

## **Girlfriend Getaway**

### ***Day One – Shopping!***

Shop your way through the Erie area to find all sorts of great deals and bargains. Best of all, Pennsylvania has no sales tax on clothing and apparel!

#### **Downtown Erie**

**Glass Growers Gallery** has been an integral part of Erie's creative scene for decades, featuring a sophisticated selection of paintings, sculptures, jewelry and fine art from local, regional and national artists. Pressed Books, Coffee and Gifts provides a space to relax and sip on flavored teas or coffee, nibble on a sweet treat while perusing their selection of books and unique gifts.

If time permits, explore Erie's diverse mix of plazas, name brand stores, and locally owned shops throughout Erie County including the unique specialty shops at **Village West** or the **Allenstoneware Gallery** and **The Original Popcorn House** located at **The Shops at the Colony**. For those with more eclectic tastes in gifts and clothing, **The Shops on The Hill** provide funky storefronts such as **Grasshopper**, a hipnique boutique. The waters of Lake Erie produce a vast array of colorful beach glass and the proprietors of Relish Studio and Gallery have transformed some of these little "gems" into beautiful works of art and jewelry.

#### **Upper Peach Street**

##### **Lunch**

Open year-round, the **Millcreek Mall' Food Court** houses numerous restaurants offering a wide range of options from loaded burgers and fries to healthy salads and smoothies. The Mall is also a great way for your group to enjoy some down time, and explore the Mall's many shops and kiosks.

In a district filled with national-recognized stores, restaurants and hotels, make sure your first stop is the **Millcreek Mall**, Erie's premier shopping destination with over 160 stores, food court and plazas all in one place with plenty of free bus parking. Just a half mile south of the Mall is Moose Head Pottery, a local, family-owned shop specializing in handmade one-of-a kind stoneware and other pieces of functional and decorative pottery.

### ***Day Two – Relax and refresh yourself!***

After a full day of shopping, end your Erie adventure with a scenic boat tour on the waters of Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay. Book your group for a lunch, dinner or sunset cruise aboard the three-level **Victorian Princess** paddle wheel boat. Docked at the foot of State Street in Erie's thriving Bayfront District, the Princesses' climate-controlled enclosed salons and open air top level deck are the perfect way to enjoy a summer's day. Embark on a 90-minute fully narrated educational sightseeing tour of Presque Isle Bay, Misery Bay and Lake Erie aboard the **Lady Kate**. The Lady Kate is a flat, one-level bench-style seat vessel that offers day and sunset tours departing regularly from **Presque Isle State Park**. Get a unique view of Erie's three lighthouses (**The North Pier Light**, **Presque Isle Lighthouse** and the **Erie Land Lighthouse**), Gull Point nature preserve at Presque Isle, Erie's skyline and many other note-worthy sites. Both the Victorian Princess and the Lady Kate are available for groups May through October (weather permitting).

**Lunch or Dinner**– Stay in Downtown Erie or travel to Lake Erie Wine Country and enjoy a leisurely meal at the Skunk and Goat or the Tap House.

Located in the peaceful town of North East, PA, the heart of Lake Erie Wine Country is **The Skunk and Goat Tavern**. The Skunk & Goat Tavern offers a unique and funky take on the American tavern experience, with a focus on craft brews, prohibition-era inspired cocktails and eclectic dishes. The **Tap House**, a long-time staple of Erie's

Downtown district is a member of the U Pick 6 family of restaurants and is happy to host larger groups with advanced notice.

Take time to “unwined” among the fragrant vineyards, bustling wineries and charming towns of **Lake Erie Wine Country**. Lake Erie Wine Country is the second largest grape growing region in the United States, spanning 30,000 acres! All 23 wineries that make up Lake Erie Wine Country welcome small or large groups for tours and tastings including Mazza Vineyards, Courtyard Winery and Arrowhead Winery. Just remember to call ahead!

Smaller tour groups (ten people or less) can arrange for a pampered spa and massage treatment at one of Erie's premier spa and wellness centers. **Bella Salon and Day Spa, A Compassionate Hart Massage Therapy and Monacella Massage and Kinesiology** all offer traditional spa services along with new age techniques including deep tissue massage, reflexology, stress and anxiety relief, manicures and pedicures.