

More Made in America, One-Day & Multi-Day Tour

See how violins, soaps and pretzels are made in small artisan shops plus potato chips rolling off the lines at large regional factories in South-Central PA known as the Factory Tour Capitol.

One of our favorite sites is Bluett Bros. Violins, where violins and other stringed instruments are meticulously hand-crafted by Luthier Mark Bluett. Mark is nationally recognized for the sound and aesthetic beauty of his pieces made from high quality spruce and curly maple that must be air dried for a minimum of 20 years. Mark has honed his ability to "read" the wood using continuous tone tapping of the wood during the carving process to perfect the tone and evenness throughout the instrument and ensure clarity of sound.



We also love Sunrise Soap Company where the owner will tell you all about her healthy homemade products plus demonstrate the art of making artisan soaps, lotions and other goodies. This site smells and feels wonderful!

You can also watch as pretzels are rolled out by hand at Revonah Pretzels, the country's oldest brick-oven pretzel factory plus how potato chips are produced by the thousands at Martin's Potato Chips and Utz Brand Foods' factories.



Martin's was started in 1941 as the area farmers had to find ways to use excess crops and Harry Martin used extra potatoes to create potato chips that have become a favorite and which have helped Central PA become the Snack Capitol. Sold in the 1970s the Potter family has carried on the business keeping the popular kettle cooked chips and expanded to include popcorn products. Generally tours include discussion about the best types of potatoes and the high quality oils used in the small plant, views of the chips being hand-raked in oil and the popcorn production line with guests receiving a small bag of product to take home.

Additional options include Old Republic Distillery producing small batch, hand-crafted products utilizing local agricultural as much as possible, York's Agricultural and Industrial Museum highlighting regional accomplishments both past and present and a visit to Stauffers' Cookie Outlet featuring their famous Animal Crackers and much more!

Let us know your favorite sites and how much time you have in the area so we can customize a tour for you. Due to the small size of some of the sites on this tour group size may need to be limited and/or groups split in half for touring.

Year round tour options. Best Monday to Thursday for factory tours.

Tour options include:

- **Bluett Bros. Violins Tour**
- **Pretzel Factory Tour**
- **Soap Company Demo & Browsing**
- **Martin's &/or Utz's Potato Chip Factory Tours**
- **Stauffer's Cookie Outlet**
- **Old Republic Distillery Intro & Tasting**

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