

## ***The Pagoda: A ¾ day ride.***

### ***Get a taste of RetroTours with no strain and no pain.***

A super gentle one-day ride, it's under 75 miles to this unique attraction on a high cliff overlooking all of Reading, PA. The ride there includes some very lovely back roads through the Brandywine Valley. The ride up features "Skyline Drive", and you will see right away that it lives up to its name. After a fascinating visit, a march up the winding staircase to enjoy the spectacular view from the top, and a relaxing cup of tea or coffee inside, we head down the mountain through a series 7 hairpin curves that are used once a year as a road race course. After lunch at a friendly local diner we'll take an alternate route home, with a rest stop at Joanna Furnace, arriving back by 4 PM for snacks and adult liquid refreshment.

Originally built to be a hotel and to restore the scenic view of the mountains from Old Reading after a mountain top quarry ruined it. Folks were so pissed off about losing their view that the hotel never got a license to open. Eventually it was sold to the city for \$1.

***Here is a review from an unknown tourist:*** "Beautiful!!!! We went on a day when the pagoda wasn't open, and I was still blown away. The ride up was exciting since it's on the side of a hill and the view was breathtaking!!!!!! This is a great site if you're a photographer and want to get some cool pictures. I definitely would recommend this amazing place!! Go! Go! Go!"



***Joanna Furnace***

