

July 17, 2017

# HISTORIC CHURCHES OF BATTLE CREEK



Who would have known that Battle Creek has gorgeous historic Churches filled with significant stained glass windows complemented with renowned architecture? Visit four Houses of Worship each with private docent. Churches are in all denominations. The first religious ceremony of any faith recorded in Battle Creek was the marriage of Jeremiah McCarthy and Bridget Walsh 1847. The first Mass said in Battle Creek was 1849. The cornerstone for the first Catholic Church was laid in 1878. And the history is amazing. One church's effort during WWII supported those in need during the war. The church's facilities hosted the Red Cross in its blood collection. At another on the Sunday before the Hiroshima atomic bomb was dropped, Aug. 5, 1945, singing of the Star Spangled Banner

was omitted from the service. We'll hear about the original construction of each house of worship and see how much they have changed. Every church is historic. Churches can come to depend on a minister, but their continuity and strength is in their members, which allowed these gorgeous structures to be built. Battle Creek's heritage is rich and varied, making it one of the most historically distinctive communities in the country. Known across the globe as the breakfast cereal capital of the world, Battle Creek was also the cradle of the Seventh-day Adventist religion, and a very important selection in the other denominations that chose Battle Creek as their home. Battle Creek has evolved from a small pioneer settlement to a village of progressive social reformers and an international industrial center.

Please eat a heavy breakfast. We will have snacks throughout the tour. Lunch included.

**Tour Includes:** Roundtrip Motorcoach, Lunch, Snacks Raffles, Goodie Bags, Entry Fee and More!

**Cost:** \$75.00/person

**Pick Up Locations:** Novi Civic Center, Livonia Ford Field, & Madison Heights Former Kmart

**Departure and Return Times:** 8AM respectively

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