

MINI-TRIPS FOR FALL 2019

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Trips carpool from Alive – park near the road by the pavilion · All trips can accommodate only a limited number of participants, spaces will be filled first-come first-serve basis. · Non-members are always welcome to join us on our mini trips.

Eastern Market/Motown Tour, Detroit

Saturday, October 19 (prepay by 9/2) Carpool from Alive at 9:00 a.m.; return by 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$16 (seniors 62+ \$10); checks payable to Mary Hope Dixon.; + gas money

EASTERN MARKET AND LUNCH (EAT AT A VENUE OF YOUR CHOICE AS YOU SHOP)

The Eastern Market area is named for the 19th-century market operating here, with vendors selling everything from tacos to colorful produce every Saturday. Hip cafes and places serving classic Coney Island hot dogs dot the district whose warehouses are being revitalized with murals. We will arrive around 10:30-11:00 allowing you 2 hours and more to shop and eat.

MOTOWN MUSEUM (TOUR AT 2:00 MEET AT CARS AT THE MARKET AT 1:30)

"Hitsville U.S.A." is the nickname given to Motown's first headquarters. A former photographers' studio located at 2648 West Grand Boulevard in Detroit, Michigan, near the New Center area, it was purchased by Motown founder Berry Gordy in 1959. See the recording Studio "A" where music was made. Learn who recorded here and when. Hear the music and discover Motown.

Jim Crow Museum, Ferris University, Big Rapids

Wednesday, November 6 Carpool from Alive at 9:00 a.m. & return by 4:30 p.m.

LUNCH AT NAWAL'S MEDITERRANEAN CAFE 11:15

Nawal's Mediterranean Eatery, Gourmet Cupcakes & Desserts in Big Rapids in-town kitchen specializing in classic Mediterranean appetizers, salads, hearty soups, entrees, homemade baked goods, and gourmet catering. Prices for lunch specials are approximately \$10.00.

THE TOUR (STARTS AT 1:00 AT FERRIS UNIVERSITY)

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia (JCMRM) on the campus of Ferris State University (FSU) houses the nation's largest collection of artifacts documenting Jim Crow and racist caricatures of African Americans. The purpose of the collection has always been to document a facet of American history, to shed light on the cruelty of racism, and to "use objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote social justice." Learn how the terminology of "Jim Crow" began. See how it is continuing today in society. There is no charge for the museum, but donations are greatly accepted.

Bronner's and Lunch at Zehnder's, Frankenmuth

Thursday, December 5 Carpool from Alive at 9:00 a.m & return by 4:00 p.m.

FRANKENMUTH - AMBLE AROUND - We arrive around 10:30-11:00 and park. Visit the shops and tour the village before meeting for lunch at Zehnder's.

LUNCH-ZEHNDERS NOON (RESRVATIONS REQUIRED)

Enjoy the great chicken lunch meals served family style. Choose your best part of the chicken that you savor. Price ranges between \$13.00 to \$16.00. Then we get to walk it off.

BRONNER'S (ASSEMBLE AT THE CARS AROUND 1:15)

Travel to the fabulous and largest Christmas Store in America. A little tidbit for you, John Wayne ordered a Santa Suit from them in 1972. Bronner's says the average stay there is between 90 minutes to 1 ½ hours. Depending on the group and driver, leave time from there around 2:30-3:00 for the drive home.