

News from the ATA Central Office



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2005 NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW TOURS PLANNED FOR MILWAUKEE

Two fascinating tours have been planned in conjunction with next year's 56th annual convention of the American Topical Association's National Topical Stamp Show. The 2005 show will return to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, birthplace of the ATA, on June 17-19 at the Four Points Sheraton – Mitchell Airport.

The first tour, on Thursday, June 16, 2005 will be a non-stop, no-walking city tour with two professional guides catering to seniors. Starting this tour will be famous Spanish architect, Santiago Calatrava's "Quadracci Pavilion", a wing-like, movable rooftop structure. Other sites will be Flemish City Hall, the Polish Basilica of St. Josephat, the Lovell Space Museum, Mitchell Park Domes (which contains plants and flowers from three climate zones), the Pabst Theater and much more for only \$32.00. The tour will leave the Sheraton at 2:00 PM and will return at 4:00 PM.

The all-day House on the Rock and Wisconsin countryside tour will take place on Monday, June 20th. Participants will receive a detailed map of the sixteen buildings included. Those who come to the House on the Rock enter a world of wonders, spun into existence from the imagination of an American visionary, Alex Jordan. Awe-inspiring, there is something new and different at every turn. This architectural marvel is perched on a 60-foot chimney of rock and overlooks a breathtaking panorama of Wyoming Valley.

This fourteen room House is the original structure of what is now an extraordinary complex of rooms, streets, buildings and gardens covering over 200 acres. Some of the many features

include a 218-foot infinity room, with walls of glass that project out over the Wyoming Valley. Through the 3,264 windows, the views that feature vistas up to 30 miles away are breathtaking. Other interesting artifacts include, a giant 200-foot sea monster engaged in a struggle involving an enormous octopus and a whaling expedition. The transportation building features various displays of different modes of transportation and a display of Burma Shave signs. Music of yesterday is featured with the world's largest collection of animated music machines and gigantic pipe organs. Other highlights are Streets of Yesterday; Spirit of Aviation; World's Largest Carousel (269 hand crafted carousel animals); Organ Room; Doll House Building with (250 dollhouses with furnishings); Circus Building (1 million circus miniatures); Weapons Exhibit; Oriental Room; Armor Collection; Crown Jewel Collection; Cannon Building; Village Shops and Display Gardens. There will be an optional stop at a deli restaurant midway through the tour. Several rest areas will be available for those who want to stop for a while and take in the scenery.

The cost of this fabulous tour will be only \$49.00 per person. It will start at the Sheraton at 8:00 AM and will return at 6:30 PM. Payments can be accepted by check, money order, VISA or MasterCard payable to the ATA. Send your reservations to Caroline Scannell, 14 Dawn Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787. The deadline for receipt of reservations will be May 27, 2005. Attendees can make credit card e-mail reservations to: philate@ix.netcom.com

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