

TOURS

The “City of Brotherly Love,” welcomes you to its rich history and iconic sites, such as the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall that date back to the American Revolution. Founded by William Penn, Philadelphia is Pennsylvania’s largest city and the Commonwealth’s economic and cultural anchor that boasts a fervent sports culture, lively waterfront concerts and festivals on the Delaware River and nearly 10,000 acres of public parks. *For more information, visit www.visitphilly.com*

Tour A

Sun., May 20

Longwood Gardens

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Considered one of the world’s great gardens and a premier horticultural showcase, Longwood Gardens offers a world of unparalleled beauty, with natural woodlands, majestic gardens, architectural grandeur and intricate fountains. On your visit to Longwood Gardens, you will discover how it echoes the legacy, innovation and stewardship of its founder, Pierre S. DuPont. A leader in horticultural excellence, Longwood Gardens provides world-class learning opportunities for children and adults and is one of the top venues for the region’s cultural events. *For more information, visit www.longwoodgardens.com*

Tour B

Mon., May 21

Historic Philadelphia

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

As the birthplace of American freedom, Philadelphia offers an inspiring journey through history that no other city can offer — learn about independence at Independence Hall, salute liberty at the Liberty Bell and celebrate freedom at the National Constitution Center. *For more information, visit www.constitutioncenter.org*

Tour C

Mon., May 21

Chanticleer Garden and Reception

2-6 p.m.

Join us for a special self-guided tour of Chanticleer, one of the newest and most visually exciting gardens in what is known as “America’s Garden Capital,” in Wayne, Pa. Chanticleer, typically closed to the public on Mondays, encourages NGC guests to explore the 35-acre pleasure garden and enjoy a light reception in the picturesque setting, which includes a mile-long path that meanders through themed areas, including Asian Woods, Bell’s Woodland, Pond Garden, Serpentine, Teacup Garden, Orchard, Minder Ruin and Gravel Garden. Thousands of native and exotic, hardy and non-hardy plants grace the landscape, tended by expert and artistic horticulturists. Chanticleer was the home of the Rosengarten family and has evolved greatly since opening to the public in 1993. London’s Financial Times called Chanticleer “planted to perfection ... in the same high class as the famous gardens in England.” Garden attire is recommended. *For more information, visit www.chanticleergarden.org*

Tour D

Mon., May 21

“Philadelphia in Bloom” Walking Tour

2-4 p.m.

A tour leader offers a rich history of Philadelphia on a stroll through neighborhoods that provide a glimpse of parks, gardens, architecture and artistic murals.

Tour E

Tues., May 22

Boat Trip to Bartram’s Garden

9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sail down the Schuylkill River to Bartram’s Garden and learn how three generations of the Bartram family helped Philadelphia become a mecca of natural science, education and government. Their explorations of the

wild American frontier not only altered the horticultural landscape of a young America itself, but also Great Britain, Europe, and the rest of the world. From the dock you can take a short walk up the meadow to see amazing views of the city skyline and explore the garden, community farm, recreational trail and the historic home of America's first great botanist. *For more information, visit www.bartramsgarden.org and www.schuylkillbanks.org*

Tour F

Tues., May 22

Longwood Gardens

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Another tour of Longwood Gardens is planned, so don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit one of the world's great gardens!

Tour G

Tues., May 22

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Community Gardens Tour

9:30 a.m.-Noon

A special trolley tour stops at some of Philadelphia's most vibrant and unique community gardens and murals. Gardeners will welcome participants into these bountiful growing spaces, which provide a brilliant array of fresh food, flowers and other benefits to their communities. *For more information, visit www.phsonline.org*

Tour H

Tues., May 22

Museum of the American Revolution

2-4 p.m.

From the early stirrings of unrest in Boston to the opening shots of the War of Independence, and from the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the creation of the American Republic, the Museum of the American Revolution's core exhibition explores the ideas, events and legacies of America's revolutionary beginnings. Visit this newly opened museum and experience first-hand America's Revolution. *For more information, visit www.amrevmuseum.org*

Tour I

Wed., May 23

Philadelphia Mint

10 a.m.-Noon

Chances are, the coins jingling in your pocket or purses are probably made right here in Philadelphia at the United States Mint. Visiting the U.S. Mint is a unique experience. It's one of only two places in the United States where you can see the manufacture of our nation's circulating coinage; other U.S. mints **don't** offer public tours. Please note: U.S. Mint security will ask all adults to show government-issued identification upon entry. *For more information, visit www.usmint.com and <http://www.phillymag.com/ticket/2015/03/19/5-reasons-you-should-take-a-tour-of-the-united-states-mint/>*

Tour J

Wed., May 23

Eastern State Penitentiary

2-5 p.m.

Eastern State Penitentiary, America's most historic prison, was once the most famous prison in the world. Known for its grand Gothic architecture and strict discipline, Eastern State Penitentiary was the world's first true penitentiary, a prison designed to inspire penitence, or true regret. Its vaulted sky-lit cells once held many of America's most notorious criminals, hosting a "Who's Who" of the criminal underworld, including bank robber "Slick Willie" Sutton and mobster "Scarface" Al Capone. The 11-acre prison offered amenities such as central heat, running water and flush toilets before The White House. *For more information, visit <http://www.easternstate.org> or <http://www.visitphilly.com/museums-attractions/philadelphia/eastern-state-penitentiary/>*

Tour K

Thurs., May 24

PECO Green Roof Tour

2:30-5:30 p.m. (three one-hour tours)

Learn about green roof technology and how it helps the environment. The 45,000 square foot PECO (formerly known as Philadelphia Electric Company) Green Roof, maintained by PHS, features an observation deck and stunning downtown views of Philadelphia. *For more information, visit www.phsonline.org*

Tour L

Thurs., May 24

From History to Happy Hour Brewery Tour

2:30-6:30 p.m.

What could possibly be better than combining Philadelphia's most iconic historic sites with award-winning beer? Nothing! Tap into Philly's legendary history along with its epic beer scene on this adventure through Philly's major landmarks and into its famed bars, pubs and microbreweries. Make a toast in Philadelphia's oldest pub, sample craft brews, and learn why Philadelphia is one of America's best beer cities. Several drinks and snacks included. *For more information, visit <https://www.urbanadventures.com/Philadelphia-tour-from-history-to-happy-hour>*

POST-CONVENTION TOURS

Tour M

Fri., May 25

Grounds for Sculpture

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

This 42-acre public sculpture park is located in Hamilton, N.J., and was founded in 1992 on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds by Seward Johnson to promote an understanding of and appreciation for contemporary sculpture. Visitors can enjoy an outdoor permanent collection of over 270 sculptures by both well-known and emerging contemporary artists, as well as indoor seasonal exhibitions in eight galleries. Grounds for Sculpture also is a garden and arboretum, featuring paved terraces, pergolas and courtyards juxtaposed with natural woodlands, ponds and groves of bamboo. The grounds boast more than 100 species and cultivars and over 2,000 trees, with many rare and unusual finds. *For more information, visit <http://www.groundsforsculpture.org/Plan-Your-Visit> and <https://www.visitprinceton.org/listing/grounds-for-sculpture/5775/>*

Tour N

Fri. May 25

Winterthur, Brandywine River Museum, Brandywine Cottage, Reception and Dinner at Funny Fox Farm, and Illuminated Fountain Display at Longwood Gardens

9 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

Winterthur

Almost 60 years ago, collector and horticulturist Henry Francis du Pont (1880–1969), opened his childhood home, Winterthur, to the public. Today, Winterthur (pronounced “winter-tour”) is the premier museum of American decorative arts, with an unparalleled collection of nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America between about 1640 and 1860. The collection is displayed in the magnificent 175-room house, much as it was when the du Pont family lived there. Winterthur is set amidst a 1,000-acre preserve of rolling meadows and woodlands. Designed by du Pont, its 60-acre naturalistic garden is among America's best, with magnificent specimen plantings and massed displays of color. *For more information, visit www.winterthur.org*

Brandywine River Museum

Often called the "Wyeth Museum" for its extensive collection of works by the internationally acclaimed Wyeth family— grandfather N.C., father Andrew and son Jamie— the Brandywine River Museum is housed in a converted 19th-century grist mill on the banks of the Brandywine in Chadds Ford, Pa. The Chadds Ford studio

where Andrew Wyeth, one of America's most significant artists, painted many of his most important works of art will be open for the tour. *For more information, visit <http://www.brandywine.org/museum> and <http://www.thebrandywine.com/attractions/rivermus.html>*

Brandywine Cottage is David Culp's beloved two-acre Pennsylvania garden where he mastered "interplanting," the design technique of layering many different species in the same area so that as one plant passes its peak, another takes over. The result is a non-stop parade of color that begins with a tapestry of heirloom daffodils and hellebores in spring and ends with a jewel-like blend of Asian wildflowers at the onset of winter. *For more information, visit www.davidculp.com*

Reception and Dinner at Funny Fox Farm

Enjoy a cocktail reception and dinner at the home of former 1992 and 2002 NGC Convention Chairs, Sandy and Spencer Manthorpe. The Manthorpes' home is located in picturesque Chester County.

Longwood Gardens

End your day at Longwood Gardens with the illuminated fountain performance. Be dazzled with this spectacle unlike any other. Before or after the 30-minute show, stroll through the five-acre garden for a nighttime experience that evokes Old World charm. The illuminated fountain performances, combined with music, offer a spectacle unlike any other. *For more information, visit <https://longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/fountains>*