

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY



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Price per person based on two sharing a room

\$1,850*

Single Supplement - \$600

*Includes a \$100 Donation to NGC

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*Join us as we explore one of America's most scenic and historic areas. Once selected by the editors of **National Geographic Traveler Magazine** as one of the year's must-see places, the Hudson River Valley is known for its magnificent scenery, historic mansions, cultural treasures and unique attractions as well as its glorious gardens.*

Day-by-Day Itinerary:

Sunday, October 15

After arriving independently at New York LaGuardia, or other New York area airport, you will make your way by taxi to the Doubletree Suites at Times Square. Our group will gather in the evening for a welcome dinner.

Monday, October 16

After breakfast at the hotel, your tour guide and coach will pick you up in New York City and depart for Sleepy Hollow Country. Your first stop is the Phillipsburg Manor Visitor's Center where you will be treated to a docent lead tour of Kykuit, the home to four generations of the Rockefeller family, beginning with Philanthropist, John D. Rockefeller, the founder of Standard Oil. This is a preeminent Hudson Valley landmark known for its architecture, remarkable gardens, art, history, and spectacular scenery. You will enjoy elegant rooms, expansive beautifully kept gardens and a collection of carriages and classic autos. Also on display are a series of tapestries commissioned by Nelson Rockefeller based on his favorite paintings by Pablo Picasso and woven under the artist's supervision. After the tour you will enjoy a catered lunch at the Visitor's Center.

After lunch you will travel to Stone Crop Gardens for a guided tour. The display gardens cover an area of twelve acres and incorporate a diverse collection of gardens and plants including woodland and water gardens, a grass garden, perennial beds and an enclosed English-style flower garden.

You will be greeted with a welcome reception at the Hyatt Hotel in Fishkill, your home base during your stay in the Hudson Valley, and dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Tuesday, October 17

After breakfast at the hotel, you will meet your Hudson River Tour Guide and depart for the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Site. FDR's lifelong home in Hyde Park contains extensive displays on the life and careers of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. The first presidential library, and the only one used by its namesake while in office, was planned and designed by Roosevelt in the Dutch Colonial style and houses his official papers, books and other memorabilia as well as papers of the First Lady, Eleanor.

Lunch will be at the famous Culinary Institute of America. The CIA, as everyone calls it, resides in an enormous red-brick Georgian colonial building that formerly was a seminary; you will see the old chapel as you come up the drive. Its purpose is to educate around 2000 at a time in the culinary arts and baking and pastry arts, which it does well and thoroughly. Chefs in good restaurants across the country have graduated from here.

You will then tour the Vanderbilt Mansion, a 50 room Classical-style mansion built in 1898 by Frederick William Vanderbilt, a grandson of "Commodore" Cornelius Vanderbilt, the shipping and railroad magnate and the richest man in America during his lifetime. The home's architecture is reminiscent of a French chateau with Italian gardens and has spectacular views of the Hudson River and valley.

The next stop will be the Hudson Valley's most unique state park, the Walkway over the Hudson. At 1.4 miles, it is the longest elevated (212 feet) pedestrian bridge in the world, linking Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

Dinner this evening will be at a fine restaurant overlooking the Hudson River, which is very near The Walkway over the Hudson.

Wednesday, October 18

After breakfast you will depart for Olana State Historic Site, the home of one of America's most renowned landscape painters, Frederic Church. Church designed a house on the estate's highest point that incorporated exotic architectural elements he saw on his travels. Church used the surrounding land as a three-dimensional canvas, planting thousands of trees, creating a lake and building over five miles of carriage drives. Today, Olana, with its unrivaled panoramic views of the Hudson Valley, is considered a landmark of picturesque landscape gardening.

Lunch today will be on your own in the quaint, boutique town of Rhinebeck where you can enjoy some free time to check out the many restaurants and shops.

The rest of the day will be spent at Mohonk Mountain House, the 148 year old Victorian Resort, 1200 feet above the valley including 7,500 acres of spectacular grounds. The gardens are mature and grand; specimen trees dot the lawns; 85 miles of hiking trails and carriage roads take you through the general magnificence; and you can see six states from Mohonk's Sky Top Tower. Some folks consider this one of the most beautiful hotel sites on earth. Enjoy a gourmet dinner this evening in their magnificent dining room overlook the Shawangunk Mountains."

Thursday, October 19

Today your first stop after breakfast will be Innisfree Gardens. It has been said that Innisfree, centered on a 40 acre glacial lake, is surely one of the most unusual and beautiful gardens not only in the Valley, but in the country. Following the trail around the lake is a wonderful experience. From the basic path, you can detour into inwardly focused gardens and garden vignettes within the larger, naturalistic landscape.

Later, learn the process of the production of Maple Syrup, from the trees to the bottle, at Madava Farms which has an abundance of Sugar Maple and Red Maple Trees. You will then enjoy a maple inspired farm style lunch, prepared by a Culinary Institute graduate.

The last stop of the day will be at Millbrook Winery for a tour and tasting. After a guided tour of the facility, enjoy tasting some of the finest wines from the Hudson River Valley.

Dinner tonight is on your own. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the hotel including a dinner theatre where offerings are prepared by CIA graduates.

Friday, October 20

Check out of the hotel and after breakfast depart for the New York Botanical Gardens.

You will have a 45 minute docent tour and free time to enjoy the gardens on your own.

Enjoy lunch on your own at the Pine Tree Café before departing for LaGuardia airport for your return flight to your home city. Please schedule your flight after 2:00 pm. (If LaGuardia Airport is not convenient for your departure, arrangements can be made to get you to alternative airports in the vicinity.)

Itinerary includes:

- 1 night lodging at the Doubletree Suites, Times Square, New York City
- 4 nights lodging at the Hyatt House, Fishkill, NY
- 5 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, and 4 Dinners
- Tour of the Rockefeller Estate and gardens, Kykuit
- Tour of Stone Crop Gardens
- Tour of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Home and Library
- Tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion and gardens
- Tour of Olana State Historic Site
- Visit to Walkway over the Hudson
- Visit to Mohonk Mountain House
- Innisfree Gardens
- Madava Farms for Tour and tasting of their Crown Maple Syrup
- Millbrook Winery Tour and Tasting
- Tram Tour of the NY Botanical Gardens

Airfare: Airfare is not included.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- Nonrefundable Deposit of \$500 required at time of registration. Deposit will be refunded if the entire trip is cancelled
- Optional Trip Insurance can be purchased at any time; however, *if insurance is purchased at or before final payment due date and the insured is age 79 or younger, the pre-existing condition exclusions will be waived.* Optional Trip Insurance premium is refundable if the entire trip is cancelled
- Final payment is due August 15, 2017
- For cancellation between August 15 and September 15, 2017, the cancellation penalty is 50%.
- For cancellation after September 15, 2017, cancellation penalty is 100% of trip cost

Reservations will be accepted until July 15, 2017. Early registration is recommended as space on this tour is limited.

Tour Conditions:

Not included in the price are airfares, single room supplement, individual transfers, passports, laundry, excess baggage, items of a personal nature, and optional travel insurance.

ACCOMODATIONS: The per-person tour price is based on double occupancy. Single room supplement is \$600. Roommates are not guaranteed. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. You will be charged the single supplement if you do not have a roommate and none can be found.

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OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:

- ***Trip insurance is highly recommended. The optional policy is \$150 and includes the following coverage:***
- Trip Cancellation - Up to Amount of Trip Cost
- Trip Interruption – Up to 150% of Trip Cost
- Missed Connection (3 hours or more) - \$1000
- Travel Delay (6 Hours or More) - \$150 per day/\$750 maximum
- Accident & Sickness Medical Expense - \$50,000
- Emergency Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains - \$250,000
- Non-Medical Emergency Evacuation - \$25,000
- One Call 24-Hour Travel Assistance Service
- Baggage & Personal Effects - \$2,500
- Baggage Delay (12 hours or more) - \$250
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment - \$25,000

Full Details of Coverage are Available from Boutique Tours, Inc.

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Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Roommate: _____

Address: _____

(Street)

(city/state)

(zip)

Phone numbers: (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____

(Home)

(cell)

Business or Day)

E-mail: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Hotel Accommodations Preference: ___ One King/Queen Bed ___ Two Beds ___ Single Room

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Item	Deposit	Total Amount
Land Package – Total Cost \$1,850 per person (Add \$600 for Single Supplement)	\$500	
Optional Travel Protection Plan (\$150 per person)	\$150	
Total Payment Enclosed With Registration		

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