

# Tour Historic German Village

## ENJOY THE STORY OF OUR VILLAGE

**It is by sharing our roots that they become even stronger.**

German Village, the internationally recognized historic district just blocks from downtown Columbus, Ohio, has much to offer your group. The 233-acre district provides a glimpse of how a working-class neighborhood developed and grew in the early 19th century and how the passion of a small group of urban pioneers drove 20th century rehabilitation efforts.

The guided group tours conducted by the German Village Society provide the most comprehensive overview of the history and renewal of German Village. Volunteer tour guides trained to interpret both historic and modern aspects of German Village – the influential people, the architectural elements, and the personal stories of the community will lead your group through the charming brick streets and alleyways of the Village. All tours begin at the German Village Meeting Haus, 588 S. Third St., with an award-winning video, which offers an excellent historical overview of German Village. Each member of your group will receive a Visitor Map/Guide of the area, highlighting area attractions, shops and restaurants.

Please note that we are unable to accommodate Saturday or Sunday tours or tours during the week prior to our annual Haus und Garten tour, held the last Sunday in June.

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# DISCOVER WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE MODERN MEETS HISTORY!

German Village is one of the most storied urban neighborhoods in the US, characterized by its brick streets and houses collectively listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We can't wait to welcome your group tour to show how a working-class neighborhood developed and grew in the early 19th century and how the passion of a small group of urban pioneers drove 20th century conservation efforts. Your tour options include:

## SCAVENGER HUNT

This is a unique and fun 90-minute teaching tool for students or adults! Your group will be shown a historical overview video of German Village, given a brief history lesson/demonstration, and then sent out to explore German Village on one of six different architectural scavenger hunts. We can customize the scavenger hunt to your groups interests. Adults \$10, Seniors/Middle/High School/College Students \$5/Grade School Students \$4

## STANDARD TOUR

On our one-hour tour, you will be guided through the brick streets lined with quaint homes, gardens, shops, galleries, and restaurants. This tour is available as a walking tour or as a step-on guide tour. Adults \$9, Seniors/High School/College Students \$5

## EXPLORE BEYOND THE DOOR

Explore Beyond the Door invites you to explore two private German Village homes. As our most popular tour, this is a wonderful way to see the innovative renovation and design efforts of today's residents. All the amenities of the Standard Tour are included. Please allow at least two hours for this tour. All \$18

## SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND STORIES OF GERMAN VILLAGE

This two-hour tour which includes a historical overview video of German Village provides an insight to the settlement of the area focusing on the stories about early residents, Schiller Park, and German Immigration to the United States. Includes all of the amenities of the Standard Tour. Adults \$12, Seniors/High School/College Students \$9

## GAY PIONEERS OF GERMAN VILLAGE-WALKING TOUR

This 90-minute tour provides a historical overview of the preservation of German Village, how the LGBTQ community was integral to the neighborhood's revitalization, and discusses the impact these individuals had on central Ohio. Adults \$12, Seniors/High School/College Students \$9

## Ready to book your tour?

Call Sarah Marsom at 614-221-8888  
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## A CELEBRATION OF GARDENS (JUNE-SEPTEMBER ONLY)

On this two and one-half hour seasonal walking tour, you will see some of German Village's most intriguing private and public gardens. Our gardeners are noted for their ingenuity and creative use of small, urban spaces. All \$10

## HISTORIC SCHILLER PARK - WALKING TOUR

A community gathering space for generations, Schiller Park holds a century and half of history in its 23 acres. This one-hour walking tour highlights the stories from soldiers training for service in the Mexican-American War to the 10,000 guests who attended the dedication ceremony of the Schiller statue in 1891. The guide will also touch on the architectural styles of the homes surrounding the Park. All \$10

## IN A HURRY, ON A BUDGET?

Enjoy a ten-minute information video about the history of German Village followed by a twenty-minute Q&A session with a German Village Society Staff member where you will learn additional information about the history of the neighborhood and be able to your questions about the area. \$30 for 35 or fewer/\$50 for 50+ paying visitors

## ADD ON: CHOCOLATE'S GERMAN HERITAGE

Add an up-close-and-personal experience at German Village's handmade chocolates and award-winning coffee shop, Winans Fine Chocolates & Coffee. Sample a Miss Clara Pecan Toffee, made by Winans' Candy Maker of 43 years. And a famous OHIO Buckeye hand rolled by German chocolatier, Lottie! Add this experiential stop to any tour listed above and you'll watch (and smell! and taste!) hand-dipping of Winans famous truffles, learn why pour-over coffee is the hottest thing since cappuccino and go home with a four-piece box of chocolate and drip-coffee drink of your choice. This is an add-on experience to any tour above - All \$5

## ADD ON: GROUP TOUR LUNCH FACILITIES

1-hour rental fee in addition to tour for lunch facilities (tables and chairs will be set up for your group). Free for school groups; Additional \$30 for 25 or fewer/ \$50 for groups larger than 25

German Village is a historic neighborhood with brick streets and sidewalks. While curb cuts have been made to accommodate wheelchairs, it can be a challenge to navigate each and every corner of the community. We will do our very best to make everyone welcome and make each tour a treasure. Please note we are unable to accommodate any tours the weekend of our annual Haus und Garten tour, held the last Sunday in June.