

## Erie's Maritime History Itinerary

### Day One

Tour the **Erie Maritime Museum** and learn of Erie's extensive maritime history and its role during the War of 1812/Battle of Lake Erie. Exhibits highlight multiple maritime and nautical themes from the early 1800s to present day including the **U.S. Brig Niagara**, Pennsylvania's official Great Lakes Ambassador and the **Lettie G. Howard Schooner**, a wooden Fredonia schooner built in 1893 and is currently on loan to the Flagship Niagara League. Visitors can test their skills at tying knots, loading a cannon, and raising/lowering the mid mizzen mast and special sail setting demonstrations. Your group can also learn the story behind the phrase "Don't Give up the Ship" which originated from Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie.

**Lunch** – Before you head to Presque Isle State Park for the second half of your day, make a lunch stop at **The Cork 1794**. It is conveniently located between the Maritime Museum and Presque Isle State Park in the West Erie Plaza. The Cork specializes in carefully crafted American cuisine in a stylish setting, including a large outdoor patio with fireplace.

Shining a light on Erie's extensive maritime history is the **Presque Isle Lighthouse** at Presque Isle State Park. Built in 1873, the lighthouse offers visitors the chance to climb its tower and take in panoramic views of Lake Erie and Presque Isle State Park, all while learning its history and function. Public tours of the lighthouse are available throughout the summer.

The **Perry Monument at Presque Isle State Park** was built in 1926 to commemorate the Battle of Lake Erie, a significant battle during the War of 1812 and the valor of the sailors in Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's Command. In addition to the monument, several interpretive panels that detail the Battle's story, line the monument's pathway.

Docked at the Perry Monument is the **Lady Kate**, a covered bench-style seating boat that takes visitor on a 90-minute fully narrated boat tour of Presque Isle Bay, Lake Erie and Misery Bay. Cruises are offered from May through October.

**Dinner** - With a private banquet room seating up to 50 people, **Syd's Place** has been serving up fantastic seafood specials and traditional American classics such as liver and onions and meatloaf and mashed potatoes since 1930.

### Day Two

Travel to the **Erie Cemetery**, where information can be found about the personal side of the War of 1812 including stories of Erie pioneer Daniel Dobbins, as well as many other brave soldiers. A complete list of Erie Cemetery's famous residents can be found at <http://www.eriecemeteryassoc.com/what-makes-this-place-special/famous-residents>.

Delve into Erie's storied past and pick up clues as to what Erie would have been like from formation, through the War of 1812, to modern day at the **Hagen History Center**. Other notable exhibits include Frank Lloyd Wright's San Francisco Office and "The Story of Us" exhibit that provides a greater understanding of Erie County's immigration and history.

**Lunch or Dinner** - No historical tour of Erie would be complete without dining at **The Brewerie**, located in the historic and still functioning Union Train Station. Since 2006, the Brewerie has been serving up delicious fare and craft brews. Bring your group in to try their famous Railway Reuben sandwich with a side of jumbo beer battered pickles, and then wash it down with a pint of in-house brewed Uncle Jackson's Blond Ale or Railway Hefe Weizen.