



## DESTINATION: GREATER PITTSBURGH



## We are your one-stop shop for memorable group moments in Western PA

### Sample itinerary: 3 Day Student Adventure, Architecture and Outdoor Itinerary

#### Day 1: Outdoor Adventure & Architecture in the Laurel Highlands

##### Whitewater Rafting in Ohiopyle (9:30 AM – 12:30 PM)

Kick off the trip with an exciting whitewater rafting adventure on the Youghiogheny River in Ohiopyle State Park! This thrilling yet student-friendly activity is a perfect way to experience Western Pennsylvania's natural beauty. Beginner-friendly guided tours are available for safe and fun rafting.

##### Lunch Break in Ohiopyle (12:30 PM – 1:30 PM)

Enjoy a picnic lunch or grab a bite at a local café before heading to the next stop

##### Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob (2:00 PM – 3:30 PM)

Tour Kentuck Knob, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpieces. This stunning home blends seamlessly into the Laurel Highlands landscape and offers students a look at organic architecture and sculpture gardens.

##### Overnight Stay – Hampton Inn Greensburg

After a day of adventure and architecture, check in to the Hampton Inn Greensburg to rest up for Day 2. Your students will wake up refreshed and enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast before heading to Pittsburgh.

##### Evening Activity - Westmoreland Cultural Trust

Westmoreland Cultural Trust offers immersive experiences that blend art, history, and community engagement. Through programs like the free guided tours of The Palace Theatre, students can explore the rich architectural history of the venue, which dates back to 1926, and gain insights into its evolution from a vaudeville stage to a premier entertainment venue.

Other WCT activities include the annual Greensburg ArtsWalk, Art in the Alley, Greensburg Music Fest, Rhythms of Summer Concert Series and WCT Presents: Concerts, Special Events, and Live Theater. All provide opportunities for students to interact with local artists, participate in hands-on art activities, and experience live performances, fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts and community collaboration.

#### Day 2: Art, History & Cultural Exploration

##### Graffiti Art Tour OR Scratch Mold Workshop with Rivers of Steel (9:30 AM – 11:45 AM)

- Option 1: Graffiti Art Tour – Explore the Carrie Furnaces, a former steel mill turned outdoor art gallery featuring stunning large-scale graffiti.
- Option 2: Scratch Mold Workshop – Get hands-on with metalworking by creating a custom iron casting mold, which will be poured into solid metal by foundry artists!

Rivers of Steel's attractions showcase the artistry and innovation of the Pittsburgh region's industrial and cultural heritage.

##### Lunch at Shorty's Tap x Taco-Waterfront (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM)

Shorty's Tap x Taco is a laid-back spot with an old school vibe. At Shorty's – retro games, like darts, shuffleboard, giant connect four, foosball and pinball, are mixed with modern elements, like a vintage style but "social ready" photo booth & a 1970's basement-inspired digital Karaoke Room. Enjoy scrumptious soul food comfort favorites, with a twist. Outside, our camp-style fire pits are the perfect place to cozy up with old friends and new!



## Day 2 continued

**Cathedral of Learning – Nationality Rooms Tour** (1:30 PM – 2:15 PM time permitting)  
Head to the University of Pittsburgh for a guided tour of the Nationality Rooms, each representing a different country's cultural heritage and architectural style.

### **Heinz Memorial Chapel Tour** (2:30 PM – 3:30 PM)

Next, visit the stunning Heinz Chapel, 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. The breathtaking Gothic-style architecture makes it an ideal stop on a student itinerary.

### **Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens** (3:45 PM – 5:00 PM\*)

If time permits, explore the beautiful themed gardens, exotic plant collections, and seasonal exhibits at Phipps Conservatory. \*On Friday's Phipps is open until 10pm

### **Overnight Stay – Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place**

Conveniently located less than a mile from Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. For tour groups, the hotel offers competitive rates that include breakfast and complimentary bus parking.

**Evening Activity options:** For dinner and an evening activity consider a show in **Pittsburgh's Cultural District**, a **Gateway Clipper** dinner cruise or check out the dinner scene in the Oakland neighborhood near your hotel.

## Day 3: Nature & Wildlife Exploration

### **Ranger-Guided Hike at Moraine State Park in Butler County** (9:30 AM – 11:30 AM)

Start the day with a ranger-led hike at Moraine State Park, where students can learn about local wildlife, geology, and conservation efforts while enjoying the scenic trails along Lake Arthur.

### **Picnic Lunch in the Park catered by Gaetano's Catering & Event Center** (11:30 AM – 12:30 PM)

Enjoy a delicious picnic-style lunch compliments of Gaetano's Catering at Moraine State Park, soaking in the natural beauty before heading to the final stop. Set-up delivery of your to go lunches with Gaetano's.

### **Living Treasures Animal Park in Lawrence County** (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

End the trip with a visit to Living Treasures Animal Park, where students can feed and interact with over 70 species of animals, including giraffes, camels, and kangaroos! This up-close experience is both fun and educational.

Depart for Home (3:00 PM)

OR spend another night in the region and continue to enjoy **Lawrence County** with a visit to **Haunted Hill View Manor** for a real-life ghost hunt. Haunted Hill View Manor offers paranormal investigations and tours of a former nursing home /poor farm located in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Hill View Manor was built in 1926 and is a haunted location that spans over 80,000 square feet.

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