

Open-Air Autobus Summer 2012



**New
Season
Pass: Six
tours for the
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five!**

Explore history & architecture with the experts!

\$20; \$5 for kids. \$100 Season pass. Cash or charge. Info & Tickets: 716-854-3749 or Reservations@OpenAirBuffalo.org

The Whirlwind Tour

Every Friday 6PM, June 1 - Aug. 31

Every Sat. 10AM, May 26 - Sept. 22

Every Sun. 11AM, May 27 - Sept. 23
from Elmwood Ave. @ Bidwell Pkwy.*

This Buffalo institution gives you all the architectural highlights of Buffalo—buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright, H.H. Richardson, and Louis Sullivan, grand civic architecture, historic districts, as well the terminus of the Erie Canal.

The starting point is conveniently located among the restaurants and cafes of the Elmwood Avenue. On Saturdays, you can enjoy the farmers' market before the tour.

*The Friday July 20 tour departs from Elmwood & Delavan, a block south of Bidwell.

Frank Lloyd Wright

Thur. June 7, July 5, Aug 2 & 30. 6PM

from Elmwood Ave. @ Bidwell Pkwy.

The Buffalo that Frank Lloyd Wright knew from the early 1900's to the 1930's, the five houses he designed, the unique Blue Sky Mausoleum and the striking Fontana Boat-house are the subjects of our tour.

Atomic Age Suburb

Thur. June 14, July 12. 6PM,

from Elmwood Ave. @ Bidwell Pkwy.

Explore the 1950's suburban frontier! See pre-war concrete-block Capes and wild 50's ranches with carports and Jetsons-like detailing, and see how it all came to be.

Most fascinating is how people have adapted their houses over time or left them alone. We'll explore the retail scene, too, from vestigial strip plazas built in the 1950's, to the huge Power Centers of today. Yes, the 1950's are history, and these houses are historic.

Very Big and Extremely Close: The Grain Elevators

July 4, 10AM; Thur. Aug 23. 6PM

from Erie Basin Marina near 'Hatch'

Buffalo's grain elevators are a landscape unlike any other, reflecting a history unlike any other. You'll get neck-craining up-close views of these monsters, plus discover the people and places of Buffalo's waterfront, including the newly restored terminus of the Erie Canal, and streets once thronged by immigrants, sailors, ruffians, Grover Cleveland, and "saloon boss" of bosses Fingy Connors.



No rainouts with new roll-down roof!

Industrial Strength Architecture: The Belt Line

Thur. June 21, July 26, & Aug 16. 6PM
from Elmwood Ave. @ Bidwell Pkwy.

It is one of Buffalo's Hide-in-Plain-Sight secrets: The NY Central Railroad Belt Line of the 1880's, the city's most consequential transportation project since the Erie Canal. The Belt Line attracted huge industrial plants like Pierce-Arrow, Ford Motor, Larkin Soap, and, of course, the titanic NY Central Terminal itself. See powerful and innovative architecture that effects how we live today.

This Old Mansion

Thur. May 31, June 28, July 19, & Aug. 9. 6PM

from Elmwood Ave. @ Bidwell Pkwy

The story of America's rich and infamous unfolds on this fascinating tour of the mansions of Buffalo's titans from the Civil War to the Great Depression. Learn of their feats and foibles, but most of all, their evolving taste in architecture. Massive Italianate, Second Empire, Victorian Gothic, Queen Anne, and Shingle Style houses for massive egos.

The sights, sounds, and smells of a unique American city with The Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture & Culture

Tours are \$20 for two hours (\$5 for children under 12) • Groups of 20 or more save \$4 per ticket. • Rain or shine (bus has roll-down rain cover). Seating limited. First come, first served. Reservations recommended: 716-854-3749 or Reservations@OpenAirBuffalo.org.

The 2012 Open-Air Autobus tours are the product of over 25 years' worth of architectural and historical research conducted by members of **The Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture & Culture** in the course of preservation activities. Much of that has been done by scholars and professionals in the field. It uses this information to further its educational mission and help to defray the costs of its wide-ranging preservation efforts. **The Campaign is Buffalo's most dynamic preservation organization**, and tours are led by those on the frontlines Buffalo's preservation battles. Expect expert color commentary. **Can you charter the bus? YES, indeedy! Call 716-854-3749 today!**



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