

On the Road with the Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society
NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM, WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019



Bus leaves from Fonthill Castle in Doylestown at 6:30 a.m.; arrives back @ 8 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society for a day in Washington, D.C., to explore the National Air & Space Museum (NASM). While the NASM is undergoing a multi-year renovation, there is still much to see during our visit, including your choice of a show at the Albert Einstein Planetarium. You may also choose to visit other sites on the National Mall, as long as you return to NASM no later than 3:45 p.m. to board the bus back to Doylestown.



Lunch: Your ticket includes a \$15 "Grab & Go" Lunch Voucher at the NASM café. Lunch includes a sandwich or salad, chips or fruit and a bottled beverage.

NASM Security: All visitors are screened through metal detectors upon entry.

Dress Comfortably: A visit to NASM usually involves a lot of walking. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing.



Rest Stops: We will have a 15-minute break at an I-95 rest stop on our way to NNAS and on our return trip to Doylestown. You may purchase food to eat on the bus for dinner (or you may bring a brown bag dinner with you for the drive home).

Tickets cost \$90/person (\$85 for Friends of BCBS Members)

Tickets include: Round Trip Bus Transportation, "Grab & Go" Lunch Voucher, Planetarium Show, Bus Driver's Tip, Morning Refreshments, *plus Wine and Refreshments on the ride back to Doylestown.*

Space is limited. Please send your non-refundable payment with completed form to:
Friends of BCBS, Mercer Museum, 84 S. Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18901
 For information, please call (215) 345-0210, ext. 132, or visit www.mercermuseum.org.

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Registration Form: March 16, 2019 Bus Trip to National Air & Space Museum

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please reserve: _____ BCBS Friends Member Tickets @ \$85 = \$ _____

_____ Non-Member Tickets @ \$90 = \$ _____

Total Payment is enclosed for \$ _____. *Please make checks payable to "Friends of BCBS"*

Charge my: VISA MC DISC AMEX # _____

Security code _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____ Signature _____

- The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum maintains the world's largest and most significant collection of aviation and space artifacts, encompassing all aspects of human flight, as well as related works of art and archival materials. It operates two landmark facilities that, together, welcome more than eight million visitors a year, making it the most visited museum in the country. It also is home to the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies.
- Mission: "Commemorate, Educate, Inspire" - The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum collects, preserves, studies, and exhibits artifacts, archival materials, and works of art related to the history, culture, and science of aviation and spaceflight and the study of the universe. Its research and outreach activities serve all audiences, within and beyond its walls. The Museum commemorates the past and is committed to educating and inspiring people to foster appreciation for the importance of flight to humanity.
- The National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC opened on July 1, 1976. The official ribbon-cutting began with a signal sent from the Viking 1 spacecraft approaching Mars. Relayed to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, the signal arrived at the Museum via ground lines. It activated a mechanical "arm," causing the ribbon to split in two. At the ribbon cutting, President Gerald Ford called the Museum "a perfect birthday present from the American people to themselves." The opening was one of the highlights of America's Bicentennial Celebration.
- The collection that started in 1876 with a group of 20 kites has grown to nearly 60,000 objects, ranging in size from Saturn V rockets to jetliners to gliders to space helmets to microchips. Fully one-third of the Museum's aircraft and spacecraft are one-of-a-kind or associated with a major milestone. A large portion of the major objects in the collection are on public display, either at the Museum or on loan to other Institutions around the world. Many more objects remain in storage.
- More than 12,000 cubic feet of documents recording the history, science, and technology of flight are housed in the Museum's Archives. The facility also holds the most complete collection of aviation and space images - more than 1.75 million photographs and 14,000 film and video titles.

