtown destination for world-class theaters, inspiring art and diverse dining. The holiday season brings marquee performances for all ages and interests, including A Musical Christmas Carol, A Christmas Story, The Nutcracker, Holiday Pops and Highmark First Night to ring in the New Year.
- **VisitPITTSBURGH** - Soak up the spirit of the season at the Holiday Market and Ice Rink at PPG Place. Inspired by German Christmas markets, this Pittsburgh tradition transforms Market Square into a winter wonderland filled with Alpine-style wooden chalets featuring quality gifts from local makers and international cultures. Next door, take a spin on the Ice Rink, surrounded by iconic spires of sparkling mirrored glass.
- Tour downtown Pittsburgh to see more festivities. Highlights include: Santa's from around the world; an annual Gingerbread House display; the Pittsburgh Creche, a larger-than-life nativity scene that is the world's only replica of the Vatican's Creche; Horne's Christmas tree, survived from Pittsburgh's first department store has been lighting up the corner of Penn Ave. & Stanwix St. since 1953.
- **Gateway Clipper** Holiday Cruises - See the lights of the city from the river. Whether it's dinner and dancing, visiting Santa, or sightseeing, the Clipper team has a cruise to suit your group.
- The **National Aviary** warms up the cold nights of early winter with extended hours and a holiday light display. Enjoy festive decor, holiday music, a seasonal menu at the cafe, special events and free flying friends.
- Holiday shopping is fun at **Ross Park Mall**. Boasting more than 170 chic boutiques, luxury stores and specialty shops, you're sure to find something for everyone on your list. Grab a bite at Nordstrom Marketplace, Barrio Tacos or The Cheesecake Factory and enjoy unique holiday experiences throughout the season. Free bus parking and tax free shopping everyday.
- Enjoy a holiday themed murder mystery at **Gaetano's Catering and Event Center**. Make memories with your group while enjoying a home cooked meal.
- With its stunning botanical gardens, a breathtaking holiday exhibit and seasonal programs, **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**, offers a unique and enriching experience for groups.

Mercer County

- Get all of your holiday shopping done in **Mercer County!** The **Grove City Premium Outlets** has more than 130 designer & brand-name outlet stores. Groups love the incredible savings. Visit Santa's Christmasland while stocking up on all of your seasonal odds and ends at Kraynak's in Hermitage. Daffin's Candies and Philadelphia Candies will cover those on your list with a sweet tooth.
- Experience Christmas at Keystone Safari - feed the giraffes, see real reindeer, visit with Santa and enjoy nearly a quarter-million lights throughout the park.

Butler County

- Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland - over 2 miles of custom-made displays dance in perfect synchronization to music playing over the radio in your bus or car.
- Historic Harmony Village - enjoy old-town charm and shopping with a walking tour of the historic village. Visit in November to catch Harmony Museum's annual winter WeihnachtsMarkt (Christmas Market).



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Laurel Highlands

- Overley's Country Christmas - a charming walkthrough Christmas village that truly brings the nostalgic magic of the holiday to life. Enjoy Christmas carols, a bonfire, train display, sugar plums and sleigh rides. There's even a talking Christmas tree.
- Holiday magic abounds in the Ligonier Diamond, a quaint walkable town featuring 60 specialty shops and restaurants, horse-drawn carriage rides and the town squares gazebo adorned with lights and festive decorations to welcome the season.
- The holiday season is magical at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort. The luxury resort transforms into sparkling, enchanted wonderland during the winter months, complete with Gingerbread House workshops, dog sledding, roasting marshmallows and Elf Tuck-ins!



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Washington County

- Christmas shop at the **Bradford House Museum**. Annual sale featuring quality local vendors with a variety of unique items for sale. The historic house is charmingly decorated in 18th century holiday style. (Usually one weekend in December.)
- Santa Trolley at the **Pennsylvania Trolley Museum**. Throughout the holidays, guests can climb aboard a restored streetcar that will transport them around the museum's two-mile track while visiting with Santa. Be sure to stop at the museum's large Lionel toy train layout, enjoy complementary hot chocolate and cookies and even make a holiday craft.
- Step into a world of glass artistry at **Duncan & Miller Museum of Glass**. Explore the rich history and exquisite craftsmanship behind some of the finest glassware ever produced.



Santa's Christmas Shop Mercer County



National Aviary



Nemaocolin holiday tree Courtesy of the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau



Philadelphia Candies, Mercer County

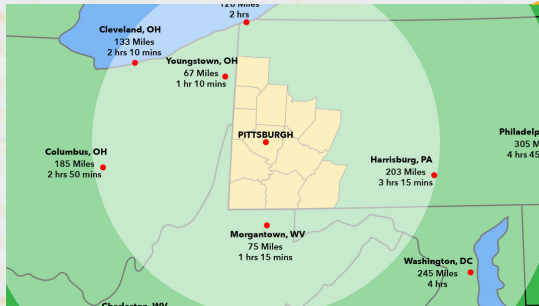


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GETTING HERE: Western Pennsylvania is near Pittsburgh International Airport and many major highways, such as I-70, I-76, I-79 & I-80. Making our region the perfect daytrip, overnight, stop along the way, and group destination.

All DGP Partners are within a short drive of each other.
Armstrong County - 49 mi (78 km) from downtown Pittsburgh
Beaver County - 33 mi (53 km) from downtown Pittsburgh
Butler County - 45 mi (74 km) from downtown Pittsburgh
Mercer County - 64 mi (104 km) from downtown Pittsburgh
Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands - 50 mi (81 km) from downtown Pittsburgh

Overnight accommodations:

DGP member hotels encompass all major brands such as: **Best Western Plus, Doubletree, Drury, Fairfield Inn, Hampton, Holiday Inn, Hotel Indigo, Marriott, Sheraton, Springhill Suites and Wyndham**. Choose your desired stay from one of our Group Friendly Hotel partners at DestinationGreaterPittsburgh.com/stay.

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