

## CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER

FOCUS ON THE DAYTON AREA'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

### ONE AND A HALF DAY TOUR

*Please contact all attractions prior to tour.*

#### DAY 1

**10:00 – 11:30**

**Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial**      **937-224-7061**      **\$**



- A National Historic Landmark.
- Home of America's foremost African-American poet laureate.
- Docents take you on a narrated tour through the house.
- Days of operation vary. Call for appointment.

**11:45 – 12:15**

**Wayman Chapel AME Church**      **937-268-6729**      **Donations appreciated**

- Dedicated in 1840, making this Dayton's oldest AME congregation.
- Wayman African Methodist Episcopal was also Paul Laurence Dunbar's official church.
- Call for appointment.

**12:30 – 2:30**

**The Dayton Art Institute Tour & Lunch**      **800-296-4426**      **\$**

- See a canvas by one of this country's leading African-American artists, Sam Gilliam.
- Visit the African Art Gallery, then enjoy lunch in a private dining room.
- Call for appointment and menu options.

**3:00 – 5:00**

**United States Air Force Museum**      **937-258-1225**      **Free**



- The self guided tour highlights the Tuskegee Airmen and the role of African-Americans in the history of military aviation.
- Call for appointment and information.

**5:15 – 6:15**

**Free Time/Hotel Check In**

**6:30 – 7:45**

**Engineers Club of Dayton**      **937-228-2148**      **\$**

- Enjoy a delicious lunch in the historic ambiance of this private club, and take a picture at the table where Orville Wright ate lunch nearly every day.
- See the original Wright engine number three and a turbo jet engine on display, and take a tour of this restored facility, where Orville Wright was a founding member.
- Call for reservation and menu options

#### DAY 2

**10:00 – 11:00**

**Colonel Young Home**      **937-372-0178**      **Donations appreciated**

- Colonel Young was the third African-American to graduate from West Point.
- His home was one of many stops in our area on the Underground Railroad.
- Call for appointment.

**11:15 – 2:00**

**Wilberforce University Tour & Lunch**      **937-376-2911**      **\$**

- Visit the oldest private African-American University in the nation.
- The university has an interesting history, including the first Black college president.
- Call for appointment, lunch options and prices.

**2:15 – 4:00**

**National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center**      **937-376-4944**      **\$**



- The museum houses a permanent exhibition titled *From Victory To Freedom: Afro-American Life in the 1950s*, as well as other exhibits.
- Closed on Mondays. Call for appointment.

**For a free customized itinerary call 800-221-8235 or email [dmader@daytoncvb.net](mailto:dmader@daytoncvb.net)**