

TOURS - Monday, July 20, 2020

Tour #1 Walnut Grove Plantation



8:15 am -11:15 am

COST: \$20

Limited to 55 people

Take a trip back in time as we take a guided tour of Walnut Grove Plantation, established in c.1767 by Charles and Mary Moore

who raised ten children in the house they built and lived in for 40 years. The Moore's supported the patriot cause during the Revolutionary War and mustered local militia at Walnut Grove prior to the Battle of Cowpens. Many of the outbuildings used in the 18th century still remain. These include kitchen, blacksmith shop, wheat house, barn, meat house (built in 1764), wellhouse with dry cellar, school and doctor's quarters.

Tour #2 BMW Plant Tour and Zentrum



11:45 am -3:30 pm

COST: \$25

Limited to 55 people

Spartanburg is the home of BMW's first manufacturing facility outside of

Germany for the "Ultimate Driving Machine," the "X" model sports vehicles, Zentrum (the history museum & collection) and BMW's gift shop. Attendees will take a one hour guided walking tour of the manufacturing plant (7-million square feet where employees and robots make 1,500 vehicles a day from start to finish. ATTN: Walking distance is about 1 mile, **completely enclosed shoes required (toe and heel) NO EXCEPTIONS.** A waiver must be signed.



Box Lunch will be available to eat on the bus as you travel to BMW for those choosing to participate in both tours on Monday. Box lunch will include Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich, potato chips, cookie and drink.

Must order in advance on registration form

COST: \$12

SPOUSE/FRIEND TOUR - Tuesday, July 21, 2020 - 8:15 am - 4 pm Hub-City and The Beacon - Cost \$21 - Limited to 14 people



We'll start with a tour of the historic Southern Railway Union Station Museum which shows how railroads were connected to the textile and peach industries in South Carolina. Over six railroad companies made Spartanburg the "Hub" of railroading in the upstate of SC. Our next stop will be to Twitchell Auditorium at Converse College, one of the South's leading performance venues since 1898 hosting entertainers like John Philip Sousa, Tony Bennett, Chet Atkins, George Burns, Duke Ellington, Burl Ives, Itzhak Perlman and Yo Yo Ma. Going behind the scenes, we will tour the 1,500-seat facility which includes a 2,700 pipe organ. Before heading to The Beacon Drive-in for lunch we'll walk through the Oakwood Cemetery featuring Hells Gate and learn how it got its name. Then to lunch at The Beacon which is ranked as the second largest drive-in restaurant in the US and serves over one million customers a year yearning for their special beef or chili-cheeseburger "a-plenty", piled high with French fries and onion rings. From lunch we'll drive by two huge pieces of the Berlin Wall (a Kodak moment), several historic cotton mills, Spartanburg Methodist Church and the Spartanburg Regional History Museum before returning to the Marriott. \$10 will be provided for lunch.

SPOUSE/FRIEND TOUR - Wednesday, July 22, 2020 - 8:15 am - 4 pm Cowpens National Battlefield - Cost \$20 - Limited to 14



We'll visit the National Park's Revolutionary War Battle of Cowpens historic site which in 1861 was the pivotal battle with the Patriot Army under General Daniel Morgan (several streets and facilities in Spartanburg are named after him) and the British forces under Colonel Tarleton. We will talk with Park Rangers, see a film, walk and ride the actual battlefield which was the turning point of the Revolutionary War in the southern colonies. We'll have lunch at the Bantam Chef (a 1950's "blast from the past" restaurant), drop by Strawberry Hill USA for fresh peach ice cream (on your own), and end with a visit to Red Boarder Distillery for a taste of real southern moonshine). \$10 will be provided for lunch.