

Babushkas & Hard Hats: The Steel Heritage Tour!

The day begins at **The Bost Building,** former headquarters of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers who were locked out of Homestead Steel Works and were involved in the 1892 Battle of Homestead. The former Columbia Hotel was also the location for the reporters covering the 1892 lockout & strike. It's now the visitor center and steel heritage museum for **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area**. Here you'll enjoy an interactive presentation about the rise and fall of steel in Pittsburgh and what it was like to work in a mill.

Arrive at the **Carrie Furnaces Complex** where visitors will get the chance to explore Pittsburgh's iron and steel heritage on-site at a former blast furnace – one of the last pre-World War I blast furnaces left standing in the United States! Get your cameras out for this unique tour that explores the industrial history of the site and shares the stories of the men and women who worked there.

Stand at the site of the 1892 Battle of Homestead, one of the biggest events in U.S. Labor History. The defeat of the strikers set back the nation's labor movement for approximately 40 years. **The Historic Pump House** is located in **The Waterfront**, which used to be home to U.S. Steel's Homestead Works plant until 1987. This plant provided steel for the Empire State Building, Chicago Sears Tower and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco! Tour the Pump House and then enjoy a delicious, catered lunch with regional specialties such as stuffed cabbage rolls, pierogies and the beloved cookie table!











We'll leave the mill towns behind and whisk you off to visit one of the finest Victorian homes in the country, **Clayton**, the family home of famed industrialist Henry Clay Frick, located at **The Frick Art & Historical Center**. Experience the culture and refinement of the Gilded Age amidst the beautifully landscaped gardens in the Point Breeze neighborhood of Pittsburgh. The group can also visit the beautiful art museum on site.

Enjoy a ride on the **Duquesne Incline**, a century-old funicular, one of the few left in the nation! Check out the historical photographs and old newspaper stories about Pittsburgh displayed throughout the upper station and get a special visit to the interior of the incline to learn about the operation of the gears and machinery.

Experience one of Pittsburgh's most famous foods: the Primanti sandwich! You'll dine at the original **Primanti Bros. Restaurant**, founded in 1933, in the Historic Strip District where you'll learn the unique history of the Primanti sandwich and its connection to the city's steel heritage.

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