



Destination Management Company

Porsche Car Club of America
Friday, September 22, 2017
Art and Chocolate Tour

Tour #1 (25 guests maximum)

Your fun and informative **Asheville “Art and Chocolate” Tour** will be held according to the following schedule:

- 9:45 AM** Transportation and Accents on Asheville Guide to arrive at the **Omni Grove Park Inn, Vanderbilt Wing Atrium, 7th level** .
- 10:00 AM** Depart the Omni Grove Park Inn for your group’s custom **Chocolate Factory Tour**
In this small factory in Downtown Asheville, our local chocolatiers sort, roast, crack, winnow, grind, conche and temper chocolate in small batches. By directly importing fine flavor cacao from small farmers, they create a deeper connection to the source and summon the food geek within to elicit the best flavors each chocolate bean has to offer. The knowledgeable staff members here are chocolate geeks who are eager to share their passion. The tour lasts about an hour, and participants see the entire process from cacao harvest and fermentation to chocolate bar, as well as have backstage access to the facility, and an in depth tasting of the factory’s chocolate.
- 11:15 AM** Depart the Chocolate Factory for the **Studio of Michael Hofman**, Porcelain Artist in the River Arts District
Michael Hofman In a world of sameness Hofman Studios offers you something truly unique. Each piece of their pottery is made using antique lace, some centuries old, to create objects that will be cherished for generations to come. Using the materials that nature has provided, they formulate glazes that dress each piece in a skin of dazzling colors. The colors of their palette are those that often mimic precious gems, stones and weathered metals. They will also make a piece or entire dinnerware set (special order) using your favorite piece of lace.
- 12:15 PM** Depart Michael Hoffman’s Studio for **group lunch – TBD Location**
- 1:30 PM** Arrive at the **Riverview Station** in the River Arts District to a meet and greet with the **famed Artist Jonas Gerard**
Jonas Gerard is bringing to life the tradition of abstract expressionism; He emerged into the contemporary art scene in the 1970’s with work that has evolved into a compelling explosion of color. In his current work, one can feel the passion these paintings evoke. His intuitive, joyful and spontaneous manner is at the very core of his life as a painter. These splashes of color create lively compositions not easily forgotten. It is this spirit, energy, and dedication that have brought him national attention.
- Then a visit to **the Village Potters** at the other end of the **Riverview Station**
- 3:00 PM** Approximate time of return to the **Omni Grove Park Inn**

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- 11:00 AM** Depart Michael Hofman’s Studio for your group’s custom **Chocolate Factory Tour**
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- 12:30 PM** Depart the Chocolate Factory for your **group lunch – TBD Location**
- 1:30 PM** Arrive at the **Riverview Station** in the River Arts District to a meet and greet with the **famed Artist Jonas Gerard** and then a visit to **The Village Potters** before returning to the Omni Grove Park Inn
- 3:00 PM** Approximate time of return to the Omni **Grove Park Inn**

Cost for the above Inclusive Itineraries is \$142 per person

Includes: Luxury Transportation, Fuel Surcharge, Accents on Asheville Coordination, Professional Guide, Service Fees, Chocolate Tour and Tasting, Inclusive Lunch (includes tax and gratuity)

****Extra beverages that are not part of the tour are the responsibility of the guest**

****Note: Due to circumstances beyond our control, it may be necessary to alter the tour based on availability and numbers.**