

Mansions and Gardens of the Brandywine Valley



Sunday August 18th to
Friday August 23rd, 2024

6 days/5 nights

Less than an hour from Philadelphia and surrounded by lush countryside and rambling rivers, the **Brandywine Valley is America's Garden Capital**. Home to an array of intriguing museums, historical landmarks, extravagant botanical gardens and more.

Dominating this area are the mansions and gardens of the du Pont Family.

The du Ponts were recognized as a family which has made the neighborhood of Wilmington, Delaware one of the chief centers of horticulture in the United States. They have been one of the richest families in the United States since the mid-19th century, when the du Pont family founded its fortune in the gunpowder business. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it expanded its wealth through the chemical industry and the automotive industry, with substantial interests in the DuPont company, General Motors, and various other corporations.

During your three-night stay in the Brandywine Valley:

Tours of:

- Longwood Gardens (Pierre Dupont)
- Winterthur Estate and Gardens (Henry Dupont)
- Nemours Estate and Gardens (Alfred Dupont)
- Chanticleer Gardens
- Mt. Cuba Gardens (Dupont)
- Hagley Estate and Museum (Dupont)
- Brandywine River Museum - the Wyeth Family
- Cutler Botanical Gardens (Cornell University)

Your tour package includes:

- Return luxury motor coach transportation.
- Two nights at the Springhill Suites, Scranton (one night each way)
- Three nights at the Brandywine River Hotel
- Attractions: Admission to all stated above
- Three Breakfasts at the Brandywine River Hotel
- Additional meals included: Two lunches; Three dinners.
- All applicable taxes
- Services of Margaret Dailey-Plouffe, HNA Travels Tour Director

COST: \$ 1,899. Cdn. per person/double occupancy - Single \$ 2,399

Deposit of \$ 500. Due upon booking – balance due May 30th

Please note that this tour sold in 2017 for \$ 1, 999. dble.occ. – and included less meals. We are striving to keep our tours cost effective but still include all of the extras that you, my fellow travelers, have come to expect.

READY TO BOOK? Simply call us and you are on your way.

- ✓ Call Ottawa: 613-843-9900; TOLL-FREE 1-877-672-3030
- ✓ OR e-mail: hnatravels@gmail.com
- ✓ Pay by Cheque/Visa/Master Card.

Please note: All travelers must have a valid/current Canadian Passport - if not Canadian, please contact the office for instructions.

PICK-UP INFORMATION:

This tour originates in the Burlington/GTA and will travel eastbound, through Kingston.

CANCELLATION INSURANCE AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY MEDICAL INSURANCE is always recommended,

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Highlights of the Tour:

Longwood Gardens: Pierre Dupont

Today the 1,077-acre Longwood Gardens consists of varied outdoor gardens, ranging from formal to naturalistic in their landscape design, and 20 indoor gardens within a 4.5 acre (1.8 hectares) group of heated greenhouses. Longwood's Conservatory contains 4,600 different types of plants and trees, as well as fountains. The gardens also have extensive educational programs including a tuition-free two-year school of professional horticulture, a graduate program, and extensive internships.

The gardens have attracted more than one million visitors a year since 2012. Plans for growth and expansion for the

next four decades began in 2010 with their mission "to celebrate Longwood, enjoy it, keep it, preserve it, while asking how it could function as a spectacular place for larger groups of people in the 21st century."



Winterthur: Henry Dupont

Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library is an American estate and museum in Winterthur, Delaware. Winterthur houses one of the richest collections of Americana in the United States.

The museum and estate were the home of Henry Francis du Pont (1880–1969), Winterthur's founder and a prominent antiques collector and horticulturist.



Nemours Estate and Gardens:

Alfred Dupont

The **Nemours Estate** is a 200-acre (81 ha) country estate with *jardin à la française* formal gardens and a French neoclassical mansion in Wilmington, Delaware, United States.

Built to resemble a French château, its 105 rooms on four floors occupy nearly 47,000 sq ft (4,400 m²).

It shares the grounds at 1600 Rockland Road with the Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, and both are owned by the Nemours Foundation.



Chanticleer Garden: is a 48-acre botanical garden built on the grounds of the Rosengarten estate at 786 Church Road in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Located on Philadelphia's historic Main Line, Chanticleer retains a domestic scale and welcomes visitors for relaxation, walking, and picnics.

The grounds became open to the public in 1993.

The house and grounds were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.



Mt. Cuba Gardens: Dupont

Mt. Cuba Center is a non-profit botanical garden located in Hockessin, Delaware, near Wilmington, 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.

Education courses, including a Certificate in Ecological Gardening, are offered year-round.



Hagley Estate and Museum: Dupont

The **Hagley Museum and Library** is a nonprofit educational institution in unincorporated New Castle County, Delaware, near Wilmington. Covering more than 235 acres (95 ha) along the banks of the Brandywine Creek, the museum and grounds include the first du Pont family home and garden in the United States, the powder yards, and a 19th-century machine shop. On the hillside below the mansion lies a Renaissance Revival garden, with terraces and statuary,^[4] created in the 1920s by Louise Evelina du Pont Crowninshield (1877–1958).



Brandywine River Museum - the Wyeth Family

The **Brandywine Museum of Art** is a museum of regional and American art located on U.S. Route 1 in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania on the banks of the Brandywine Creek.

The museum showcases the work of:

- ✓ Andrew Wyeth, a major American realist painter,
- ✓ his father N.C. Wyeth, illustrator of many children's classics, i.e. Treasurer Island
- ✓ his sister Ann Wyeth McCoy, a composer and painter.
- ✓ his son Jamie Wyeth, a contemporary American realist painter.



Cutler Botanical Gardens:

Cornell University

Cutler Botanic Garden (3.5 acres) is a botanical garden located at 840 Front Street, Binghamton, New York. The garden was established by Miss Frances Cutler, who donated land to the Cornell University Cooperative Extension. In 1978 the idea began for a botanical garden, and the garden opened to the public in 1979. Today, the Garden is an outdoor classroom for teaching horticulture and environmentalism, as well as a display garden for All-American Selections.



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