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VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



Mansions & Gardens of Philadelphia & the Brandywine Valley

May 10–14, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

TAKE a director-led tour of the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, exploring its landscape paintings and fine masterpieces by Renoir, Cézanne, Picasso, and other legendary artists

DELIGHT in an enriching behind-the-scenes tour of the renowned gardens and decorative arts museum at Winterthur, the 979-acre estate and former home of horticulturist Henry Francis du Pont, and view rooms not usually seen by the public

ENJOY exclusive tours of spectacular gardens and venues in the Brandywine Valley, with special access to Chanticleer Garden and a private farewell dinner and reception at Longwood Gardens, with its 1,100 acres of gardens, meadows, and forests on a property founded by Pierre S. du Pont

PARTICIPATE in a special gardening workshop with the experts at Mt. Cuba Center, which contains pristine botanical gardens set amid woodlands and rolling hills in the Delaware Piedmont

STAY in luxurious accommodations, including Philadelphia's vibrant, cosmopolitan Logan Hotel, with its curated collection of locally inspired art, and Wilmington's legendary Hotel du Pont, an elegant monument to Gilded Age glamour

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Dear Friends,

In May 2022, join the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts among the rolling hills and picturesque scenery of Philadelphia and the nearby Brandywine Valley. Take a spectacular journey back to the early 19th century, when French-born chemist and entrepreneur E.I. du Pont made his mark in the New World. Over four nights, experience how the du Pont family's legacy has shaped the Brandywine region, from its opulent homes and world-famous gardens, to its renowned museums and cultural centers.

Begin in Philadelphia with a director-led tour of the Barnes Foundation, exploring its magnificent collections of landscape paintings and masterpieces from Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse, Picasso, Modigliani, Van Gogh, and other icons. Then, discover Chanticleer Garden, former estate of a famed Main Line family, and its 48 acres of botanical gardens, open lawns, and woodlands. Travel to the beautiful Delaware Piedmont, and attend a gardening workshop with experts amid blooming wildflowers and marvelous woodlands at the Mt. Cuba Center.

From there, continue to Wilmington to enjoy the palatial homes and stunning gardens created by the du Pont family. A highlight will be a director-led tour of the Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, formerly the home of celebrated antique collector Henry Francis du Pont and his vast collection of early American furniture, ceramics, silver, and books. Our trip will end with a special tour and private farewell dinner at Longwood Gardens, founded by Pierre S. du Pont, and considered one of the most extraordinary public gardens in the country.

This program is truly a delight for all your senses, with accommodations at the elegant Logan Hotel in Philadelphia and the glamorous Hotel du Pont in Wilmington. Revel in many special surprises, including amazing meals at enticing venues. I hope you join us next spring.

With warm regards,



Adele "Hutch" Livingston
VMFA Coordinator of Member Travel



Fountain at Longwood
Gardens, Wilmington



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Paul Gauguin (French, 1848–1903) *Mr. Loulou (Louis Le Ray)*, 1890. Oil on canvas, the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia



The Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia

TUESDAY, MAY 10: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

In the late morning, arrive in Philadelphia and have lunch at a special venue, followed by a tour with the director at the Barnes Foundation. The foundation's mission is to promote the advancement of education and the appreciation of the fine arts and horticulture. This evening, delight in a private reception before dinner. L,R,D

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11: PHILADELPHIA / WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Today visit Chanticleer Garden, with its 48 acres of botanical gardens, open lawns, and woodlands featuring Asian and North American flora. Built on the former estate of the Rosengarten family in Philadelphia's Main Line region, Chanticleer's house and grounds are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Before arriving in Wilmington this afternoon, stop at Mt. Cuba Center, a botanical garden in the gently rolling hills of the Delaware Piedmont. Its woodland gardens produce some of the most spectacular displays of wildflowers in the Mid-Atlantic region. Delight in a special gardening workshop with one of the center's experts. B,L

THURSDAY, MAY 12: WILMINGTON

This morning, explore the history of the du Ponts at the fascinating Hagley Museum and Library, which includes the ancestral home and gardens of the du Pont family. Located on the banks of the Brandywine River, Hagley is the former industrial site of the gunpowder works founded by E.I. du Pont in 1802. After lunch on your own this afternoon, visit a private home and garden (*based on availability*). This evening, dinner is at leisure in Wilmington. You may choose to visit the modern and trendy waterfront area on the Delaware River, with its numerous restaurants and shops. B



Hagley Museum & Library, photo by Ashley Schroeder, courtesy of WBVTB

Gardens, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, Wilmington



FRIDAY, MAY 13: WILMINGTON

Today, we will visit Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, the premier museum of American decorative arts, which is nestled in the heart of the lovely Brandywine Valley. Almost 60 years ago, horticulturist and collector Francis du Pont opened the doors of Winterthur, which was his childhood home, to the public. We will be joined by one of the directors and have behind-the-scenes access to areas of Winterthur that are generally not open to the public. This afternoon, enjoy a very special visit to Longwood Gardens, 1,100 acres of gardens, meadows, and forests on a property founded by Pierre S. du Pont. This evening, savor a private farewell dinner at the estate. B,D

SATURDAY, MAY 14: WILMINGTON / PHILADELPHIA / RETURN

After breakfast, depart the hotel at your leisure. B
This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

Fountain at Longwood Gardens, Wilmington



ACCOMMODATIONS



The Logan Hotel, Philadelphia

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Indulge in an elegant urban retreat in the heart of Philadelphia. Enjoy an authentic experience in the City of Brotherly Love surrounded by locally curated works of art, and relax in spacious and stylish guest rooms. Savor unique dishes in the Logan’s four dining venues, with awe-inspiring city views from the rooftop bar, and replenish the mind, body, and spirit in the city’s premier spa and wellness center.

Hotel du Pont, Wilmington

With a storied elegance and tradition befitting one of the world’s most prestigious hotels, the Hotel du Pont stands as a magnificent bridge between Wilmington’s rich past and cosmopolitan present. Since welcoming its first guests in 1913, the hotel has remained a Gilded Age icon, a monument to a time when artistry, grace, and sophistication ruled the day.

Hotel du Pont, Wilmington



Interior, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, Wilmington



Historic river front, Wilmington

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RESERVATION FORM

PROGRAM RATE

\$2,999 per person, double rate

\$3,599 single rate

RATE INCLUDES

- Four nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, R = Reception, D = Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach and entrance fees for included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE Airfare; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

To reserve a place, please call Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, fax: 212-344-7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Room Preference Double Twin Single (limited availability)

I wish to share a room with _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

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Name on credit card

Credit card number

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Longwood Gardens, Wilmington