

## **Mystery Trip – July 27, 2022**

The location of our mystery trip was in the Gettysburg area of Adams County. The first stop was the Seminary Ridge Museum located on the site of the Civil War battle of Gettysburg. The seminary was used as a lookout for the Union Army. High above in the cupola, the small dome-like structure atop the 190-year-old building, scouts watched as the Confederate troops converge on the town of Gettysburg. The Union Army fought back and was victorious in the four-day battle that marked the turning point of the Civil War. The Seminary served as a hospital for the many wounded. It now houses the museum that contains educational displays of the four days of the battle.

Lunch was served at the historic Dobbin House in Gettysburg. After lunch, we headed to the WWII American Experience, also in Gettysburg. This museum contained actual vehicles and artifacts from WWII. An original jeep (both Ford and Willys), along with motorcycles, transports, recovery vehicles, and even two Sherman Tanks were on display. The vehicles that won the war.

Mr. Ed's Elephant Museum and Candy Emporium in nearby Orrtanna was our next stop. All types of candy, reminiscent of the old General Store and Penny Candy shop (but not sold for a penny anymore) were available. Mr. Ed is famous for his replica elephant collection of all sizes, which he claims to number 12,000.

Our final stop was the Hollabaugh Brothers Farm Market in nearby Biglerville. A very entertaining demonstration on how to prepare an apple dumpling was presented. We left the market with a bag of peaches from the farm and a baked apple dumpling. We did learn that the apple of choice for baking is the newly developed Gold Rush apple, which is grown at the Hollabaugh orchards.

### Associated Websites:

Seminary Ridge Museum: <https://www.seminaryridgemuseum.org>

Dobbin House Tavern: <http://www.dobbinhouse.com>

WWII American Experience: <https://visitww2.org>

Mr. Ed's Elephant Museum and Candy Emporium: <https://mistereds.com>

Hollabaugh Bros. Farm Market: <https://hollabaughbros.com>

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