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MENTOR
SENIOR CENTER

TRAVEL QUEST 2026

Discover our year's best charter bus journeys—day trips, overnight escapes, and unforgettable experiences.



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Important Trip Information

TRIP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

A \$100 non-refundable deposit per person is required at sign-up for all overnight trips. All other trips must be paid in full at the time of registration. You may register your spouse or one friend. If you're registering a friend, you must bring cash or a check made out to the City of Mentor from that friend. Friends must be attending the same trip as you. All participants must be Mentor Senior Center members.

REFUND POLICY

Please choose your trips carefully. Participants are responsible for any changes in their personal schedule, commitments, or health that may affect their ability to attend. A \$25 administrative fee per person, per trip, applies to any participant-initiated changes, including cancellations, refund requests, transfers, or room changes. Overnight trips require the \$100 non-refundable deposit at registration. Refunds after the registration deadline (typically 1–3 months prior to departure date) will only be considered for medical reasons and will require a doctor's note. Travel insurance is available and strongly recommended. If the City of Mentor cancels a trip, participants will receive a full refund.

PAYMENTS

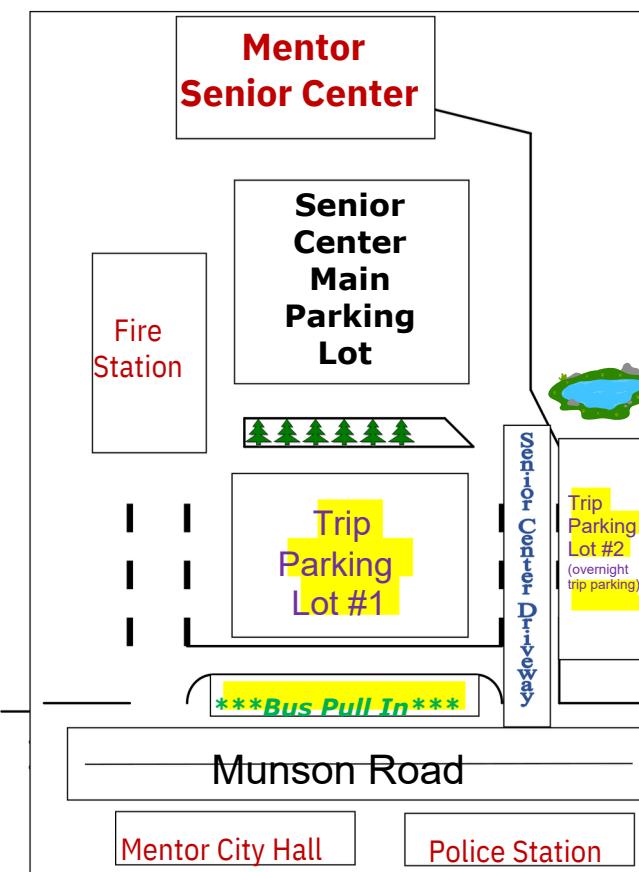
For all day trips, full payment is due at the time of registration. For overnight trips, a \$100 non-refundable deposit per person is required at registration, with the remaining balance due by the registration/refund deadline. Payments may be made in person or by phone at any time prior to the final due date. Participants are welcome to make partial or incremental payments toward their balance before the deadline.

ACTIVITY LEVELS

- Mild: Leisurely walking with minimal steps or uneven surfaces; some standing.
- Moderate: Moderate walking, extended standing, and some steps or uneven surfaces.
- Strenuous: Extended walking and standing, many steps or uneven terrain, and multiple bus stops.

WHERE TO PARK

For all trips, please note that buses (especially charter buses) will not pull up to the Senior Center entrance. All buses will pull into the bus stop on Munson Road, which we share with Laketran, located directly across from the police station. Participants should park in the parking lots closest to Munson Road, near the fire station, for the easiest access.



Trips offered at the Mentor Senior Center

OVERNIGHT CHARTER BUS TRIPS

For extended adventures, join our multi-day trips run with professional tour companies. Everything is organized for a comfortable, stress-free getaway, and charter buses include restrooms. Registration for most overnight trips open each January at the Trip Promotional Meeting.

CHARTER BUS DAY TRIPS

Enjoy full-day outings planned with trusted tour companies, often featuring multiple stops. Whether you like sightseeing, shopping, or entertainment, there's something for everyone. Charter buses include restrooms. Registration opens at the January Trip Promotional Meeting.

SENIOR CENTER BUS DAY TRIPS

Join us for one-day outings to local spots like museums, ballgames, theaters, and boat rides. These short, casual trips are a fun way to enjoy a few hours close to home. New trips are added quarterly, so check the newsletter for updates. There are no restrooms on the bus.

LAKETRAN BUS DAY TRIPS

Similar to our small bus trips, these partial-day outings use a comfortable Laketran vehicle and typically include one or two easygoing stops. Details are announced quarterly in the newsletter. No restrooms are available on these buses.



OUT TO LUNCH SENIOR CENTER BUS TRIPS

Once a month we take the Senior Center bus to a nearby restaurant. It's a relaxed way to try new places and enjoy a meal with other members. These are also released quarterly in the newsletter.

TRIP PROMOTIONAL MEETING

- The Trip Promotional Meeting happens each January and previews all major trips for the year. Registration opens that afternoon.
- To attend, you must pre-register during December Registration Days and have a current Senior Center membership. Your December sign-up time sets your registration number and place in line.
- You must be a current member for both the meeting and any trips. Membership renewal starts January 2nd.
- Watch the Senior Center Newsletter for updates.

Charter Bus Day Trips Continued

STERNWHEELER CRUISE ON THE MUSKINGUM

Cruise the Muskingum River aboard the authentic Lorena Sternwheeler and dine in a landmark building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Afterwards, head to Hartstone Ohio Stoneware Factory for a behind-the-scenes tour and the chance to hand paint your own mug, which the staff will glaze, fire, and ship to your home as a keepsake.

Registration/refund deadline is August 11.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$174 per person

date day time
Sept 11 Friday 7:30a.m. – 8:00p.m.

HOCKING VALLEY RAILROAD

Enjoy a charming Sunday brunch at this historic Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, then settle in for a picturesque journey aboard the Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad, where brilliant fall colors create the perfect backdrop.

Registration/Refund deadline: September 11

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$197 per person

date day time
Oct 11 Sunday 6:45a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Charter Bus Overnight Trips

SOUTHERN COASTAL CHARM

Trade Northeast Ohio's gray skies and lingering winter chill for the sunshine and hospitality of the South on our Southern Coastal charm tour! Over 7 days and 6 nights, enjoy two nights each in Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA, where cobblestone streets, historic homes, and vibrant landscapes set the scene. Cruise along the Charleston Harbor on a delightful Dinner Cruise, savoring a delicious meal as you take in stunning views of the waterfront and skyline. Tour iconic locations such as Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, the Mercer Williams House Museum, and the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, plus experience Savannah by day on a trolley tour and by night on a spirited ghost tour. With 14 meals included, a dolphin cruise, and other special stops along the way such as the Andy Griffith Museum and lunch at the historic Lafayette Hotel, this getaway blends relaxation, history, and true Southern charm.

Registration/Refund Deadline: Feb 19

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$2014 (per person)

double; \$2632 (per person) single

date day time
April 19-25 Sun-Sat 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Resident registration: Dec 1 - Non resident: Dec 2

HOLLAND TULIP TIME FESTIVAL

Experience the beauty and charm of Holland, MI during the world-famous Tulip Time Festival on this three-day getaway. Highlights include two nights' hotel accommodations with breakfast each morning (5 meals total), the lively dinner show Elvis Has Left the Building at Cornwell's Turkeyville Theatre, a guided driving tour through the colorful Tulip Lanes, tickets to the Tulip Time Volksparade, and visits to Windmill Island Gardens, Nelis' Dutch Village, Veldheer Tulip Gardens, and the DeKlomp Wooden Shoe and Delft Factory. An evening concert featuring top entertainment, Michael Carbonaro, rounds out this festive celebration of Dutch heritage, spring blooms, and unforgettable memories!

Registration/refund deadline: March 7

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$767 (per person)

double; \$944 (per person) single

date day time
May 7 - 9 Thur - Sat 7:00a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Resident registration: Dec 1 Non resident: Dec 2

MACKINAC ISLAND AND MICHIGAN TREASURES

Discover the scenic wonders and timeless appeal of Northern Michigan on this three-day adventure to some of the state's most beloved destinations. Begin with an overnight stay at Thunder Bay Resort, featuring an unforgettable elk viewing carriage ride and elegant five-course gourmet dinner. Continue north to Mackinac Island, where you'll travel by ferry to this timeless destination and enjoy the rare opportunity to stay overnight on the island itself. Explore its charming shops, scenic waterfront, and historic landmarks by horse-drawn carriage before savoring the renowned Grand Luncheon at the Grand Hotel. On the journey home, visit Frankenmuth – Michigan's "Little Bavaria" – for its signature family-style chicken luncheon and time to browse the world-famous Bronner's Christmas Wonderland. This delightful getaway includes five meals and captures the very best of Pure Michigan in early summer!

Registration/refund deadline: April 10

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$1097 (per person)

double; \$1391 (per person) single; \$994 (per person) triple

date day time
June 10-12 Wed-Fri 7:00a.m. – 10:30p.m.

LANCASTER'S SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE AND HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States with a journey that blends American history, culture, and inspiration across Lancaster and Philadelphia. In Lancaster, enjoy two outstanding theatrical performances — Joshua at Sight & Sound Theatre and Mary Poppins the Musical at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Discover the heart of Amish Country with visits to the Amish Farm & House, Kitchen Kettle Village, and the fun-filled Turkey Hill Ice Cream Experience. Then, step back in time in Philadelphia, where the story of America comes alive at the Betsy Ross House, Christ Church, and the National Constitution Center, complete with a festive colonial-themed dinner experience. This 4-day, 3-night tour includes six delicious meals and the perfect balance of entertainment, history, and classic Pennsylvania hospitality.

Charter Bus Overnight Trips Continued

LANCASTER'S SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE AND HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA (CONTINUED)

Registration/refund deadline: May 21

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$1018 (per person double; \$1239 (per person) single; \$944 (per person) triple

date day time
July 21-24 Tue-Fri 9:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.



FINGER LAKES FUN

Experience the beauty and spirit of New York's wine country on our Fun in the Finger Lakes getaway! This 2-day, 1-night trip features an enchanting dinner cruise on Seneca Lake – complete with wine and live music – plus a fascinating visit to the world-renowned Corning Museum of Glass. Enjoy lunch, a guided tour, and a tasting at Bully Hill Vineyards, then browse the quaint shops in downtown Hammondsport. We'll also explore the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, celebrating the legacy of a true aviation pioneer. With 3 delicious meals included, breathtaking scenery, and – of course – plenty of wine, this quick escape is the perfect blend of flavor, fun, and Finger Lakes charm.

Registration/refund deadline: June 20

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$496 (per person double; \$591 (per person) single; \$465 (per person) triple

date day time
Aug 20-21 Thur-Fri 9:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

BRANSON SHOWTIME

Embrace the final days of summer in the Ozarks with a tour that blends world-class entertainment, natural beauty, and outstanding dining. Highlights include three spectacular shows – the high-energy family performance of The Duttons, the toe-tapping tribute New Jersey Nights, and the hilarious comedy of Yakov Smirnoff. The itinerary also features a tram tour through Dogwood Canyon, showcasing the vibrant fall foliage and wildlife of this pristine preserve, along with a scenic lunch cruise aboard the Showboat Branson Belle, offering panoramic views of Table Rock Lake. Accommodations in Branson are provided at the elegant Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing, perfectly situated among shopping, dining, and nightlife. This 6-day, 5-night package includes 13 delicious meals, each carefully selected to complement the Branson experience. Combining music, comedy, nature, and comfort, this tour package promises to capture the very best of Branson.

Registration/refund deadline: June 30

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$1690 (per person double; \$2187 (per person) single; \$1548 (per person) triple

date day time
Aug 30-Sep 4 Sun-Fri 7:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.



NEW YORK CITY (OVERNIGHT)

Experience the very best of New York City on this unforgettable getaway that blends iconic sights, world-class entertainment, and fully guided exploration. Our accommodations are located right in the heart of Times Square, placing you steps away from the city's dazzling energy. Enjoy two full days of sightseeing with a licensed New York City guide, including visits to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, as well as a scenic cruise to Ellis Island. Take in breathtaking skyline views from the Top of the Rock Observation Deck at Rockefeller Center, and savor six delicious meals throughout your stay, featuring memorable dining experiences at Ellen's Stardust Diner and Puglia's Restaurant in Little Italy. To top it all off, experience the magic of a Broadway musical—an unforgettable highlight to your New York adventure.

Registration/refund deadline: August 6

Activity Level: Strenuous

Resident | Nonresident: \$1,589 (per person double; \$2,203 (per person) single

date day time
Oct 6-9 Tues-Fri 8:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

Charter Bus Day Trips

VICTORIAN CHAUTAUQUA AND MORE

Step into the charm of Victorian-era Chautauqua, New York with a delightful luncheon at the historic Athenaeum Hotel, a guided tour through the iconic Chautauqua Institution, and a scenic cruise aboard the Chautauqua Belle Sternwheeler.

Registration/refund deadline: May 18

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$152 per person

date day time
June 18 Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00p.m.

MYSTERY TOUR "ENJOY THE VUE"

Get ready to Enjoy the Vue on a surprise-filled adventure featuring "bee-hind-the-scenes" experiences, local flavors, and plenty of small-town charm. We can't reveal where you're headed – but expect unique tours, a charming lunch with wine, and a day full of delightful discoveries.

Registration/Refund deadline: June 15.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$151 per person

date day time
July 15 Wednesday 8:00a.m.- 8:30p.m.

Charter Bus Day Trips

NATIONAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM

Experience the awe-inspiring National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, where historic aircraft, cutting-edge exhibits, and an included simulator ride bring aviation history to life. Convenient lunch options are available on your own at the Valkyrie Café or the Launchpad Shop N' Snack, offering the perfect bite to tide you over until our delicious homestyle dinner buffet at Der Dutchman on the way home.

Registration/Refund deadline: March 14

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$163 per person

date day time
April 14 Tuesday 7:00a.m. - 10:30p.m.

GATEWAY CLIPPER AND RIVERS CASINO

Begin your day with a Gateway Clipper sightseeing cruise showcasing Pittsburgh's stunning skyline before heading to Rivers Casino for an exciting afternoon of gaming and entertainment. Each traveler will receive an exclusive slot play bonus to try their luck on the casino floor.

Registration/refund deadline is July 12.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$109 per person

date day time
August 12 Wednesday 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.