

# Sports in American History

Fenway Park ★ Wrigley Field ★ Churchill Downs ★ Ohio Stadium  
The Indianapolis Motor Speedway ★ The National Baseball Hall of Fame  
The Pro Football Hall of Fame ★ The Hockey Hall of Fame  
The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame ★ The NCAA Hall of Champions

*Presented by Pietist Schoolman Travel*

*June 28 - July 5, 2020*

*\$2,400 plus airfare*

Join us as we tour some of the most iconic sites in American sports history. We'll start and stop with the two oldest ballparks in Major League Baseball. In between, we'll tour four pro sports halls of fame, explore the history of college sports, visit the most famous tracks in horse and auto racing, and see the sights in some of the great cities of North America.



Along the way, we'll think about how sports both holds up a mirror to American society, culture, and religion and has acted as an engine for change throughout the history of the United States. All with the help of three gifted college teachers as your travel guides.

A once-in-a-lifetime trip for sports fans of all ages, this tour is ideal for families, couples, and single travelers.

## Your Tour Leaders



**Chris Gehrz** is professor of history at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he teaches courses on everything from the world wars to modern Europe. He is the author or editor of three books, with a new spiritual biography of Charles Lindbergh due out in 2021. A lifelong Minnesota Twins fan who keeps a Homer Hanky in his office, Chris once woke up at 4am to drive from Connecticut to Cooperstown and see Kirby Puckett inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.



**Chris Moore** chairs the political science department at Bethel, where he co-teaches *History and Politics of Sports* with Chris Gehrz. A specialist in international relations, Chris advises Bethel's Model UN club and teaches popular courses on counter-terrorism and political psychology. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Chris appreciates football (and is eager to show us around Columbus), but his favorite sport is basketball.



**Sam Mulberry** directs the Academic Enrichment and Support Center at his alma mater, Bethel University. A specialist in media production, Sam produces numerous Bethel podcasts on [Channel 3900](#), including *The 252* — a sports podcast with Chris and Chris. While he enjoys basketball, baseball, and football, Sam loves horse racing and can't wait to tour Churchill Downs.



*Click through to see the map of our tour — including some optional events and site visits you can add on to your trip.*

## Tentative Itinerary

Arrival ✪ by evening of June 27, 2020

*Boston*

Settle in at our hotel (the night of the 27th is included in the price of the trip) and see some sights downtown before our trip formally begins in the morning.

Day 1 ✪ Sunday, June 28, 2020

*Boston*

Our tour gets off to a great start with the Red Sox hosting the St. Louis Cardinals at baseball's oldest field, Fenway Park. The rest of the day, you'll have the option to join us on a walking tour of American history or see Boston on your own. (We'll buy everyone transit passes to help you get around.)





Day 2 ★ Monday, June 29, 2020

*Boston to Cooperstown*

A well-equipped motorcoach picks us up for a cross-country bus tour that starts with a visit to the [Basketball Hall of Fame](#) in Springfield, where a Christian educator named James Naismith invented the sport in 1891. We'll then make our way into upstate New York, where the quaint village of Cooperstown is home to the oldest sports hall of fame in America. (Pending budget and room availability, we'll stay at a historic lakeside resort.)

Day 3 ★ Tuesday, June 30, 2020

*Cooperstown to Toronto*

We'll spend the morning exploring the history of America's National Pastime at the [Baseball Hall of Fame](#). Then an afternoon bus trip will take us across the border into Canada's largest city, where you'll have time to explore Toronto or see the Blue Jays take on the Chicago White Sox at Rogers Centre.

Day 4 ★ Wednesday, July 1, 2020

*Toronto to Cleveland*

After spending the morning at the [Hockey Hall of Fame](#), we'll make our way around the Great Lakes to Cleveland, Ohio, where you can see the Indians play the Houston Astros or take a break from sports and visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Day 5 ★ Thursday, July 2, 2020

*Cleveland to Columbus*

Another morning, another pro sports hall of fame: [the football shrine](#) in Canton. Then we'll tour a famous college gridiron before settling in for the night: Columbus' [Ohio Stadium](#), home of the eight-time (as of 2018-19) national champion Buckeyes.

Day 6 ★ Friday, July 3, 2020

*Columbus to Louisville*

A morning drive will take us south to Louisville, where we'll tour Churchill Downs and visit the [Kentucky Derby Museum](#). Then you can join us for optional tours of the [Muhammad Ali Center](#) or [Louisville Slugger Factory](#) — or just enjoy an evening on the riverfront.



Day 7 ★ Saturday, July 4, 2019

*Louisville to Indianapolis*

Our second weekend starts in Indiana's capital, where we'll see both the [Indianapolis Motor Speedway](#) and the [NCAA Hall of Champions](#). Then we'll celebrate Independence Day with food and fireworks at the Downtown Freedom Fest, or AAA baseball at Victory Field.

Day 8 ★ Sunday, July 5, 2019

*Indianapolis to Chicago*

Our tour concludes in grand fashion: the Cubs hosting the Tampa Bay Rays for interleague baseball at Wrigley Field, then a summer evening in downtown Chicago.

## Terms and Conditions

### Price: What Is (and Isn't) Included

This tour is priced (\$2,400) based on an expectation of 24 paying participants.

What's Included	What's Not Included
Comfortable motorcoach for cross-country tour; transit pass in Boston	Airfare; additional ground transport; tip for bus driver
*Double-occupancy accommodations for nine nights in comfortable hotels (three-star and in downtown locations as much as possible)	Supplement for travelers who want a single room in hotels, where available (\$500); portorage
Breakfasts, plus farewell lunch or supper in Chicago	All other food and drinks
Pending availability... tickets to †Red Sox and †Cubs home games; admission to basketball, baseball, hockey, and pro football halls of fame, plus Kentucky Derby Museum (including a Churchill Downs tour), Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, and NCAA Hall of Champions; guided tour of Ohio Stadium	Any additional tourism and travel beyond that listed in the itinerary, including tickets to additional sporting events or sites
Education on sports history, potentially including pre-trip classes, trip reader and podcasts, and walking tours or informal classes en route	

\* Families with children under 18 can request a room with up to 4 people. As such accommodations are available, we'll recalculate the price per person.

†Please note that these are outdoor venues. If a game is rained out, we can't guarantee a refund.

## Deposit, Payments, Cancellations & Refunds

- To be considered for the trip, each applicant must complete and sign a trip application and pay a deposit of \$400. (Parents should sign in place of minor children.) We're planning to take up to 24 people along, but will also maintain a wait list. The deposit is refundable until January 31, 2020, when a second payment of \$1,000 per participant is due. The balance is due no later than April 3, 2020.
- Make all payments by check made out to **Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC**, sent care of Chris Gehrz, 1284 Draper Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.
- We must receive all cancellation notices and refund requests in writing at [chris@pietistschoolman.com](mailto:chris@pietistschoolman.com). Anyone whose cancellation notice is received between February 1, 2020 and April 3, 2020 will have \$400 per person deducted from the refund in order to cover costs. Any cancellation received between April 4, 2020 and June 12, 2020 will result in a \$1,000 deduction from the refund. Cancellations received after June 12, 2020 will result in no more than a 50% refund.
- If Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC is forced to cancel the entire trip, all payments will be fully refunded.

## Documentation

U.S. citizens require [a valid passport](#) or other proof of citizenship and identity for [travel into Canada](#). The traveler assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC from, any duty of checking and verifying any and all passports, visa, or other entry requirements for each destination, and all safety and security conditions during the proposed travel.

## Disclaimer

Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC, its Owners, Outfitters, Agents, and Employees give notice that they act only as the agent for the owners, contractors, and suppliers providing means of transportation and/or all other related travel services and assume no responsibility whatsoever for injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service resulting directly from: acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays, expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, terrorism, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or changes in transit or hotel services. Changes in the itinerary may be made where deemed advisable by the tour leader. On payment of deposit to Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC, the participant therefore agrees to be bound by the above recited terms and conditions. Participants acknowledge there are risks in travel and the activities of this tour, and release Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC and the tour leaders from any liability.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why isn't airfare included in the trip price?**

We've left it out in order to allow participants the flexibility to choose their airline, their points of departure/arrival, and the option of extending travel on either end of the tour. We'll let you know the details of our flights from and back to Minneapolis-St. Paul, in case you'd like to travel with us. Our only expectation is that you are checked in to our hotel in Boston by the evening of June 27, 2020.

Please do not make or pay for any final flight reservations until receiving confirmation from us that the trip is adequately enrolled and officially approved. Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC is not responsible for flight payments made prematurely.

### **How much physical activity should we expect?**

In general, expect tours of halls of fame and other sites to take upwards of 2 hours, with most of that time spent on your feet. But unless you want to explore downtown areas by foot, we don't expect a great deal of walking. As much as possible, we'll try to arrange for our bus to drop off and pick up close to sites, including hotels and sporting venues.

### **How much free time will we have?**

Because of the nature of a cross-country driving tour with scheduled stops at museums, we'll spend most of our mornings and afternoons together. But for the most part, you'll have evenings to yourselves. We'll suggest possible sites to visit, organize historical walking tours as there's interest, and let you know of any additional sporting events that might coincide with our stays.

### **Are single travelers welcome to join the trip?**

This would be a great trip for couples, families, or friends to take together, but you're certainly welcome to travel on your own. You may need to pay a supplement (\$500) when the trip balance is due, in order to cover the added cost of a single-occupancy hotel room — unless the number of solo travelers works out for you to share a room.

### **What about families?**

Definitely! For many of us, love of sports is something shared between the generations. (It's likely that some of our kids will come along.) We welcome girls and boys 10 years old and above, but do require that each family group include at least one adult (18+) for every two minor children.

To travel together as a family (or as a set of more than 2 friends), mark the group line on the application at the end of this brochure. If a family would like to accommodate more than 2 people in hotel rooms, mark that on your application and — depending on hotel policies and availabilities — we'll see if we can arrange for a lower price per person.

### **Do I have to be a Christian to go on this trip?**

No. Our tour leaders are professors at a Christian university, and we'll certainly talk about the relationship between sports and religion at various points along the tour. But we don't expect that everyone on the trip shares our faith.

### **How can we learn more about sports history before we leave?**

We'll provide numerous resources. A few we're considering offering:

- The opportunity to take pre-trip classes from us in spring 2020 (in person or recorded on video)
- Lists of suggested books and films
- A sports history podcast that you can listen to in advance or during downtime on the bus trip

Any other questions? You can learn more about our travel philosophy and guides at [pietistschoolman.com/travel](http://pietistschoolman.com/travel). Or email Chris Gehrz at [chris@pietistschoolman.com](mailto:chris@pietistschoolman.com).



## Trip Application

To apply for the **Sports in American History** tour (June 28 - July 5, 2020), print and complete a copy of this application and return it with your deposit (\$400 per person) to Chris Gehrz, 1284 Draper Ave., Roseville, MN 55113. (Check made out to **Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC**.) If traveling as a couple, family, or other group, please include an application for each person — including children — plus a single check to cover the total deposit.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Rooming preference: *(for the relevant line below, check off your preference)*

IF TRAVELING ALONE... Would you prefer a room to yourself (\$500 supplement) or to share a room, if possible, with another single traveler?

IF TRAVELING WITH ONE OTHER PERSON... Would you prefer your room to have 1 king-sized bed or 2 queen-sized beds?

Name of the person accompanying you: \_\_\_\_\_

IF TRAVELING AS A FAMILY OR GROUP... Would your group prefer 2 persons per room or 3-4 persons per room? *(potentially lower price for the latter option)*

Name of others in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

### Signature

I have read and understood the trip itinerary, price, terms, and conditions, including the liability release, and agree to all. I am enclosing an initial deposit with this application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by parent or guardian on behalf of minor (younger than 18) named above