



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## Pre-Departure Itinerary

### Finger Lakes Wine Country

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9, 2009

Country roads, award-winning vineyards, lakes and charming villages set the scene for upstate New York's Finger Lakes region. From your base in **Elmira**—summer home of Mark Twain—you'll visit the 52-acre **Sonnenberg Gardens** estate on Lake Canandaigua, enjoy a memorable lunch at **Belhurst Castle** overlooking **Lake Seneca** and an afternoon cruise. The world-famous Corning Glass Museum offers a live glass blowing show and shopping at eight boutiques. In the **Keuka Lake** area you'll visit the **Pleasant Valley Wine Company**—the first bonded winery in the U.S.—and the **Great Western Winery Center**. Before you head for home you'll stop by the study where Twain wrote his most famous works.

#### Includes

- Round-trip motorcoach transportation from selected locations in the Boston area
- Three nights' accommodations at the Holiday Inn, Elmira, NY
- Six meals, three breakfast, one lunch, two dinners
- Sightseeing and touring

#### Rates

**\$579** per person double occupancy

**\$569** per person triple occupancy

**\$829** single reservations

Cancellation/unused services waiver is \$33. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at time of booking.

#### Accommodations

Holiday Inn Riverview  
760 East Water Street  
Elmira, New York  
(607) 734-4211

The Holiday Inn Elmira-Riverview is nestled in the heart of the Finger Lakes region, you'll find this friendly, full-service hotel a convenient location that will make the most of your valuable leisure holiday. The hotel offers great amenities and service! Its full array of full-service amenities are Free High Speed Internet Access, Seasonal Indoor and Outdoor swimming pool, Anthony's Restaurant and Lounge with Live Entertainment on Saturday nights, a guest pillow menu for your sleeping pleasure, and much, much more...

#### Features

*Sonnenberg Gardens, Belhurst Castle Luncheon, Seneca Lake Cruise, Corning Glass Museum, Pleasant Valley Wine Tour, Mark Twain Study, Hill Top Restaurant*

## DAILY ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive – Elmira

Today you will motor north to "Mark Twain Country". Your accommodations for the next three nights are at the Holiday Inn Riverview, located in Elmira, New York. This evening, dinner is provided at a popular local restaurant. **(D)**

### Day 2: Sonnenberg Gardens, Castle Lunch and Lake Cruise

This morning's itinerary starts with a visit to Sonnenberg Gardens located in the northern tip of Lake Canandaigua. Enjoy a special walking tour of this 52-acre estate filled with pools and fountains amid nine formal gardens. At midday, a memorable lunch is included at Belhurst Castle, an immense century old stone castle overlooking Lake Seneca. This afternoon, a romantic cruise is included on the lake before returning to your hotel. This evening, dinner is on your own in Corning's Gaffer District filled with eateries and shops. **(B, L)**

**Day 3: Corning Glass/Wine Tour and Tasting**

After breakfast, visit the world famous Corning Glass Museum. This incredible institution is dedicated to the art. History and science of glass, You'll witness live glass blowing at the Hot Glass Show, view the world's best glass collection and shop at eight boutiques filled with international glass treasures. This afternoon, you will travel to the Lake Keuka area to visit the Pleasant Valley Wine Company. Established in 1868 this is the first bonded winery in the United States. You'll tour historic buildings and enjoy the most unique wine tour in the region. A visit to the Great Western Winery is included! This evening enjoy a fabulous farewell dinner at the Hill Top Restaurant. This historic landmark restaurant offers great food and fabulous views. **(B, D)**

**Day 4: Mark Twain Study/ Depart for Home**

Today, visit the landmark octagonal study where Mark Twain wrote his most famous works during the twenty summers in Elmira. Here you'll witness the place where Twain developed the many stories of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. Later, you'll depart for home with fond memories. **(B)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

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