

Ladies Delight in Downtown Mount Joy

Make it a day trip with your girlfriends or bring your "honey" too and create a couple's day getaway. This itinerary creates a day full of simple pleasures and a chance to kick back and enjoy time with those that are special to us.

Downtown Mount Joy is a hop, skip, and jump from Route 283. Simply exit Route 283 at the Mount Joy exit (Route 230). Route 230 W brings you right into the downtown.

Begin your morning at **Higher Grounds Café**, the local coffee shop. It is located at 22 E. Main Street and it is difficult to miss. The local coffee shop adds vibrancy to the community inside and out and is a true gathering place in the downtown...a perfect starting point to acquaint you with Mount Joy. Sit back and enjoy the owners Kathy and Ashley Baltozer specialty coffees and complete espresso bar. Be tempted & indulge yourself with fresh pastries, muffins, or a delicious chocolate glazed whoopee pie or freshly baked scone.

After taking in your morning fuel, jump in your car for a quick ride to the west side of town to Mount Joy's very own **Wilton Armetale** Foundry and Factory Store. Follow Main Street (which is Rt 230) west until you come to a left hand turn onto Plumb Street. The street is right before the Watering Trough restaurant. Come to a stop sign at the "T" and turn right onto Square Street. The factory store is on your right. Maybe you didn't realize that the metal serveware you have come to love is located right here in Mount Joy. Find bargains galore and a huge selection at the factory store. If your excursion is on a Monday – Thursday between 10 AM – 1:30 PM, take the Wilton Armetale tour and see firsthand how the metal giftware, dinnerware, and serveware is made. (Best to call ahead...maybe as you chat at the coffee shop beforehand to let them know you are coming. The number is 653-4444. Regardless, shop till you drop at the store. Normal business hours are Mon – Sat. 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM and Sunday 12 – 5 PM. www.armetale.com

Now that you have one of each patterned Wilton Armetale piece, perhaps its time to do some more pampering, so head back into downtown. And where better to do it than **Xquisite Nail Design & Day Spa** where they pride themselves luxury from head to toe! Please note that you will have to plan ahead and arrange your spa services ahead of time. The number is 653-2402 and they are located at 115 E. Main Street. Their services include massages, facials, spray tans, manicures & pedicures, paraffin dips, and more. If your hubbies are with, this may be a good time to introduce them to the fabulous pubs within walking distance. Choose from: **The Tilted Kilt** directly across the street, at 112 E. Main Street; **Mosby's Pub**, 215 E. Main St.; and **Mick's All American Pub**, 62 W. Main St., just to name a few; Good times and great food can be found at any destination you choose...each a great place to chill out with cold beverages while the ladies get pampered. (Men, next door to The Tilted Kilt is the downtown flower shop, **Floral Designs**, 102 E. Main Street. *Hint, Hint*)

By now, you should have worked up an appetite. If you're separated from your men, its time to rejoin them for a nice lunch in a friendly downtown restaurant and pub. After lunch stroll the downtown and browse through the shops and boutique. Here is a sampling:

- **As the Crow Flies**, 62 E. Main Street
 - Primitives, Gifts, Antiques & Collectibles
 - www.asthecrowfliesmtjoypa.com
- **Della's Antiques**, 33 W. Main Street
 - Large Antique Shop
- **Floral Designs of Mount Joy**, 102 E. Main St
 - Floral Arrangements & Décor
 - www.floraldesignsofmountjoy.com
- **Koser Jewelers**, 64 E. Main Street
 - Fine Jewelry & Accessories
 - www.koserjewelers.com
- **Sloan's Gift Shop**, 61 E. Main Street
 - Gifts, incl. Gund, Melissa & Doug, Willow Tree, & Crabtree & Evelyn
- **The Shoppes of Main Street**, 84 E. Main St
 - *6 specialty shops under one roof:* glass art, art galleries, handmade jewelry, pottery, women's accessories boutique, embroidery shop, and more.
- **Violet & Co. Antiques & Gifts**, 26 W. Main St.
 - Vintage, Cottage, & Shabby Décor to Romance Your Home & Garden
- **Paper Place**, 206 E. Main Street
 - Scrap booker's Haven

Cap the evening off at Mount Joy's **Historic Bube's Brewery and Restaurant**, a great grand finale destination for your day. Tours of the Brewery are provided upon request between 5:30 – 9 PM daily. Enjoy fine dining in the Catacombs, which is a unique experience several stories underground in the brewery's beer aging cellars. And Bube's explodes with a variety of entertainment.

www.bubesbrewery.com

Once again, planning ahead, you can always make an overnight trip in Downtown Mount Joy. **The Olde Square Inn** is located at 127 E. Main Street, a historic brick bed & breakfast.

www.oldsquareinn.com The number is 653.4525. And if by chance you are staying over a Friday evening, check out the Mount Joy Farmers Market (May – mid-Oct.) on Saturday morning between 8 AM – noon on the same block as the Olde Square Inn, in the parking lot at Union National Community Bank, 101 E. Main Street. Fourth Fridays are great in Mount Joy too, year round.

For more information, go to www.msmj.org.