



Smithsonian Associates

WONDERS BY WRIGHT: BUFFALO AND BEYOND

Thursday, August 21 – Sunday, August 24, 2025

Your tour packet includes:

- ❖ **[Link to Microsoft Form](#) to complete your Participant Information Form & Acknowledgement of Responsibility Statement**
- ❖ **Tour Bulletin**
Please read this carefully. It contains essential information and useful advice for your tour.
- ❖ **Tentative Itinerary**

If you are traveling with a guest, please share this information packet with them.

Nametags will be provided at the start of the tour. Please wear them throughout the tour. Doing so helps everyone get acquainted and assists the tour staff in carrying out their responsibilities. If you have an alternative name you prefer for your nametag, please indicate this on the Participant Information Form

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Tour Bulletin

The following information has been compiled to help you prepare for your trip and to serve as reconfirmation of your registration. You will receive a final tour reminder email the week leading up to your trip. If you still have questions or concerns after reading this information, please email the Study Tours department at associates-studytours@si.edu.

As you read on, you will see that there are a few items that we will need from you prior to the start of the tour. Please complete these items ASAP. They are as follows:

- [Link to Participant Information Form \(PIF\) & Electronic Responsibility Statement \(completed via Microsoft Forms\)](#)

Please be sure to complete this information promptly. Our ability to facilitate your enjoyment of the tour, and to assure your comfort and well-being during the tour, depends on your accurate representation of your needs and preferences and our receipt of that information in a timely manner. The Electronically Acknowledged Signed Responsibility statement is required before you can be admitted to the tour. *It is particularly important that you advise us of the extent of any physical limitations that affect your ability to walk, stand, climb stairs, or otherwise participate in tour activities and to provide precise information on serious food allergies.*

General Information

IMPORTANT NOTE: Although we do everything we can to notify you in the event of a change, we always recommend you check your email for notification of any last-minute changes.

Program Arrival:

The trip begins at 6pm with a group dinner. All participants will be arriving individually into the Buffalo area. You will spend all three nights of the trip at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, 2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202.

Getting to the Hotel:

The Hyatt Regency Buffalo does not offer an airport shuttle service, but various taxi companies and ride share apps (Uber, Lyft) service the airport and the hotel. At Buffalo Niagara International Airport, please proceed to the ground transportation area on the lower level, outside of baggage claim. The hotel is approximately 10 miles from the airport, and the average taxi/rideshare cost to the hotel is \$35 (variable). If you are taking the train to Buffalo, the Amtrak station is located 10 blocks from the hotel at the Exchange Street depot. If you are driving to Buffalo, overnight **valet** parking is offered at the Hyatt Regency for \$29.50 per day (subject to change without notice).

PLEASE NOTE: The hotel does not offer **self-parking**; however, there are several parking options across the street from the hotel. We recommend the Owen B. Augspurgen Ramp or the open lot at 187 Franklin St. You can use SpotHero to explore other options and book in advance.

The official program will begin with a welcome orientation and dinner at the hotel on Thursday evening at 6pm.

Program Departure:

The trip ends on Sunday, August 24 with a transfer to Buffalo Niagara International Airport or the Amtrak train station at approximately 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Although you are traveling independently, it is helpful for us to know your arrival and departure plans. This information is requested on the Personal Information Form.

Any last-minute information will be communicated to you via email. Please be sure you have provided us with your most current information. We do not anticipate there will be any changes in which you would need to be notified. For any urgent matters upon arrival in Buffalo you can reach your Smithsonian Representative, Leah Connolly, directly at (570) 561-3303. Please do not use this number for non-urgent questions. The best way to reach us for non-urgent questions is associates-studytours@si.edu.

Extra Nights

If you wish to make reservations for extra nights in the area before or after the program, up to 2 days pre- and post-group block), please call the Hyatt Regency Buffalo desk and identify yourself as a member of the Smithsonian Associates with the group arrival date of August 21st. Their local telephone number is (716) 856-1234. You will need a credit card to confirm your reservation. You can expect a rate of approximately \$149/night plus taxes. Breakfast is not included in this rate but is available for purchase in the hotel restaurant (Smithsonian Associates will cover breakfast costs on the mornings of the tour – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).

Bus & Seating

The bus is provided by Bedore Tours and is equipped with a restroom. Please advise the Smithsonian Representative or Driver if something on the bus needs attention or the temperature is not comfortable. The tour staff normally occupies the front seats on both sides of the aisle. Seat selection is otherwise open when the bus is first boarded each day. Once everyone has selected his/her seat, please continue throughout the day to use that same seat or any seat that was not selected after all had boarded.

Please note that if participants with certain disabilities or conditions need special seating, *tour staff may reserve seats or request participants to move who boarded prior to the tour staff*. If the disabilities requiring special seating are not apparent, participants requesting such seating are asked to provide a statement from their physician confirming the situation and what is needed. This must be done prior to the tour by contacting our office at associates-studytours@si.edu.

Please remember tours are not delayed for missing participants or anyone not ready to board at the scheduled time, so please be kind to others, and be prompt!

Physical Considerations & Climate

This is an active program; you should plan to be on your feet for a good part of the day: walking up to 1 mile per day, standing for periods of time during house visits and tours, and on and off the bus multiple times per day. If you have any concerns about your ability to participate, please contact our office to discuss. Of course, you always have the option to relax on the bus or opt out of any activities.

The climate in the Buffalo area in August is often pleasantly warm with moderate humidity. Temperatures can range from 70's or 80's during the day to 60's at night.

Smoking

Is not permitted on the bus, including in the restroom, or at any time when the group is gathered together in a limited space for a tour activity. If you are a smoker, and have requested to share a room, please be sure to note this on your participant information form. PLEASE NOTE: All rooms at the Hyatt Regency are non-smoking.

Tour Staff

Study Leader – Bill Keene has written and lectured on topics including architecture, urban history, city planning and the built environment. Bill has taught urban studies at the University of Southern California and has a special interest in Frank Lloyd Wright. Bill has enjoyed being a tour leader for the Smithsonian for a number of years.

Smithsonian Representative – Leah Connolly will be handling all logistics and assisting you with any problems or questions that you may have concerning the tour schedule or operation. Leah is an experienced Program Curator at Smithsonian Associates who has traveled with Associates on numerous tours, most recently *Cape May Holidays*, *The Hamptons for Art Lovers*, and *Theodore Roosevelt's North Dakota*. Please feel free to approach her at any time.

Clothing

Casual clothing is appropriate for all group activities. Please wear comfortable, sturdy shoes for walking and standing at sites.

Departure Times & Schedules

You will be given a final version of the Itinerary and Participant List when the tour departs. This will be on colored paper, different from the tentative itinerary enclosed here. We recommend that you keep it with you at all times as it can help you follow the activities more closely. Itineraries are always subject to change, however, so it is important to stay alert to announcements concerning changes throughout the tour. Also, you will notice a cell phone number on your final itinerary. Please feel free to use this for any urgent matters.

Adhering to the schedule is essential to completing all tour components and fulfilling our obligations to those who arrive on time.

Accommodations

You will be staying at the **Hyatt Regency Buffalo, 2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202**. The telephone number is 716-856-1234. We recommend that you leave this number with anyone who would need to reach you in an emergency.

You may be required upon check-in to provide a credit card to the hotel for any incidentals charged to your room outside of group activities.

Check-out Procedures

No special check out procedures are necessary, however, please remember to pay any incidental charges you may have made to your room prior to departure time.

Meals

The following meals are included in your tour package. *Be sure to indicate dietary restrictions on your Personal Information Form*. Contact us at associates-studytours@si.edu if you have any questions.

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| Thursday dinner* | <i>Regency House Salad; Choice of: 1) Herb Panko Chicken Breast with a Boursin Cheese Sauce, Tri-Colored Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Fresh Market Vegetables; 2) Grilled Mahi Mahi with Garlic Confit, Crispy Roasted Potatoes, and Fresh Market Vegetables, or 3) Portobello Mushroom Stack: Marinated Portobello Mushrooms, Peppers, Onions, Zucchini, Squash, Tomato Essence Broth (vegan/vegetarian/GF). New York Cheesecake for Dessert. Water, Coffee, Tea. (Hyatt Regency)</i> |
| Friday breakfast | <i>Fresh Seasonal Sliced Fruit, Assorted Muffins and Danish, Cage-Free Scrambled Eggs, Oven-Roasted Breakfast Potatoes, Pecan Wood Smoked Bacon (Fri./Sun.), Sage and Fennel Sausage (Sat.), Juice, Coffee, Tea. (Hyatt Regency)</i> |



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| Friday lunch* | <i>Choice of: 1) Mandarin Orange Salad with Chicken: Bed of Mixed Greens Topped with Dried Cranberries, Sunflower Seeds, Feta Cheese, Red Onions, Cherry Tomatoes, and Mandarin Oranges, served with an Orange Poppy Seed Vinaigrette; 2) Turkey Cranberry Sandwich*: Turkey with Cranberry Mayo, Provolone, Bacon, Spinach, and Tomato served on a Sub Roll; or 3) Classic Burger*: 7oz Patty topped with Lettuce, Tomato, and Choice of Cheese. *Served with a side of greens. Soft Drinks, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Tea. Salad can be veg/pesc. without chicken or shrimp added. (Pearl Street Grill & Brewery)</i> |
| Friday dinner* | <i>Fresh Garden Salad and Inn Baked Bread. Choice of: 1) New York Strip Steak: 12 Oz Grilled and Topped with a Roasted Shallot Demi-Glace. Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable; 2) Lemon Rosemary Chicken: Roasted Frenched Breast of Chicken with Lemon and Fresh Herbs, Fresh Lemon Rosemary Cream Sauce. Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable; or 3) Vegan Coconut Curry: Vegan Sweet Italian Sausage, Zucchini, Sweet Peas, Broccoli, Chickpeas and Red Bell Pepper – Basmati Rice and Toasted Peanuts. Apple Crisp for Dessert. Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea. (Roycroft Inn)</i> |
| Saturday breakfast | See above. (Hyatt Regency) |
| Saturday lunch* | <i>Sandwich selection of Ham & Smoked Gouda Sandwich: Boar's Head ham, smoked gouda, green apple slices & mixed greens with a coarse grain mustard mayo on wheat bread; Hummus & Quinoa Wrap: Roasted garlic hummus with cucumbers, quinoa, red peppers, tomatoes, pickled red onions, mixed greens, and red-wine vinaigrette in a wheat wrap. Vegan; Sun-dried Salad: Mixed greens, caramelized walnuts, dried cranberries, dried apricots, goat cheese crumbles, and balsamic vinaigrette. Gluten-free, Vegan. Contains nuts; Turkey Avocado Wrap: Boar's Head turkey, white cheddar, avocado, roasted red peppers, and mixed greens with red wine vinaigrette in a wheat wrap; Chicken Salad Wrap: With tomatoes and mixed greens in a wheat wrap. All boxed lunches include House-Made Cookie, Chips, Fruit, Bottled Water. (Statler Café)</i> |
| Saturday dinner | <i><u>Menu:</u> Served Family Style: Garlic Cheese Bread, Cured Meats & Cheese Charcuterie Boards; Caesar Salad; Chicken Milanese; Rigatoni & Hand Made Meatballs (can be made vegetarian); Cannoli Platter. Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea. (Tappo Restaurant)</i> |
| Sunday breakfast | See above. (Hyatt Regency) |

(*) = Please indicate your meal choice on the Participant Information Form

You are welcome to bring whatever snacks and/or beverages (such as a thermos of coffee, bottled water, etc.) you normally need or desire between mealtimes. Please review the itinerary with any personal needs or preferences of this nature in mind. If you have special concerns about your food needs or preferences, please contact our staff at associates-studytours@si.edu as soon as possible. Note that alcoholic beverages are not included with meals and would be at your own expense.

What is Included

Participants purchase their own snacks and beverages other than those included with meals. Your tour fee includes bus transportation, tuition, accommodations, admissions, and meals listed above.

Gratuities

Gratuities have been included for all group meals and for the bus driver. Where appropriate, donations have been made on behalf of the Smithsonian. Although a housekeeping surcharge is included, additional gratuities for the chambermaid are not included, and are at your own discretion. Your Smithsonian Representative and Study Leader are professionals who do not receive tips.

Cancellation & Trip Insurance

Please review the cancellation policy located on the back page of your Associate Magazine or on the web at smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/help/refund-policy. This information is important, as we are not able to make exceptions regardless of the reasons for cancellation. **This tour is 100% non-refundable after August 6, 2025.** Up until that time, cancellation fees apply. If you have chosen to purchase trip cancellation insurance, you would need to consult your individual policy for cancellation details, in addition to contacting us.

Some Additional Items to Bring Along

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Face masks if you would like to wear one
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, and/or hat.
- Umbrella and/or fold-up lightweight rain poncho and good walking shoes
- Camera, lenses, batteries, chargers
- Regional area map if desired
- Wet wipes or hand sanitizer for freshening up
- Whatever snacks and/or beverages (such as a thermos for coffee, bottled water, etc.) you normally need between mealtimes. Please review the itinerary with these needs in mind.
- Breathable and layered clothing including jacket for variable weather

Post-Tour Questionnaire

Your opinion is important in our continuing effort to provide you the best in value and educational travel. At the end of your tour, you will receive an evaluation form on which you can express your satisfaction with, or concerns about, each aspect of the tour. Each evaluation is carefully reviewed, so candid comments are appreciated. We appreciate your time completing this evaluation. Only you can tell us we have met our goal in providing a quality educational travel experience.

*We appreciate your participation in this program and
hope it meets your highest expectations!*



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Study Leader: **Bill Keene**

Smithsonian Rep: **Leah Connolly**
Cell Phone: **TBD**

Thursday, Aug. 21

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4:00 p.m. Check begins at the **Hyatt Regency Buffalo**
6:00 p.m. **Welcome Dinner and Lecture at Hotel with your Study Leader**
Conference room location for dinner and lecture will be provided in pre-tour reminder email

Friday, Aug. 22

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Breakfast included at the hotel
8:00 a.m. Depart hotel (bus available for loading approx. 15 minutes prior)
Local guide **Martin Wachadlo** joins for a **Driving/Walking Tour of Buffalo** (on and off bus several times)
10:40 a.m. Arrive at **Buffalo City** for guided tour
12:00 p.m. Depart
12:15 p.m. Lunch at **Pearl Street Grill & Brewery**
1:45 p.m. Depart
2:00 p.m. Guided tour of **Kleinhans Music Hall**
3:45 p.m. Depart
4:15 p.m. **Roycroft Campus**
Campus tour prior to dinner
6:00 p.m. Dinner at **Roycroft Inn**
8:00 p.m. Depart for Hyatt Regency Buffalo

Saturday, Aug. 23

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Breakfast included at the hotel
8:15 a.m. Depart hotel
8:45 a.m. **Graycliff**
9:00 a.m. Tours begin (2-hour tour)
11:15 a.m. Depart
12:00 p.m. **Martin House – Welcome & Boxed Lunch**
1:15 p.m. Visitor's Center
1:30 p.m. Guided Tours (2-hour tour)
4:00 p.m. Depart
4:15 p.m. Return to hotel to freshen up
5:15 p.m. Depart for dinner at **Tappo Restaurant** (walking distance – 5 mins, 0.2 mi.)
Return to hotel



Sunday, Aug. 24

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| | Breakfast included at the hotel (begins at 6:30 a.m.) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Departure from the hotel (bus available for loading approx. 15 minutes prior) |
| 9:30 a.m. | Guided visit of Fontana Boathouse |
| 10:45 a.m. | Depart |
| 11:00 a.m. | Guided visit of Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum & Wright Filling Station |
| 12:15 p.m. | Depart |
| 12:30 p.m. | Drop off at Amtrak Station - Exchange Street depot (if needed) |
| 12:35 p.m. | Drop off at Hyatt Regency Buffalo (if needed) |
| 1:00 p.m. | Drop off at Buffalo Niagara International Airport |