

Governor's Mansion, Tennessee Agricultural Museum, Lunch @ Monell's, Upper Room & The Parthenon

Nashville, Tennessee
Tuesday, May 11

Never been to the *Governor's Mansion*? Now is your opportunity! This home was built in 1929 for William Ridley Wills Family, and it became the third governor's mansion when the state purchased it in 1949 after the death of Mr. Wills. Mr. Wills was the founder of the National Life and Accident Insurance Company, and his success is displayed in the structural grandeur of the home.

Eight governors and their families have resided in the home, entertaining guests such as the Reverend Billy Graham, Elvis Presley, Minnie Pearl, Johnny and June Carter Cash, President John F. Kennedy among other famous people from around the world.

The home has taken a toll over time and is being restored for the first time since its construction. We will be one of the first groups to tour the newly constructed Conservation Hall.

For all of the farmers out there, we will then be visiting the *Tennessee Agricultural Museum* at the Ellington Agricultural Center. They have an extensive collection of home and farm artifacts from the 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as rural Tennessee prints.

Pass the peas...please! Lunch today will be at the famous *Monell's*, located in Nashville's historic Germantown community, where the table service is communal. They serve their delicious lunches just like they did back in the days of southern boarding houses. Their slogan explains it all: "You come in, sit with strangers and leave as friends." We will enjoy two meats, three salads, four hot vegetables, a drink and dessert.

Our next visit will be to the *Upper Room Chapel*, which hosts over 10,000 visitors each year. The focal point of the site is a woodcarving of Leonardo da Vinci's painting *The Last Supper*, sculpted by Ernest Pellegrini. The woodcarving was created by more than fifty woodworkers over fifteen months. The carving is seventeen feet wide and eight feet high. The museum also displays religious paintings from 1300 to present day.

Our last stop of the day before heading home will be "*The Parthenon*." It is the centerpiece of Centennial Park. The recreation of the 42-foot statue Athena is the focus of the Parthenon, just as it was in ancient Greece. The building and the Athena statue are both full-scale replicas of the Athenian originals. The Parthenon was originally built in 1897 as part of Tennessee's Centennial Exposition and today serves as the city of Nashville's art museum.

Included: Admission to all attractions, lunch and deluxe motor coach

Pricing Per Person: \$45

Payment Due: Upon Sign-up

Lebanon pick-up time: 8:15 a.m. w/possible different times for other WB&T locations

Return to Lebanon: 4:30 p.m.

