

Gardens and Estates Of the Hudson River Valley and NYC

Sunday June 10th to Friday June 15th, 2018

(Six Days/ Five nights)



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

KYKUIT Four generations of the Rockefeller family enjoyed the palatial estate call Kykuit – meaning “lookout” in Dutch. The house and gardens appear to hover on this hilltop above the Hudson River valley. Formal gardens include the Rose Garden, Morning and Brook gardens, Italian garden, and several terraced areas. www.hudsonvalley.org

STONECROP- was the former home of Frank Cabot (Quatre Vents, Quebec) and is comprised of 63 acres of exotic and native plants. The gardens are filled with ponds and waterfalls. Voted # 1 on 2016 Garden tour. www.stonecrop.org

WETHERSFIELD ESTATE & GARDENS – This ten-acre formal garden is arranged in the classical style, like the Italian villas of the 17th century. Full of scenic views and statues, bursting with colourful flowers and interesting landscaped gardens. www.wethersfieldgarden.org

LOCUST GROVE’S stately trees, rolling hills, and vistas from a bluff high above the Hudson river all combine to create a grand landscape garden that preserves much of the sense of peace established by Samuel Morse (inventor of the Morse Code) more than 150 years ago. www.lgnv.org

VANDERBILT MANSION is a monument to the social and economic changes that took place during this Gilded Age. Views of the Hudson River make a fine setting for the opulent Vanderbilt mansion. Vanderbilt, who graduated in horticulture from Yale, indulged his passion for gardening in the Terraced gardens that cover 3 acres with trellises, pools, a loggia, and brick walls. Maintained in its original design, the grounds boast rare species as well as perennial favourites in abundance. www.nps.gov/vama

BEATRIX FARRAND GARDEN AT BELLEFIELD

Located on the grounds of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, the garden was created in 1912 by

Beatrix Farrand, a landscape gardener whose work defined the American taste in gardens throughout the first half of the 20th century. Enclosed in fieldstone walls and hemlock hedges, the garden is noted for its lush perennial borders composed of Farrand's signature plants in a sophisticated colors- scheme. Farrand designed the garden as an extension of Bellefield, an elegant 18th century house remodeled by famed architects McKim, Mead and White for Thomas and Sarah Newbold which now serves as the headquarters for the National Park Service.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS - See spectacular exhibitions inside a landmark glasshouse that also features a tropical rain forest and cactus-filled desert with plants that can be seen nowhere else in New York. Explore 50 diverse gardens and plant collections across 250 acres of year-round beauty throughout the National Historic Landmark landscape, including 30,000 magnificent trees. Discover the 50-acre Forest, Rock Garden, Home Gardening Center, a tropical rain forest, a cactus-filled desert, and an ever-changing landscape of magnificent flowers and lush foliage in the nation's premier Victorianstyle glasshouse

THE HIGH LINE was built in the 1930s, in Manhattan's Meatpacking District as part of a massive public-private infrastructure project called the West Side Improvement. It lifted freight traffic 30 feet in the air, removing dangerous trains from the streets of Manhattan's largest industrial district. Abandoned in the 1980's the High Line went into decay and disrepair and was rediscovered in 2000, after a photographer captured the beauty of the industrial relic in photos: overgrown with wildflowers — an abandoned structure essentially reclaimed by nature in a matter of 20 years. Construction on the park began in 2006. The first section, from Gansevoort Street to West 20th Street, opened June 9, 2009. The second section, from West 20th Street to West 30th Street, opened in spring, 2011 and its'expansion continues.

UNTERMYER GARDENS has been called "America's greatest forgotten garden. It is a fascinating slice of Yonkers history and a lovely oasis of half wild/half cultivated natural beauty right off busy North Broadway. The formal gardens and koi pools are stunning, with gardens encompassing many styles. It's a cross between a walk in the woods and discovering the ruins of the Gilded Age!

WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON: It the longest foot bridge in the world. Built as a double track, steel cantilever railroad bridge, it was completed on Jan. 1, 1889 and went out of service on May 8, 1974. It was opened as Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park on October 3, 2009.

www.walkway.org

Our tour will also include some very extraordinary private gardens in the region.

Originally, we had hoped to spend a few nights in Manhattan, but with the weak Canada Dollar and the very expensive NYC hotels, we have eliminated the hotel stay in NYC. The tour has been modified to include all the highlights along the Hudson River, plus the number one must-see garden attraction in New York City, the High Line, plus a visit to the New York Botanical Garden.

Itinerary

Day 1 -Departing early, we start our day with Margaret's homemade muffins and after a stop at Duty Free, we have a lunch break along the Erie Canal (your expense), then continue towards New York's capital, Albany. Our welcome dinner is at a local restaurant close to the newly renovated Holiday Inn Express Wolf Road, Albany. (D)

Day 2 –After a hearty breakfast we begin to discover our gardens of the Hudson River Valley. We will experience the combination of nature and art, so harmoniously blended to express grace and elegance of the Hudson River Landscape. We will explore the pretty town of Rhinebeck for lunch. Followed by a tour of the Vanderbilt Estate and a wander through their famous rose gardens. We will stop for a “tailgate party” at the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield before heading to Fishkill and the Hilton Garden

Inn – which will be our home for four nights. Dinner will be with the group. (B, D)

Day 3 – We start the day with a fabulous made to order Hilton Garden Breakfast. Then the discovery continues. Along with private gardens, today we will tour Wethersfield. Lunch today (on your own) will give us an opportunity to explore the town of Millerton, followed by a garden tour at the Locust Grove Estate. Dinner will on your own this evening with time for shopping. (B)

Day 4 –Still discovering....but this time – NEW YORK CITY !!!!! After breakfast, we will make our way into NYC where we will walk the beautiful High Line and marvel at such a beautiful experience in downtown Manhattan. After, we will then travel to the New York Botanical Gardens – for a tram tour and lunch (on your own) More free time will be given after lunch, then we head to the newest garden in the area – Untermyer. We will then return to Fishkill and relax at the Hilton Garden. Dinner is on your own. (B)

Day 5 After breakfast, we then travel to Stonecrop – Frank Cabot's NY Garden- for a morning tour. We then make our way to Tarrytown (south) and enjoy lunch at the Kykuit Welcome Centre (Included). The afternoon is spent on the “Landmark” tour of Kykuit – the Rockefeller Estate. We then head back to Fishkill, where we enjoy a farewell dinner with the group (included). (B,L,D)

Day 6 – After our last Hilton Breakfast, we depart our hotel and start our journey home - but not before experiencing the “Walkway on the Hudson” for breathtaking views. We expect to arrive home in the early evening. (B)

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change.

Your package includes:

- Return motor coach transportation
- 4 nights – Hilton Garden Inn, Fishkill
- 1 night – Holiday Inn Express, Albany
- Meals: 5 breakfasts(B); 1 lunch(L); 3 dinners(D)
- Baggage handling and applicable taxes
- Admission/tours to gardens listed in itinerary
- Services of a Heatherington & Assoc. Tour Director

COST: \$ 1,599 per person, double occupancy (Single occupancy \$ 2,099)

Non-refundable deposit of \$ 500. Is due upon booking with the balance due April 20th, 2018

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All travelers must have a valid/current Canadian Passport - if not Canadian, please contact the office for instructions.

PICK-UP INFORMATION: This tour originates in the GTA. Please call the office for exact departure information.

Travelling more than 80 km from a scheduled pick-up? We will share the cost of your hotel night prior to departure – yes, we will arrange your accommodation at a departure location and pay 50% of your hotel night, prior to departure (max. allowance is \$ 50 per room). Please contact the office for more information.

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