

PA Masterpieces & Memorials, Multi-Day Tour

Celebrate the masterpieces of one of America's foremost architects, Frank Lloyd Wright, who built two wonderful examples of his organic form in PA's Laurel Highlands region, plus honor the victims of 9/11 Flight 93 at the Flight 93 National Memorial and Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and the heroes of the Queecreek Mine Rescue.

Called "the greatest American architect of all time" by the American Institute of Architects, Wright designed and built 100s of original and innovative projects which often included his skills as not only architect but also as an interior designer. Visit two of his masterpieces of organic architecture, Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, both National Historic Landmarks. Fallingwater beautifully hangs over a waterfall an excellent example of Wright's desire to design in harmony with nature while Kentuck Knob is both dramatic and serene set below a crest of hills almost becoming part of the mountain itself as it stands 2,050 feet above sea level. Contrast the differences and similarities of these two innovative sites during guided tours.

Also visit the Flight 93 National Memorial outside of Shanksville, PA, a tribute to the 40 passengers and crew who died while thwarting a terrorist attack on the U.S. Capitol. The memorial includes the Memorial Plaza at the edge of the crash site with interpretive panels telling the Flight 93 story, a Memorial Plaza Wall and Walkway, and Wall of Names featuring 40 inscribed marble panels honoring the passengers and crew, and a Ceremonial Gate where visitors can look down the flight path to the impact site. A visitors center is under construction.

Three miles away is the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel housing moving personal items from the victims as well as tributes, plus portraits and biographies of the passengers and crew.

The Queecreek Mine Rescue Site in nearby Somerset is dedicated to the heroes who helped save nine miners trapped 240 feet underground for days in frigid darkness. Hear how Bill Arnold and his wife noticed two men with flashlights moving suspiciously around their dairy pasture just before midnight on July 24, 2002. One of those men was an engineer and long-time acquaintance who told Bill there had been an accident at the Queecreek Mine and nine men were missing. The story of the ensuing five-day rescue effort and miraculous rescue of all nine miners is told at this site where visitors can touch the rescue capsule and walk right up to the rescue shaft as well as view a short video and multiple displays.

Multi-day tour, year round.

Tour includes:

- **Fallingwater**
- **Kentuck Knob**
- **Flight 93 National Memorial**
- **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**
- **Queecreek Mine Rescue Site**



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