

Gardengate – Washington, D.C. Grand Garden Tour

SOLD OUT!!!
Registrations no
longer accepted.

June 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 2014

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, National Cathedral, Bishop's Garden and Olmsted Woods, Smithsonian Institution Gardens, U.S. National Arboretum, U.S. Botanic Garden, Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, Dumbarton Oaks, Mt. Vernon Mansion and Gardens

Friends and Family Invited

A detailed itinerary will be provided before departure.

Wednesday, June 18 – 7:30 a.m. Board the bus; leave Lakefront Lines at 13315 Brookpark Rd. in Cleveland, OH.

10:00 a.m. Arrive at **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**, located in Pittsburgh, Pa. Phipps Conservatory has been inviting visitors to explore the beauty and mysteries of plants since 1893 as well as having evolved into one of the region's most vibrant, thriving cultural attractions. Phipps has become a strong advocate for advanced green-building practices, sustainable gardening and a new environmental awareness. Self-guided tour, lunch on your own. www.Phipps.conservatory.org

12:30 p.m. Leave Phipps Conservatory

5:00 p.m. Arrive at **Donovan House**. Complimentary wine reception in private room at the hotel from 5-6 p.m. upon arrival. Dinner on your own. www.donovanhousehotel.com

Thursday – June 19 a.m. The National Cathedral, Bishop's Garden and Olmsted Woods. The Cathedral is a great and beautiful edifice in the city of Washington, an indispensable ministry for people of all faiths and perspectives, and a sacred place for our country in times of celebration, crisis and sorrow.

Guided walking tour. www.nationalcathedral.org Then across the road to a

guided walking tour of **Bishop's Garden and Olmsted Woods**. The fifty-nine acre Cathedral Close (the grounds of the Cathedral) was planned by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., in the early twentieth century. His plan was modeled on the walled grounds of medieval cathedrals.

www.nationalcathedral.org/visit/gardenTours.shtml

Thursday p.m. The Smithsonian Institution and Gardens. Eleven outdoor gardens, each garden has been designed to complement the museums they border. We will have lunch in one of the museum cafes and then proceed with a guided walking tour of selected gardens. Time on your own to visit Smithsonian museums before returning to the hotel. www.gardens.si.edu/our-gardens

Friday – June 20 a.m. U. S. National Arboretum. A hidden oasis in Washington, D.C. covering 446 acres of fabulous flora and fauna. This national treasure is known for its Asian, Azalea and Conifer collections. We will have a narrated tram tour followed by a guided walking tour of the Bonsai and Herb Gardens. A box lunch will be provided. www.usna.usda.gov

Friday p.m. U.S. Botanic Garden. Steeped in history, rich with tradition, the United States Botanic Garden is a living plant museum that informs visitors about the importance, and often irreplaceable value, of plants to the well-being of humans and to earth's fragile ecosystems. A guided walking tour followed by time on your own to explore the gardens. www.usbg.gov

Saturday – June 21 a.m. Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens presents Marjorie Merriweather Post's internationally significant collections of art, exhibitions and a fabulous historic estate and gardens. The tour will begin with a brief film giving background on the site followed by a guided Mansion tour led by trained volunteer docents who will give information and viewpoints about Marjorie and her rich collections. The group will then take a guided walking tour of Hillwood's spectacular gardens. Thirteen acres of formal gardens extend from the house's terraces and porches in a progression of "outdoor rooms". Each of these rooms, meant to complement the Mansion's interior spaces, is decidedly private yet connected to adjacent gardens through subtle transitional features, encouraging an intuitive flow from the French Parterre to the Rose Garden and onto the Friendship Walk. Lunch in the Hillwood Café will follow the morning's activities. www.hillwoodmuseum.org/your-visit

Saturday p.m. Dumbarton Oaks. Begun in 1920, the garden was designed by Beatrix Farrand, who is considered an expert in the handling of steps, walks and plantings. A guided walking tour of the gardens, self-guided tour of the Mansion with its impressive specialized art collections and exhibitions before returning to the hotel. www.doaks.org/garden

Sunday – June 22 a.m. Mt. Vernon. Our visit includes an introductory movie and guided walking tour of the Mansion (home of George and Martha Washington for more than 40 years). Then individuals can decide to stop to see the slave quarters, blacksmith shop and Washington's Tomb. This will be followed by a guided tour of the land and gardens. The visit will conclude with a pre-selected group lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn. www.mountvernon.org

Sunday p.m. – Return home. Anticipated arrival time in Cleveland is about 9 p.m.

For further information: Contact Katherine Gerald – Gardengate@cuyahogamg.org or 440-333-1011

Participant Information and Booking Form
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Early Bird Pricing:

Single (K): \$1125 Double: \$750 Triple: \$625 Quad: \$550

Price after March 20, 2014:

Single (K): \$1150 Double: \$775 Triple: \$650 Quad: \$575

(A Double/Triple/Quad option is a King or a D/D)

Prices are subject to change

Prices are per person

We will be traveling on Lakefront Lines, motor coaches that carry 56 passengers, air-conditioned, panoramic windows for viewing, plush, reclining seats and restroom. Snacks and non alcoholic beverages are allowed on the bus. We will make scheduled rest stops at the highway rest areas for your comfort and convenience.

Included in the per person price: Deluxe motor coach transportation, driver's gratuity, 4 nights' accommodation at Donovan House (a 4 Star Kimpton Hotel), buffet breakfast at the hotel each morning, complimentary wine hour each evening from 5 to 6 p.m., 4 lunches, all admissions, guided walking and tram tours.

Dinner on your own each evening.

Please print clearly. One form per person/couple.

Name(s): _____

Cell phone number: _____

Home phone number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

In case of emergency contact: _____ Phone#: _____

I wish to reserve: Single (K) ___ Double (K) ___ Double (D/D) ___ Triple

(K) ___ Triple (D/D) ___ Quad (K) ___ Quad (D/D) ___

Name(s) of person(s) you are sharing with if not listed above: _____

Surprise me! ___ Assign me a roommate. I am a snorer ___yes ___no

Schedule of payments: \$400 due **March 20.** Balance due **May 15, 2014.**

After March 20, add \$25 pp to your total cost.

(no bonus bucks)

Cancellation Policy: No refund unless you find a replacement for your seat, there is a waiting list or the trip is cancelled. You may want to consider trip insurance – try insuremytrip.com. (Recommended by Consumer Reports.)

MG Continuing Education Credits: 16

Incidentals: You are responsible for any incidentals you incur (mini bar, phone calls, etc.).

On line registration is not available.

Make your check out to: Master Gardeners – Washington, D.C. Garden Tour

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