

Build Your Geneva Experience

Choose a **GROUP PROGRAM** and/or **TOUR** and pair it with an **EXPERIENCE** to create a special day in Geneva, Illinois. Group Programs or tours can also be given on their own at the museum or at your location. All programs include a swag bag of offers from Geneva shops and restaurants and admission to the museum. Minimum 10 people.

GROUP PROGRAMS

The following 45-minute programs are presented by museum staff with images while sharing Geneva stories. \$20/person

Armchair Tour

Enjoy the historic walking tour of downtown Geneva without leaving your seat. View photographs as you learn stories of homes, businesses and people.

Catalog Homes

Ordered by mail, shipped by rail. Explore some of the 100 catalog homes in Geneva.

Crimes & Criminals

Hear about the darker side of Geneva's history from the 1800s to the present.

Disasters & Destruction

Tornadoes, fires, snowstorms and floods and how Geneva responded.

Famous Geneva

Stories of when Geneva was the backdrop for a few Hollywood movie sets, the famous people who visited Geneva, and some of our residents who become famous.

Hats Off to Geneva!

The history of hats and Geneva's millinery greats.

HerStory

Stories of some of Geneva's amazing women and their impact.

History of The Little Traveler

Learn how this iconic business began in 1922, the many additions to the original 1867 home, stories of the owners, and videos from former employees.

History of South Third Street

How Geneva's South Third Street transformed from residential to commercial from the 1800s to today.

John F. Kennedy's Geneva Visit

J.F.K.'s itinerary on October 25, 1960, including his stop in Geneva, just two weeks before he was elected President.

Our 18th Century Crèche

Learn about the many symbolisms behind this rare Neapolitan nativity, purchased in 1930 by the founder of The Little Traveler.

Swedish Immigration

Stories of some of Geneva's Swedish settlers that made up more than 80% of the population back in the day.

Who Was Nelle Fabyan?

Learn about the woman behind Geneva's famous Colonel Fabyan and the legacy she left behind.

TOURS

A museum guide can hop on your van, get on bikes, or take a walk through town to share interesting stories of houses, buildings and people. \$20/person



1. Hop-on Tours

Bring your van or bus and a personal guide will hop on board to explore stories of the people and places that make Geneva special. Tours are 45-minutes.

Historic District

Tour Geneva's charming downtown and learn about the buildings and people that set the character of the town.

Architecture

View some of Geneva's beautiful architecture and learn about the styles and history.

East Side

Explore the east side of the Fox River, north of Route 38, with catalog homes and the neighborhood where many Swedes once lived.

North-West Side

Enjoy catalog homes, the infamous Burgess-Norton factory that won awards for their

assistance during World War II and Geneva's high schools.

Pub Crawl

Stories of Geneva's saloons, pubs and taverns. Learn their secrets to survive prohibition.

South Side

View the mysterious mansions on Route 31, including Colonel Fabyan's Villa redesigned by Frank Lloyd Wright and more.

South-West Side

Learn about Geneva Golf Club, the first 9-hole club west of Chicago, the former barn used by pilots, and Henry Fargo's mansion.



2. Walking Tours

Explore historic Geneva on foot and up-close with a museum guide. Tour is 45-minutes.

Historic Walking Tour

Walk on the streets of downtown Geneva and hear the stories of then and now.

Westside Cemetery Tour

Visit Geneva's oldest cemetery and learn the stories of the people who are buried there and the meanings of the markings on tombstones.

Ghost Walk

Downtown Geneva has many spirits that have unfinished business. Walk and hear stories of paranormal activity and of the people who continue to experience it.



3. Bike Tour

Enjoy a seven-mile scenic guided bike tour including trails along the Fox River, Fabyan Forest Preserve,

and historic downtown. Start and end at Mill Race Cyclery where you can rent a regular bicycle or electric bike, or bring your own. Tour is 2-hours. Additional fee for bike rentals through Mill Race Cyclery.

EXPERIENCES

Enjoy a Geneva experience after your tour or program. Costs may vary, as stated below.

Lunch at The Little Traveler

Enjoy lunch at Geneva's iconic The Little Traveler and shop in this former home that now includes 36 rooms of merchandise. Menu includes four options, beverage, dessert, a shopping coupon and three chocolate samplings. Guests must pre-order menu when they register. \$20/person

Lunch Choices:

- Petite Luncheon (mini sandwich plate and a cup of vegetable soup)
- Spinach Cheddar Quiche with seasonal fresh fruit and a freshly baked muffin
- Cranberry Chicken Salad (roasted chicken, dried cranberries, diced pears, walnuts and choice of blue cheese or cheddar on bed of greens with raspberry vinaigrette dressing) and freshly baked muffin (all gluten free)
- Chicken Salad Croissant with side of the day

A Simply Elegant Tradition

A simply elegant tradition presented in three courses of finger sandwiches, scones and sweets. Served on china in The Little Traveler's renowned Atrium Cafe. Shop in this former home that now includes 36 rooms of merchandise. \$20/person

Beer Pairing at Stockholm's Brew Pub

Sample four beers (4 oz. Each) paired with three small food portions at Stockholm's Brew Pub on State Street in Geneva. \$20/person

Charcuterie 101 Workshop

Savor a wine and cheese experience at Chi-Cuterie on Franklin Street in Geneva. You will be welcomed with a glass of wine al fresco on their garden patio nestled between two beautiful historic homes (weather permitting). Experience organic Italian wines paired perfectly with cheese and all the accoutrements during this culinary journey! \$50/person

Tour of the Fabyan Villa

Explore the 1907 Frank Lloyd Wright redesigned home of Colonel George and Nelle Fabyan who created an epic garden of Eden along the Fox River and a laboratory that broke codes for WWI. View their collection including a mummy, Japanese artifacts, and Nelle's newly restored ball gown. \$10/person



VISIT THE MUSEUM
Tuesday - Saturday
11AM - 4 PM

Admission
\$5 / Adults

\$2 / Children (3-10)
Seniors (\$65+ & Students

FREE / Tuesdays &
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Geneva History Museum is the only Kane County museum to earn national accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums. We are passionate about collecting, preserving, and educating the community about Geneva's rich history. Explore award-winning exhibitions with rare artifacts, participate in fascinating programs, and find unique Geneva gifts. Belong to Geneva's story by supporting this nonprofit museum.



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