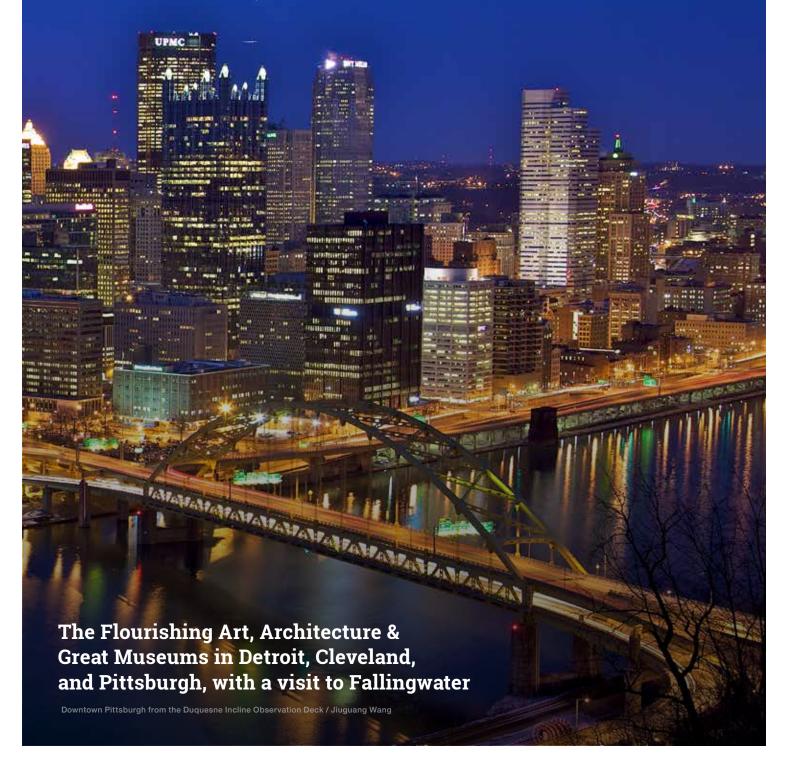
JUNE 7-13, 2021

Great American Museums with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

DETROIT - CLEVELAND - PITTSBURGH

with Dr. Chris Oliver, Associate Curator of American Art





Visit world-class museums, local artist and craft studios, and private historic homes.





This unique six-night travel program focuses on three important U.S. cities:

Detroit, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh—where artists, activists, and entrepreneurs have created opportunity in adversity and helped revitalize their cities into must-see hubs for public and fine art enthusiasts.

For most of the 20th-century, Detroit was our nation's economic engine of progress and experimentation. This heritage is reflected in the treasure trove of early 20th-century mansions, Art Deco skyscrapers, and mid-century masterpieces that define the cityscape. Despite its struggles in the 21st century, the city is currently experiencing a culture-fueled rebirth. Journalists tout Detroit as a haven for young artists and UNESCO designated Detroit as the first "City of Design" in the United States. No trip to Detroit would be complete without a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, one of the top six comprehensive art museums in the United States.

Artists are also making their mark on a changing Cleveland. With inexpensive and large urban studio spaces readily available, Cleveland is a magnet for artists being driven out of cities like New York, Los Angeles, or Chicago by expensive rents. The city boasts one of the nation's most concentrated neighborhoods of world-class cultural institutions, called University Circle, or "the Circle" by locals. Within a 550-acre area lies the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland Cinematheque, and Cleveland Institute of Music.

The week concludes in Pittsburgh—an icon of 21st-century urban success. Pittsburgh was the unquestioned steel capital of the world for most of the 20th century, and the resulting wealth produced a cultural heritage with impressive architecture from the late 1800s and early 1900s still surviving. Andrew Carnegie's iconic libraries and grandiose museums, the home and art collection of his business partner Henry Clay Frick, and Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic Fallingwater jockey for attention against more modern and contemporary cultural venues like the Andy Warhol Museum and the Mattress Factory, home to light-bending pieces by James Turrell and Yayoi Kusama.

(From top) *Detroit Industry* (detail), Diego Rivera, 1932-33, Detroit Institute of Arts (Onasill Bill Badzo); *Wheat Fields after the Rain*, Vincent Van Gogh, 1890, Carnegie Museum of Art; and MOCA Cleveland (Erik Drost)



Custom Itinerary

Monday, June 7, 2021

Arrival & Exploring Downtown Detroit

Upon arriving in Detroit, take a 3:00 pm group transfer to the historic DoubleTree Suites in downtown. Meet your guide and fellow travelers at the hotel and embark on a guided tour of the city's stunning early 20th-century architecture, towering monuments, grand boulevards, parks, and plazas. Enter the magnificent Art Deco Guardian Building for a glimpse into the interior of one of the nation's most extravagant skyscrapers. Learn about the building's composition from its orange brick facade to its stunning lobby adorned in imported marble as well as its evolution over the years to become a National Historic Landmark. Continue to the nearby Detroit Opera House designed by the distinguished Detroit architect Howard Crane. Enjoy an exclusive visit to a private Mies van der Rohe home with the owners in Lafayette Park. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner with fellow travelers at a downtown restaurant.

DoubleTree Suites Downtown Detroit (D)

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Detroit Institute of Arts & Cranbrook Art Museum

Set out for the Detroit Institute of Arts and tour the museum's renowned collection including Diego Rivera's large frescoed panels and works by American artists George Bellows, Frederic Church, Mary Cassatt, Winslow Homer, and others. Following free time for lunch in the museum's café, continue to Cranbrook Art Museum for a curated tour of its collection featuring pieces by renowned artists, including Donald Judd, Joan Mitchell, and Andy Warhol. See Eliel Saarinen's Art Deco House and Frank Lloyd Wright's Smith House. Finish your day with a reception in a private historic home.

DoubleTree Downtown Detroit (B, Rec.)

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

The Henry Ford Greenfield Village

Check out of the hotel and drive to The Henry Ford, an enormous indoor and outdoor history museum complex and a National Historic Landmark. Spend the day exploring the impressive Greenfield Village, which provides truly unique educational experiences based on authentic artifacts and stories from America's traditions of ingenuity and innovation. Continue three hours to Cleveland and check into the Kimpton Schofield, a downtown Cleveland boutique hotel set in a beloved landmarked location.

Kimpton Schofield (B, L)

Thursday, June 10, 2021 Cleveland's Art Scene

Stroll through Lake View Cemetery, renowned for its manicured landscapes graced by monuments of famous Clevelanders, including President Garfield's mausoleum. Continue to the Cleveland Museum of Art for a docentled tour of its collection of American and European 19th- and 20th-century painting and sculpture. Following lunch, visit the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, each housed in bold buildings designed by Farshid Moussavi and I. M. Pei respectively. Enjoy free time at Heinen's, a Cleveland institution and "grocery store" housed in a historic converted bank building and known for offering excellent wine tastings. Kimpton Schofield (B, L)

Friday, June 11, 2021

Contemporary & Historic Pittsburgh

Check out of the hotel and drive 2.5 hours to Pittsburgh. Upon arrival, visit the Mattress Factory, a contemporary art museum and experimental lab featuring site-specific installations created by artists-in-residence from around the world. Following lunch in downtown Pittsburgh, visit the Andy Warhol Museum, the world's largest repository of Warhol art and archives. This afternoon, check into the four-star AC Hotel by Marriott and, following a short break, set out on an architectural walking tour of historic downtown Pittsburgh. Highlights include the Allegheny County Courthouse and historic Grant Street.

AC Hotel by Marriott (B, L)

Saturday, June 12, 2021 Fallingwater & The Frick

Drive to Fallingwater, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most original and daring creations. Discover the rhythmic interplay between interior and exterior space by the numerous terraces, openair walkways, and unexpected views of the trees and water while moving through the house. Following lunch at the café at Fallingwater, continue to the historic home of the Henry Clay Frick family, a wonderfully preserved example of domestic architecture at the turn of the 20th century and one of the few intact homes from Pittsburgh's lost "Millionaire's Row". Next admire outstanding decorative and fine arts at the Frick Art Museum. At a private historic home, discuss preservation efforts with the owner. This evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner. AC Hotel by Marriott (B, L, D)

Sunday, June 13, 2021

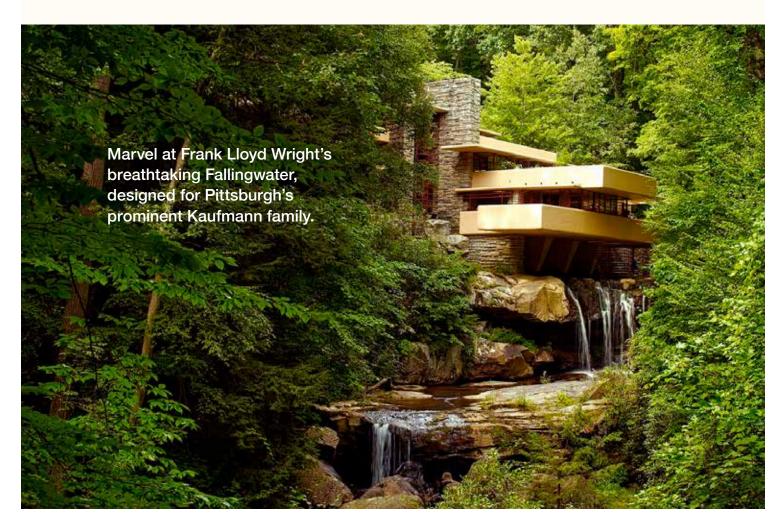
Carnegie Museum of Art & Return Home

Drive to the University of Pittsburgh's main campus, and visit the architecturally unique Heinz Chapel and the Cathedral of Learning, the tallest educational building in the

Western Hemisphere. Continue to the Carnegie Museum of Art, one of the most dynamic major art institutions in America with more than 30,000 objects featuring a broad spectrum of visual arts. Proceed to the Pittsburgh airport, arriving at approximately 1:00 pm for independent flights home. (B)

Hotel Accommodations

Enjoy stylish accommodations at recently renovated historic hotels in Detroit and Cleveland and at one of the newest hotels in downtown Pittsburgh. The DoubleTree Suites Downtown Detroit features spacious rooms and an energetic, downtown bar. The Kimpton Schofield is a downtown Cleveland boutique hotel set in a beloved landmarked location and featuring a nightly wine happy hour. The AC Hotel by Marriott is perfectly located close to all of the impressive art and entertainment in downtown Pittsburgh.



Tour Information

Architectural Detail of The Fisher Building, Detroit / Angie Linder

TOUR COST Land Only\$3,995 Single Supplement\$695

DATES | June 7-13, 2021

ACTIVITY LEVEL | Moderate, good walking ability

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT

A deposit of \$1,000 per paying participant will be required to guarantee participation in the program. This may be paid by check, or by Visa or MasterCard. Final payment will be invoiced and is due on February 25, 2021. Final payment must be made by check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations will be accepted beyond this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check.

FLIGHTS | Airfare is not included in the package cost. Participants are responsible for purchasing their airfare to Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) and from Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT).

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TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS | Airline tickets to Detroit and from Pittsburgh, airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and airport porterage; excursions, activities, or meals marked optional on the itinerary; personal items; personal services; travel extensions; personal insurance for health, baggage, and tour cancellation; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary; personal items; personal services such as laundry, wines, liquors, and mineral water; travel extensions and transportation not included on the itinerary; personal insurance for health, baggage, and tour cancellation; passport fees; visa fees; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; any item not specifically listed as included.

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Assistant Curator of American Art, joined VMFA in 2013. His particular interests in American art encompass painting. sculpture, and prints of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. He has published and presented widely on topics ranging from European modernism, vernacular art and architecture in colonial America, to the popular vogue for panorama paintings in the mid-nineteenth century. At VMFA, Oliver curated The Likeness of Labor (2015) and co-curated Remnants and Revivals: Architectural Etchings by Charles Mervon and John Taylor Arms (2016). as well as participated in the installation and publication of Matisse, Picasso, and Modern Art in Paris (2010) and The James W. and Frances Gibson McGlothlin Collection of American Art (2015). Among Oliver's current projects are an exhibition and catalog considering the Natural Bridge of Virginia as an important site of artistic inspiration and myth-making in the nineteenth century. He received his PhD and MA in the history of art and architecture from the University of Virginia, and his BA in art history from the University of Richmond. Before joining VMFA, Oliver held fellowship positions at Revnolda House Museum of American Art, Winterthur Museum, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.