



FESTIVE FINDS

(For the Holidays!)

Massachusetts

November 4 – 5, 2026

Wednesday, November 4

8:00am **Depart Rome** – Freedom Plaza, 205 Erie Blvd. W
8:30am **Depart Utica** – DOT Commuter Park & Ride, 10 Harbor Lock Rd. W
9:00am **Depart Herkimer** – Walmart - 103 N. Caroline St

It's time for holiday shopping! Gifts, hosting parties, family gatherings? Here's your chance to prepare. Or maybe you just want to treat yourself! That's okay too! We'll stop at **Lee Premium Outlets** for bargain hunting and lunch on your own. Want more time to shop? BYO lunch and eat on the bus. (No glass containers please). Over 50 stores including Coach, Old Navy, Kate Spade, Chicos, Talbots, Brooks Brothers, Calvin Klein, Carters, J Crew, Jockey, Levis, Skechers, and more.

Get the festive feels at **Vaillancourt Folk Art**. This fine art chalkware has been painted in Massachusetts for over 40 years by a small family-owned business. Meet a family member to hear more, take a tour, visit the museum, and of course the retail shop to pick up a special gift. Vaillancourt Folk Art is considered the highest quality Christmas collectible in the world, hand-cast and hand-painted right at this studio.

This evening check into the **Public House Historic Inn and Country Lodge** in Sturbridge. This lovely countryside property is nestled in the heart of New England. Be sure to stop by the on-site 18th century bakery, The Bake Shoppe, open 7am until 7pm.

Dinner included at the Publick House. Provide your entrée choice when making tour reservation: **Yankee Pot Roast** w/pan gravy or **Pan-Roasted Salmon** w/Lemon-Dill Sauce. **Vegetarian and Dietary Restricted Entrees available by advance request.*

Thursday, November 5

Breakfast included at the Public House.

9:30am **Check out and depart**
A stop will be made at **Richardson's Candy Kitchen**, a beloved candy shop that has been making delicious treats for more than 70 years. The current owner still uses the original recipes.

Our final stop is **Yankee Candle Village** where you can explore **Santa's workshop** and the **Bavarian Christmas Village** where it snows every four minutes! Dip a candle, or create your own custom scent. And while the Candle Emporium has over 200,000 candles, there is so much more than wax! Check out the Gift Boutique or General Store. Lunch on your own.

6:00pm **Approximate return to Herkimer**
6:30pm **Approximate return to Utica**
7:00pm **Approximate return to Rome**

**All times are approximate, Tours By Design is not responsible for delays. Itinerary is subject to change for the comfort and well-being of passengers.*

COST PER PERSON:

TWIN OCCUPANCY \$339.00	TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$324.00
QUAD OCCUPANCY \$319.00	SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$409.00

TOUR INCLUDES:

Round trip transportation via Hale Motorcoach, tour escort, one-night accommodations at Publick House including taxes, dinner and breakfast at the hotel, stops at Lee Premium Outlets, Vaillancourt Folk Art w/tour, Richardson's Candy Kitchen, and Yankee Candle Village. **Not included:** Optional but customary gratuity for driver and escort. Industry standards suggest \$3.00-\$4.00 per person, per day for each, based on your satisfaction. No envelopes are provided (or required), please handle individually.

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