

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS

ARKANSAS GARDENS AND ART

WITH A DAY AT MOSS MOUNTAIN FARM



Photo courtesy of Moss Mountain Farm

October 8-13, 2018

Price per person based on two sharing a room - \$2,050*

Single Supplement - \$600

*Includes a \$100 Donation to NGC

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Join us as we explore some of Arkansas's most beautiful gardens and mountainous landscapes; learn about the history of the famous Hot Springs resort (now a National Park) and the Victorian town of Eureka Springs; and discover the phenomenal art and architecture of Crystal Bridges Museum. For gardeners, the highlight of our journey will be a day at the famed Moss Mountain Farm, home of P. Allen Smith.

Day-by-Day Itinerary:

Monday, October 8, 2018 (D)

After arriving independently at the Clinton National Airport, Little Rock, make your way by taxi to the Capital Hotel in downtown Little Rock. After checking into the hotel, it is easy to explore several of Little Rock's most popular attractions. Interesting nearby places to visit include the Clinton Presidential Library, Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, Arkansas State Capitol, the Old State House Museum, and Heifer International.

Our group will gather in the evening for a welcome dinner in the hotel.

Overnight: Capital Hotel, Little Rock

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 (B,D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to Garvin Woodland Gardens, the botanical garden of the University of Arkansas, on the shores of Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs. Here, you can wander through numerous and varied garden settings within a 210-acre landscape of woodlands, streams, waterfalls, cascades, and picturesque bridges. Some of the highlights include a model train garden; a children's adventure garden, a 45-acre nature preserve, a bonsai garden, and a woodland walk. The Garden of the Pine Wind is a four-acre majestic rock and stream garden that has been voted the 5th best Asian garden in North America by the Journal of Japanese Gardening.

In the afternoon, we will visit the Hot Springs National Park where we will tour the historic Fordyce Bathhouse which now houses the national park visitor center and have time to stroll along Bathhouse Row to enjoy the architecture and elegance of a bygone time. A walk through historic downtown Hot Springs will reveal fashionable boutiques, art galleries, and specialty stores, as well as several restaurants where you can have lunch on your own.

This evening, we will tour the beautiful Marlsgate Plantation and its formal garden designed by P. Allen Smith for a former owner. After our tour we will enjoy dinner in this beautiful setting.

Overnight: Capital Hotel, Little Rock

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 (B,L,D)

We will spend the entire day at Moss Mountain Farm, home of P. Allen Smith. We will tour the vegetable garden, the rose garden, the terraced gardens, the cottage built for Google, Allen's main home, the animals, and the gift shop. Lunch and dinner will be farm-to-table experiences; there will be a workshop on container gardening; and, barring an unforeseen circumstance, Allen will be there to greet us.

Overnight: Capital Hotel, Little Rock

Thursday, October 11, 2018 (B,L)

Today, we travel through beautiful mountainous areas to Bentonville. Along the way, we will stop to experience the charm of the quaint Victorian village of Eureka Springs and enjoy an included lunch. A trolley tour will acquaint us with the town's history and its beautiful old homes and other significant buildings. After our tour, we will have some free time to visit some of Eureka Springs' many unique shops. Before leaving the area, we will see the renowned Thorncrown Chapel, a magnificent woodland sanctuary containing 425 windows and over 6,000 square feet of glass. Thorncrown Chapel, described as "one of the most beautiful and inspiring chapels in the world", has won numerous prestigious architectural awards including 4th place on the American Institute of Architects' list of the top buildings of the 20th century and an AIA gold medal in 1990.

After checking into our Bentonville hotel, we will have free time in Bentonville's charming downtown to see the Walmart Museum and enjoy dinner on your own in one of the town's many restaurants.

Overnight: Bentonville

Friday, October 12, 2018 (B,D)

Our entire day is devoted to exploring Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. In addition to its fine art collection, Crystal Bridges is known for its tribute to American architecture. The museum's collection includes one of Frank Lloyd Wright's middle-class Usonian homes that was moved from Millstone, New Jersey, and reconstructed in an idyllic setting modeled after its original site. On the opposite side of the museum, the largest of Buckminster Fuller's Fly Eye Domes is being installed and is scheduled to be open by the time of our visit. Fuller envisioned the dome as "a beautiful, fully equipped, air-deliverable house that weighs and costs as much as a good automobile", and his archives related to the dome's development will be on view.

Walking the grounds at Crystal Bridges is a true delight. The 120-acre site includes 3.5 miles of splendid trails complete with outdoor sculptures, picturesque bridges, and a gurgling stream. At the end of the Art Trail adjacent to downtown Bentonville, be sure to check out the 6.5 acre Compton Gardens with its native woodland plants, nature trails, and prairie.

We will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Bentonville

Saturday, October 13, 2018 (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will return to the Clinton National Airport in Little Rock, or, if you prefer, to the nearby Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport for your flight to your home city. If you are flying from Little Rock, please schedule your flight after noon.

Itinerary includes:

- *3 nights lodging at the Capital Hotel, Little Rock*
- *2 nights lodging in first-class Bentonville, Arkansas, hotel*
- *5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, and 4 Dinners*
- *Guided Tours and entrances: Garvin Gardens, Hot Springs National Park, Marlsgate Plantation, Eureka Springs, Thorncrown Chapel, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Frank Lloyd Wright House*
- *Day at Moss Mountain Farm with workshop*

Airfare: Airfare is not included.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- Nonrefundable Deposit of \$500 is required at time of registration. Deposit will be refunded if the entire trip is cancelled
- Optional Trip Insurance is available and highly recommended.
- Final payment is due August 1, 2018
- For cancellation after August 1, 2018, cancellation penalty is 100% of trip cost

Reservations will be accepted until June 15, 2018. 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.

RESPONSIBILITY: Boutique Tours, Inc. and/or supplier of services pursuant to or in connection with this itinerary shall not be responsible or become liable for any delay incurred by any person in connection with any means of transportation; for loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any event beyond the control of Boutique Tours, Inc. or supplier, or occurring without the fault or negligence of Boutique Tours, Inc. or supplier. This right is reserved to substitute dates of departure, alternative routing or cancellation of the trip if the minimum number of bookings is not reached. The schedules contained herein are subject to change without notice.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Trip insurance is highly recommended. The optional policy includes the following coverage:

- Trip Cancellation - Up to Amount of Trip Cost Including Airfare
- Trip Interruption – Up to 150% of Trip Cost
- Missed Connection - \$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
- Political or Security Evacuation - \$25,000
- Baggage & Personal Effects - \$2,500
- Baggage Delay (More Than 12 hours) - \$250
- Accidental Death & Dismemberment - \$25,000

Insurance Premiums:

Age 35 and under - \$125

Age 36 to 55 - \$150

Age 56 to 65 - \$200

Age 66 to 75 - \$300

Age 76 and over - \$350

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Registration Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Roommate: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (city/state) (zip)

Phone numbers: (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
(Home) (cell) Business or Day)

E-mail: _____ Birthdate: _____

Badge Name: _____

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 \$2,050 per person (Add \$600 for Single Supplement)	\$500	
Optional Travel Protection Plan – See Previous Page for Pricing		
Total Payment Enclosed with Registration		

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