



HAPPY TIMES TOURS & EXPERIENCES

AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE (DETROIT, MICHIGAN)

Trip Includes:

- 4 Nights at the Best Western Greenfield Inn
- Reserved Grandstand Seating for America's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Exclusive Motown Magic Driving Tour – see some of the former homes, hang-outs and final resting places of Motown Royalty
- Visit New Bethel Baptist Church – Aretha Franklin's Fathers Church
- Tour the Motown Museum
- Tour the Parade Company Studio
- Tour the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant
- Ford Rouge Factory Tour
- Visit the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation
- C.A.N Handworks Design Center Tour
- Detroit's Polish Area – Visit the Polish Art Center and enjoy a Polish Dinner with Polka Music
- Dinner at the Motown Jazz Club with Motown Records talk by Miller London
- Guided Sightseeing Tour of Detroit with Photo Stops
- Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise
- Motorcoach Transportation and the Services of a Tour Director
- 9 Meals

Departure Times & Locations:

6:00am Depart American Center Park & Ride Madison (estimated return 7:30pm)

6:30am Depart Johnson Creek P&R (estimated return at 7:00pm)

7:30am Depart Watertown Plank P&R (estimated return at 6:00pm)

8:00am Depart College Ave NE P&R (estimated return at 5:30pm)

9:00am Depart Cracker Barrel, Gurnee, IL (estimated return at 4:45pm)

PER PERSON RATES:

Double Occupancy \$1499

Single Occupancy \$1739

Triple Occupancy: \$1479

Full Payment Due: 9/21/2024

Optional Travel Protection Plan

Per Person Rates:

Double or Triple Occupancy: \$124

Single Occupancy: \$157



America's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been an annual tradition since 1924 and we have reserved Grandstand Seating for viewing this kick-off to the Holidays Parade!
5 Days: November 25-29, 2024

Day 1 B, D

Enjoy a light breakfast as we make our way to Detroit. We will overnight or the next 4 Nights at the Best Western Greenfield Inn. Our welcome dinner will be in Detroit's Mexicantown where the food is authentic and delicious.

Day 2 B, D

Sit back and get ready to **experience Motown Magic**. Motown Magic is an exclusive experience where you'll "move and groove" to the sounds of Motown while on a riding tour to view some of the Motown legends former homes, hang-outs and final resting places. Visit the **New Bethel Baptist Church** where Aretha Franklin's father was the preacher. See the **New Whitestone Missionary Baptist Church** where Stevie Wonder sang in the Choir. See views of homes from Motown Royalty and other Detroit celebrities such as Marvin Gaye, Berry Gordy and more! Then, we will tour **Motown Museum, home of Hitsville, USA!** Founded in 1985 by Esther Gordy Edwards, former Motown Records executive and sister to Motown founder, Berry Gordy, the Motown Museum is home to iconic Hitsville, USA, Studio A, and has an extensive array of Motown artifacts, photographs, apparel and memorabilia. The Museum is located in the original headquarters and music recording studio for Motown Records. We will venture into the magical **Parade Company Studio** and experience a behind-the-scenes look at America's Thanksgiving Parade, one of Motor City's oldest traditions. Learn more about the Parade's fascinating history, explore the 200,000 square-foot storyland of floats and see how the award-winning artisans bring them to life. Marvel at the world's largest collection of papier-mâché heads and stop by the costume shop, where over 3,000 costumes make a colorful array of characters come to life. This afternoon, we will tour the **Ford Piquette Avenue Plant – Birthplace of the Model-T**. As the birthplace of the Ford Model T Car, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plan is recognized as one of the most significant automotive heritage sites in the World. And, you will see some of these vintage cars in the Parade! Tonight, we will head to the **Polish area of Detroit** where you will tour the **Hamtramck Historical Museum**, have time at the **Polish Art Center** before enjoying a **Polish Dinner with Polka Music!**



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Day 3 B, D

Get your engines revved up as we start our day with a **Ford Rouge Factory Tour!** Celebrate the engineering ingenuity behind the production of the all-new aluminum body Ford F-150 truck, the multisensory Manufacturing Innovation film experiences comes complete with vibrating seats, gusts of wind, 3D projection mapping, and even winking robots. Next, we will explore the **Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation** and explore the American experience of innovation, ingenuity and resourcefulness. You will be immersed in the stories that helped shape America. This afternoon, we will make a stop in the Eastern Market district of Detroit where you will view Detroit's Unity Bell and have a little time for shopping or enjoy walking around and seeing all the murals that are painted in the area. To complete our day, we will tour the **C.A.N Art Handworks design center**. Led by artist and master craftsman, Carl Neilbock, you will learn about his restoring efforts and see some of his creativity in how to repurpose, reuse and recycle in beautiful ways. We will then proceed to where they will be **lining up the floats for tomorrow's parade**. You can see this feat in the works this afternoon before dinner at the **Motown Jazz Club at Bert's Marketplace**. Enjoy dinner and then meet **Miller London, the first African American salesman for Motown Records**. He will talk about his time at **Motown Records!**



Day 4 B, D

Today is the day you have been waiting for! It's time for **America's Thanksgiving Day Parade**, an annual tradition since 1924. We have **reserved grandstand seating to view the parade!** The Parade is as much a part of the city's history as Motown and the automotive industry. It rivals the likes of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with **large balloons, beautiful floats, vintage autos, celebrities, and SANTA!** You will also **see the parade's world-famous vintage, Papier-Mache heads and specialty performers in action.** This is something not to be missed! The first hour of the parade is televised nationally and the second hour of the parade is televised locally. After the parade, we will depart on a **guided sightseeing tour of Detroit including Campus Martius Park, Corktown, see fantastic Murals, learn the history of Detroit and see the beautiful architecture and more** on this sightseeing tour. You will then return to the hotel to freshen up before a **Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise.**

Day 5 B

We will start our journey home with memories of our amazing Thanksgiving in Detroit!

Detroit Skyline



*Gratuities for the tour director and driver are not included in the price and are at the passengers discretion. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Tour is non-refundable on final payment date. We highly recommend purchasing the optional travel protection plan. Special cancellation policies apply to this special event tour.

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