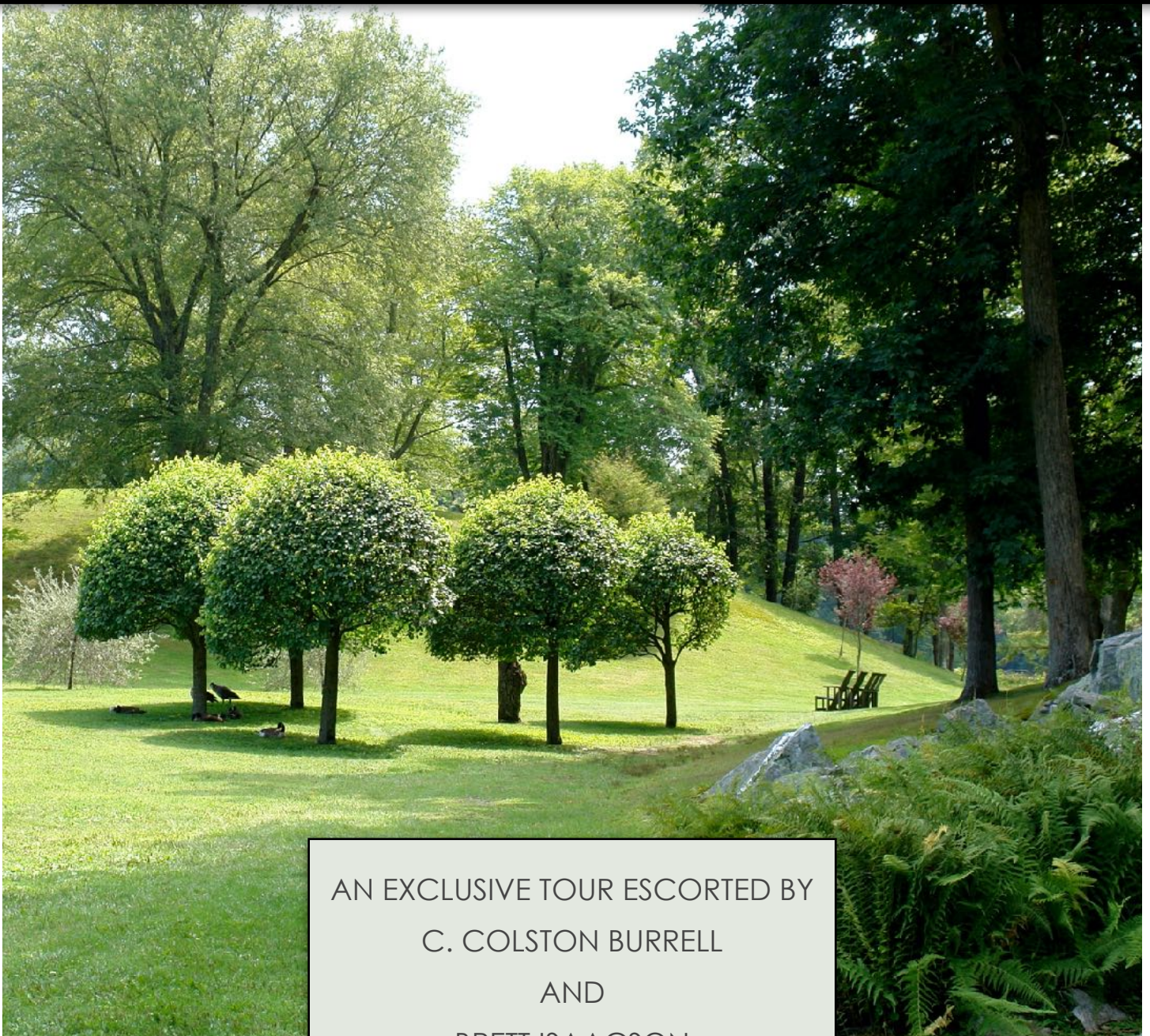


GARDENS OF THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

JUNE 10 - 17, 2024



AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR ESCORTED BY
C. COLSTON BURRELL
AND
BRETT ISAACSON



The Hudson River Valley is noted for grand estates of the Gilded Age, impressive wineries, farm to table sustainable agriculture, and bucolic scenery made famous by artists of the Hudson River School.

Travel with **Garden and Nature Tours**, the **Minnesota State Horticultural Society** and **Friendship Tours** on a 7-night getaway to the beautiful Hudson Valley. Explore familiar historic mansions and discover some new favorites during the height of rose season. Enjoy touring gardens, exploring historic mansions and savoring fine dining with a congenial group of fellow garden and travel enthusiasts.



Meet Your Escort and Guide



C. Colston Burrell is a lifelong naturalist, plantsman, and gardener. He is principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration, which specializes in blending nature and culture through artistic design. When Cole is not traveling, he is designing gardens for his clients, or tending his own 12-acre property designed to display the plants he loves while letting natural succession serve as head gardener. He shares his garden with birds, butterflies, and a wealth of amphibians.

Cole escorts garden and natural history tours throughout the United States and abroad. The New World tropics are a favorite destination. He has traveled in Costa Rica, Panama, Brazil, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Argentina, as well as Europe, New Zealand and Japan.

Brett Isaacson is the President and second-generation owner of Friendship Tours in Bloomfield, CT. The company specializes in providing unique group travel experiences both domestically and around the world, with an emphasis on private and public gardens. Brett has led garden tours to Charleston and Savannah, the Brandywine River Valley, Maine, and more. Brett takes great pleasure in sharing his knowledge of the Hudson River Valley, delving into the rich history of the region and highlighting its showcase gardens.

Brett has served as the President and travel chair for the Connecticut Horticultural Society. During his leisure time, he enjoys exploring new destinations, listening to audiobooks, or taking his cat for walks in the wooded trails surrounding his home.



WELCOME TO THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

New York's Hudson River Valley is draped in splendor in early summer. Roses, peonies, primroses, and a wealth of other perennials excite the senses with color and fragrance. Please join C. Colston Burrell and Brett Isaacson for an eight-day sojourn through the lush gardens and stately mansions of this pastoral region. Tour the homes of celebrated artists and Gilded Age financiers, view gardens that helped define America's varied garden styles, and enjoy fine dining and exceptional accommodations.

Our itinerary features visits to historic homes including Olana, Wethersfield, and the Vanderbilt Mansion. Step back in time at the residences of Hudson River School painter Thomas Cole's Cedar Grove and industrial designer Russel Wright's Manitoga. Influential gardens including Stonecrop, Innisfree, Wave Hill and Bellefield contrast with the sweeping landscape of contemporary sculptures at Storm King Art Center. We have also arranged delicious meals featuring local ingredients served in settings both contemporary and classic.

Please join us for an unforgettable journey as we survey the history, scenery, gardens and cuisine of the Hudson River Valley.



Tour Itinerary Highlights

- Mingle with your fellow travelers at a welcome reception and farm to table dinner at Stonegate Farm
- Enjoy a reception and catered dinner at Wave Hill
- Visit extraordinary gardens including Untermeyer Garden, Bellefield, Blithewood and Stonecrop
- Stroll the paths of Innisfree, a Chinese Teacup Garden
- Tour three exceptional private gardens and meet the gardeners
- Relish the stunning scenery of the Hudson River Valley
- Tour historic homes, including Boscobel, Olana, Wethersfield, FDR's Springwood, Thomas Cole's Cedar Grove, Russel Wright's Manitoga, and the Vanderbilt Mansion
- Explore Storm King Sculpture Garden
- Partake of four lunches featuring local cuisine
- Relish a farewell dinner at Terrapin, with emphasis on locally sourced ingredients



Tour Details

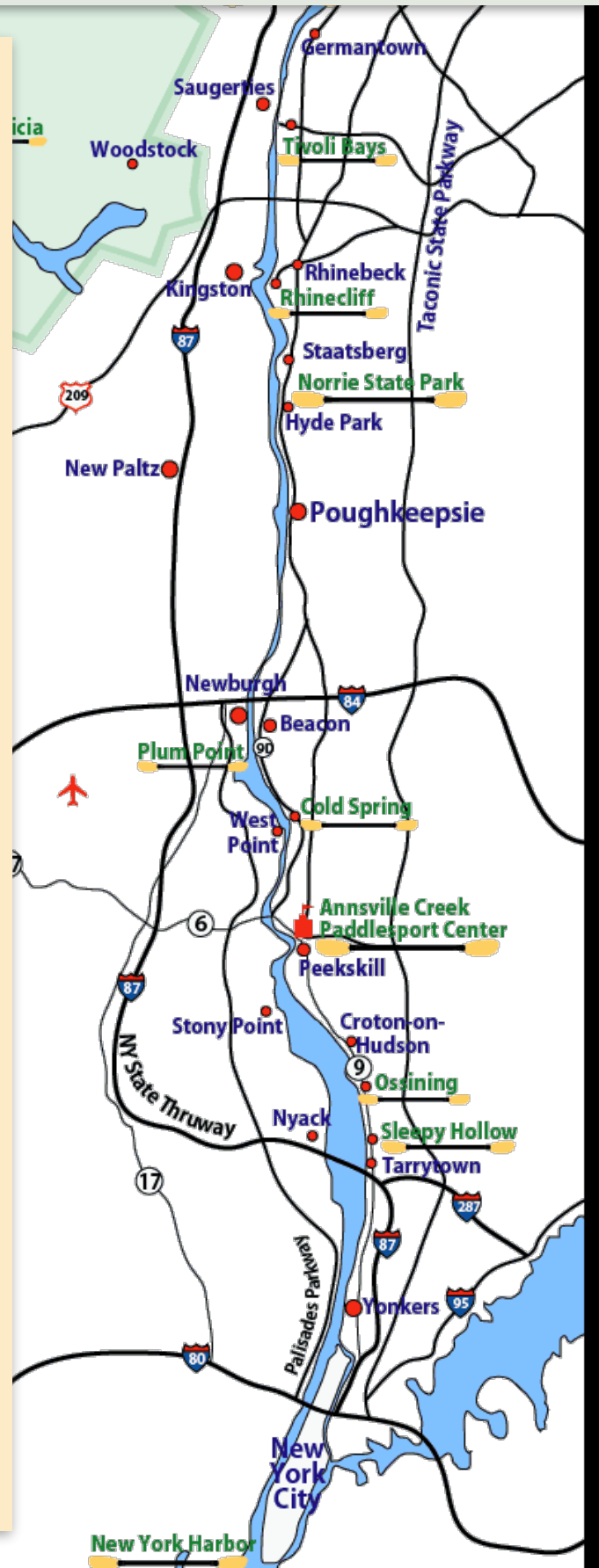
TOUR DURATION 7 Nights / 8 Days

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Airport transfers from La Guardia (LGA)
- Seven nights lodging
- Breakfast daily
- Four lunches and five dinners
- Host throughout tour—C. Colston Burrell
- Escort throughout the tour—Brett Isaacson
- Admission to all gardens and historic homes
- Guided tours and excursions
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Gratuities to your local driver and guides
- Gratuities to your tour host

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR

- Round trip airfare from home cities
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages except as noted in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Airport fees, taxes and baggage charges
- Gratuities to luggage handlers or housekeeping
- Optional sightseeing or recreational activities
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary



Tour Pricing and Registration

TOUR DURATION

7 Nights / 8 Days

PRICING

\$5,099.00 Land Price — Double Occupancy

\$1,050.00 Single Supplement

- ~ Tour price is based on 18-22 travelers
- ~ Fewer than 18 travelers may result in a small surcharge
- ~ Itinerary subject to change without notice

DEPOSIT

\$1,000.00 per person with reservation to secure your spot

TO REGISTER VISIT

<https://www.friendshiptours.net/group-travel>

Select "Group Sign In". Enter the Tour Code **24JUN10HUDSON** in the box labeled "Make a New Reservation."

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Gardens of the Hudson River Valley

Escorted by C. Colston Burrell

June 10-17, 2024 7 Nights / 8 Days

ARRIVAL: Monday, June 10, 2024 at New York's La Guardia International Airport (LGA). Plan to arrive by 1:00pm with time to grab a bite to eat before meeting your local guide & fellow travelers at 2:00pm at the airport baggage claim to begin the tour aboard private coach.

RETURN: Monday, June 17, 2024 transfer included from morning sightseeing to LGA for your flight home. Arrange for flights after 3:00pm.

COST (with 18-22 paying guests):
\$5,099. per person based on double occupancy
+\$1,050. per person single supplement
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AIR TRAVEL: Do not purchase air until you have been advised that the minimum number of travelers for this tour has been reached. This trip is based on a minimum of 18 travelers. Flight arrangements are not included in this tour package.

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CALL: 800-243-1630 and ask for **Hudson River Valley tour with C. Colston Burrell**

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FINAL PAYMENT: balance due April 3, 2024

Please reserve now. Small group tour.

Commitment required in order for trip to operate.

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Itinerary

DAY 1 – Monday, June 10

Plan to arrive at La Guardia International Airport by 1:00 pm to begin our exploration of gardens and grand estates of the Hudson River Valley. Please be sure to allow time to grab a bite to eat before meeting Brett Isaacson of Friendship Tours and Cole Burrell in arrivals/baggage claim no later than 2:00 pm. We then transfer and check in to our hotel, The Sheraton Tarrytown.

After freshening up, meet your guide and host in the lobby for our 1-hour journey to partake of a Welcome Dinner and Tour at **Stonegate Farm**, a nineteenth-century estate farm in Newburgh. This historic carpenter-gothic farm is a model of bio-intensive organic farming, where growing and cultivating is practiced as an art form. Healthy and sustainable land-stewardship is prioritized here, and ideas on the value, meaning and processes of small-scale, sustainable growing are passionately explored. The farm's philosophy is manifest in its design and growing practices, its focus on beauty and wellness, its environmental advocacy, and its public and media outreach as a model of aspirational growing.

Stonegate Farm is unique. It's a place where the aesthetic hierarchies of horticulture meet the authentic, purposeful rigors of farming; it's a place where small-scale agriculture is both ornament and nourishment and serves as a compelling answer to the broken politics of our current food system. But mostly, it's a beautiful place, a place meant to inspire a generation.

After dinner, we return to our hotel, The Sheraton Tarrytown, for the first of three nights. D



Itinerary

DAY 2 – Tuesday, June 11

After our included breakfast, we set off for **Manitoga**, the estate and modernist home of industrial designer Russel Wright and his wife Mary Small Einstein Wright. Wright named his masterful synthesis of architecture and nature Manitoga after Algonquin words meaning "place of great spirit". The couple designed the property with sustainability in mind, a concept not widely applied at the time. Today, the home, studio, and surrounding woodland garden, together known as Dragon Rock, uniquely convey Wright's enduring ideas about good design and living in harmony with nature. The structures have green roofs, built-in elements and expansive walls of glass, offering dramatic views of the waterfall and surrounding landscape.

We continue to the **Boscobel House and Gardens** for a tour and buffet lunch. Boscobel is nestled in the Hudson Highlands, with magnificent views of West Point and the entire river. This elegant Federal mansion was built in 1804 and moved to Garrison, New York to save the home. Today it has magnificent interiors and lovely gardens. We will begin our visit here with a wonderful buffet lunch before our tour of the gardens and home. Our tour reveals the charm of the family who so loved this home.

Our next stop is **Stonecrop Gardens**, originally the home of Anne and Frank Cabot, founders of The Garden Conservancy. Stonecrop became a public garden in 1992 under the direction of Caroline Burgess. At its windswept elevation of 1100 feet in the Hudson Highlands, Stonecrop's display gardens spread over 15 rolling acres and comprise a diverse collection of spaces including woodlands, water gardens, cliff rock gardens and an enclosed English- style flower garden.

Return to hotel to freshen up before enjoying dinner at **Tarry Tavern**, a classic American tavern noted for casual elegance. Night in Tarrytown at the Sheraton. B, L, D



Itinerary

DAY 3 – Wednesday, June 12

After our included breakfast, we depart for a guided tour of the 43-acre **Untermeyer Park and Gardens**, created in 1917 by Samuel and Minnie Untermeyer. The garden combines exceptional horticulture, monumental architecture, and multicultural design in a majestic natural setting overlooking the Hudson River. Untermeyer transformed the gardens and greenhouses into some of the most celebrated gardens in America with the guidance of Beaux Arts architect Welles Bosworth. Today, in partnership with the Yonkers Parks Department, the restored garden dazzles the public with brilliant design.

Next, we depart for **New York Botanical Garden** for a self guided tour and lunch on own. NYBG is dedicated to research and display of plants from around the world. Established in 1891, the 250-acre landscape contains over one million living plants within 50 different gardens and plant collections, as well as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, a greenhouse featuring several habitats. The LuEsther T. Mertz Library contains one of the world's largest collections of botany-related texts. There is a serene cascade waterfall, as well as wetlands and a 50-acre tract of original, never-logged, old-growth forest.

Our last stop of the day is a visit to **Wave Hill** for a guided tour followed by a cocktail reception and buffet dinner. Wave Hill sits above the Hudson with a panoramic view of the river and the New Jersey Palisades. This 28-acre estate of gardens and woodlands features intricate plantings of choice annuals, perennials, bulbs, shrubs and trees in a planterly pastiche of formal and naturalistic styles. The Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory is home to temperate and topical treasures.

After a festive evening, we return to our hotel. Night at Sheraton Tarrytown. B, D



Itinerary

DAY 4 – Thursday, June 13

After our included breakfast, we check out and depart for **Vanderbilt Mansion** in Hyde Park. Built by Cornelius Vanderbilt's grandson, this Gilded Age mansion is similar to the Newport mansions—a 54-room house ornately decorated with European antiques. The formal gardens reflect gardening styles of the late 1800s, with Victorian bedding, a rose garden and an Italian-style terraced garden all set within 200 acres of beautiful grounds overlooking the Hudson River.

Next we depart for lunch at Eveready Diner, serving comfort food in a retro atmosphere.

After lunch we have a tour of **Springwood Estate**, the birthplace, lifelong home, and burial place of president Franklin D. Roosevelt. Built in 1826, the stately home is in the Italianate style, with 15 rooms and a three-story tower at the south end, as well as front and rear piazzas spanning the length of the structure. The garden features roses, vegetables and sweeping lawns.

After touring Springwood we make our way to the Beatrix Farrand Garden at **Bellefield**. This is the earliest existing private garden created by one of America's most celebrated landscape designers. Beatrix Farrand's work defined American taste in gardens throughout the first half of the 20th century. She helped introduce the use of perennial plants in combinations based upon color harmony, bloom sequence and texture. Enjoy our docent-led tour of this spectacularly restored garden.

After touring Bellefield we head to **The Culinary Institute of America** for dinner at Caterina de Medici, serving elegant Italian fare in a swanky Tuscan-style bistro.

After dinner depart for Rhinebeck to check in at Delamater Inn, the oldest Inn in America, for the first of four nights. B, L, D



Itinerary

DAY 5 – Friday, June 14

After our included breakfast our first stop is **Olana**. In the early nineteenth century, many in this country were searching for a style of art that they could call their own - something uniquely American. Frederic Church, the famous landscape architect, so loved the Hudson River Valley he bought a 126-acre farm in Hudson. Here he created the magnificent Olana with its Moorish architecture and fantastic views of the river. Our guided tour will take us through the remarkably preserved home as well as the garden.

After touring Olana, we depart for lunch at Creekside Catskill to enjoy some traditional American cuisine.

After lunch we depart for **Cedar Grove** to explore the home and life of Thomas Cole. Our visit provides entry into the world of the man who became the father of American landscape painting and founder of the Hudson River School of Art. Tour the 1815 Federal Main House and Gallery Room where exhibitions of art are on display. See "The Old Studio" where many of Cole's works were created.

Blithewood is a formal Italianate walled garden located on the main campus of Bard College. It is a garden on an intimate scale set against the awe-inspiring backdrop of the Catskill Mountains and the Hudson River. The site has significant connections to the heritage of the Hudson Valley region and the evolution of American landscape design. Designed by Francis Hoppin in the early twentieth century, the garden's style is typically Beaux-Arts - highly architectural, with paths on geometric axes, symmetrical beds, a central water feature, statuary, and marble ornaments.

After touring Blithewood we return to the Delamater Inn for dinner on your own. B, L



Itinerary

DAY 6 – Saturday, June 15

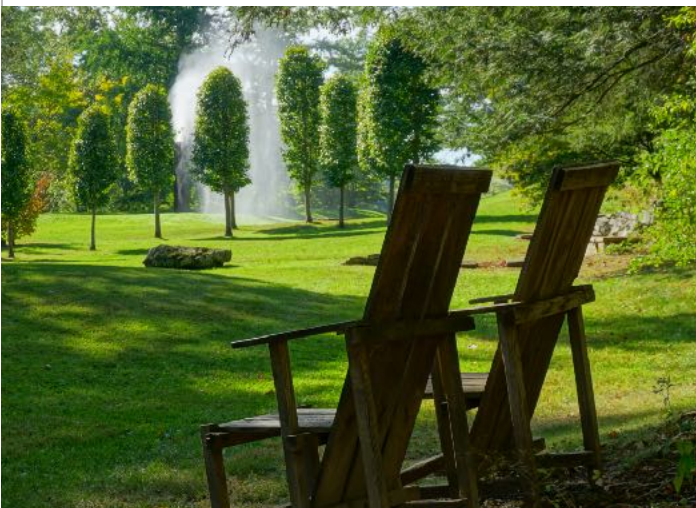
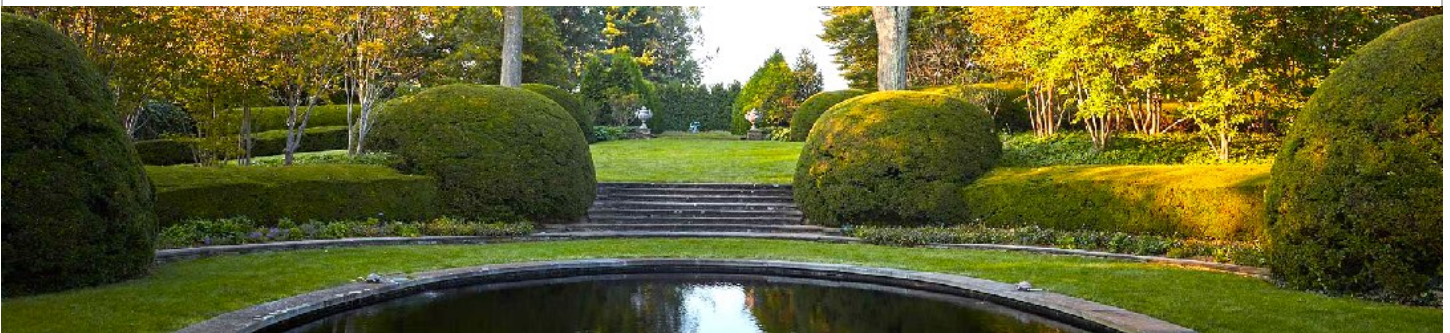
After our included breakfast, we head to a special garden of unique beauty and character. **Innisfree** is one of the “world’s ten best gardens.” It is a powerful icon of mid-twentieth century design. Innisfree merges the essence of Modernist ideas with traditional Chinese and Japanese garden design principles in a form that evolved through subtle handling of the landscape and slow manipulation of its ecology. The result is a sublime composition of rock, water, wood, and sky achieved with remarkable economy and grace.

Our next stop is lunch at Charlotte's, serving fresh local ingredients with European flare.

Wethersfield Estate and Garden, nestled within 1000 acres of rolling hills, is the finest classical garden in the United States built in the second half of the 20th century. The garden is defined as an idealized interpretation of nature, initiated by the Greeks and the Romans and given new life by the Italian Renaissance. The garden provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of natural and classical beauty as a means of human expression.

Zibby and Jim Tozer's Uplands Farm includes a range of gardens in an Arcadian setting that dot the larger property of rolling hills, grand old trees, and lush meadows. The main garden is a seventy-foot-long herbaceous border filled with flowering perennials, grasses, Alberta spruce, topiaries, and other shrubs. Additional garden features include a circular romantic garden, a blue Moorish gate, pool folly, and rose-covered arches.

After our tour, we return to the Delamater Inn for dinner on your own. B, L



Itinerary

DAY 7 – Sunday, June 16

After our included breakfast, we have a free morning to explore the **Rhinebeck Farmers Market**. Enjoy the stalls with offerings as diverse as produce, specialty foods and crafts. Enjoy lunch on your own at the market, a local cafe, or back at the hotel.

After lunch, we visit three private gardens. **Versailles on Hudson** offers ever-changing vistas as you walk around the property, reveling dramatic views of the river, hills, and colorful sunsets. By turning the garden on its axis, designer Peter Bevacqua created the illusion of a massive property with sweeping lawns, flowing hydrangea and hornbeam hedges, and architectural boxwood balls. This special garden always delights and soothes the soul.

One enters **Joyce and Ken Ketay's** 10-acre garden through an allée of large maples and ash, for a slow reveal of three large but discreet sections. Each garden room is enclosed with shrubs, perennials and trees. The large entry garden with colorful perennials and a circular bench leads to the house. A smaller intimately planted space with a vine-covered pergola lies behind the first, which then leads to the third section—an expansive meadow in the distance, framed by a weathered barn and views of the Catskill Mountains.

When you step through the gate of the **Peter Bevacqua and Stephen King** garden, you'll find yourself in a magical, private world. The two-acre garden feels much larger because of its division into many garden spaces designed with a careful eye to color, form, and especially texture. One area unfolds upon the next with its own sense of individuality. Among the features are the sun garden (surrounded by architectural yew hedges), evening garden, the greenhouse borders, and many unusual trees and shrubs.

After our final garden visit we return to the hotel to freshen up before our Farewell Dinner at **Terrapin**, serving innovative local cuisine in a former church. Night at Delamater Inn. B, D



Itinerary

DAY 8 – Monday, June 17

After our included breakfast, we check out and board the coach for the final morning of our tour. **Storm King Art Center**, named for nearby Storm King Mountain, is an a landscape-scale museum that contains the largest collection of contemporary outdoor sculptures in the United States. Founded in 1960 by Ralph E. Ogden as a museum for Hudson River School paintings, it soon became a major sculpture venue with works from some of the most acclaimed artists of the 20th century. The core collection includes modern masters such as Alexander Calder, David Smith, Mark di Suvero, Henry Moore, Isamu Noguchi, Richard Serra, and Louise Nevelson.

It also includes large sculptures by contemporary sculptors, including Alice Aycock, Andy Goldsworthy, Alexander Liberman, and Roy Lichtenstein. Maya Lin's Storm King Wavefield, one of the newer additions to the collection, consists of seven long rows of undulating landforms. The permanent collection of monumental works is situated throughout the 500-acre grounds in four main areas: the North Woods, Museum Hill, the Meadows, and the South Fields.

After our tour, we transfer as a group to La Guardia Airport for afternoon flights home. Please do not book a flight that leaves before 3:00 pm unless you wish to arrange transportation at your own cost. B

