Gardens and Mansions of Long Island, New York
June 5–9, 2008

Member price: $1,995 including airfare

Come discover the superb attractions of Long Island, including the stately mansions and gardens of the “Gold Coast,” built by wealthy New York businessmen in the early 1900s. We also visit the spectacular gardens of the Hamptons and the world-class Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Itinerary

Thursday, June 5
We take a morning flight from Minneapolis to New York’s La Guardia airport, board our coach, and visit the Nassau County Art Museum, in a Georgian mansion with 145 acres of outdoor sculpture gardens. Then we check in at our modern and comfortable hotel, centrally located on Long Island. We regroup for a welcome dinner at a fine local restaurant.

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Friday, June 6
We make a day trip to the Hamptons on the east end of Long Island, where well-to-do New Yorkers have imposing second homes. We visit Longhouse Reserve, a fantastic combination arboretum and sculpture garden, and the masterfully designed gardens of the Madoo Conservancy. We also see a lovely private garden and sample some local wine.

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Saturday, June 7
We visit Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, the family home of Theodore Roosevelt. Next is the serene John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden, followed by lunch in the charming town of Locust Valley. In the afternoon we view Planting Fields Arboretum, a 409-acre former estate, and we get a tour of magnificent Tudor Revival Coe Hall.

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Sunday, June 8
We see Brooklyn Botanic Garden, a 52-acre living museum with world-class plant collections and specialty gardens. There’s time to view the adjacent Brooklyn Museum, one of the oldest and largest art museums in the country. Its renowned collections range from ancient Egyptian masterpieces to contemporary art. We also make a short driving tour of Manhattan, followed by dinner at a quality restaurant near our hotel.

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Monday, June 9
Undoubtedly one of the highlights of our trip, Old Westbury Gardens is a magnificent example of the finest in period landscape design and architecture in America. The Charles II-style mansion is nestled amid 160 acres of formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes. Then we drive to the airport for our afternoon flight home.

(B= Breakfast, BL= Box Lunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

What’s included
• Airfare from Minneapolis to New York City.
• Motorcoach transportation.
• All entrance fees, guide fees, driver and meal gratuities.
• Hotel accommodations (double occupancy), including local taxes. Single rooms require a supplementary charge of $325.
• Services and garden commentary by a tour host from the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and services of the tour escort, Floor Kooyma of Flying Dutchman Tours.
• 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 box lunch and 3 dinners.
• A pre-trip orientation meeting at the Arboretum.
• A $200 contribution to the Arboretum.

Tour price
Total price is $1,995 per person for members of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (nonmembers: $2,095), for double occupancy. Single room supplement is $325. This supplement is waived for single travelers requesting to share with a roommate of the same gender, even if no roommate is found. A deposit of $300 is due at time of booking. Final payment is due Friday, April 25, 2008.

Land-only tour price
If you wish to make your own travel arrangements you may pay a land-only tour price of $1,745 (nonmembers $1,845). You will then be responsible for meeting the group flight at the New York La Guardia airport. No refunds for missing the group’s arrival.

Cancellations
All cancellations must be in writing. Full refund for cancellations received by April 4. Cancellations received April 5–April 25: $150 cancellation fee. Cancellations received April 26–May 14: $850 fee. No refund for cancellations after Wednesday, May 14, 2008. If the Arboretum cancels the tour prior to departure, a full refund of the trip fee will be made to registered participants. No refund for unused sightseeing or other tour functions.
WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE
• Meals not specified in the itinerary.
• Luggage handling.
• Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages and phone calls.
• Medical and tour cancellation travel insurance (highly recommended to avoid trip cancellation penalties). This insurance can be purchased online at: http://www.travelguard.com/ or by calling Travel Guard International at 1-800-826-4919.
Note: to cover pre-existing conditions this insurance must be purchased within 21 days of signing up for the tour.

PLEASE NOTE
Minimum group size: 15 participants. Maximum group size: 30 participants, depending on hotel and air availability. Changes to the itinerary are sometimes unavoidable. Hotels of equivalent quality may be substituted. As with any garden and natural history tour, some places can be reached only on foot.

Gardens and other sights on the itinerary may have uneven grounds and care must be taken to avoid falls. The amount of walking is moderate, but for maximum enjoyment at least some walking is necessary.

LIMITATION OF RESPONSIBILITY
This tour is organized jointly by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours. In all matters related to organizing and conducting the tour, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours, and/or their agents, act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services such as the hotels, restaurants, all transportation, sightseeing, and other tour activities. The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Flying Dutchman Tours maintain no control over the personnel, equipment, or operators of these travel service suppliers and cannot assume responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any death, injury, damage, or loss occasioned by any act of omission during the tour.

FOR FURTHER TOUR INFORMATION, CALL FLOOR KOOYMAN OF FLYING DUTCHMAN TOURS AT 763-509-9375
TO CHECK AVAILABILITY, CALL PAT O’BRIEN AT THE ARBORETUM AT 952-443-1443
TO SIGN UP, MAIL THE RESERVATION FORM WITH A DEPOSIT OF $300 PER PERSON

RESERVATION FORM - LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK TOUR
I (we) have read and hereby accept and consent to all the terms and conditions as set forth in the “Gardens and Mansions of Long Island, New York” brochure.

Please print your full first name, middle initial, and last name as it appears on your driver’s license or other government-issued photo ID (required by the airline).

Name (1): __________________________________________ Signature(1): __________________________________________

Name (2): __________________________________________ Signature(2): __________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________ E-mail: __________________________________________

Phone: (____)_____________ Arboretum/MSHS membership number(s): __________________________

Long Island, New York Tour, June 5-9
(check one):

❏ $1,995 including airfare (nonmembers $2,095)  Note: to qualify for the member price, each participant must be a member of the Arboretum.

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(single room supplement: $325)

Single applicants, check one room option:

❏ I want a single room and will pay the single supplement

❏ Roommate requested

❏ My roommate will be: __________________________

Any food allergies? __________________________

Mail with $300 deposit per person (check payable to Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, or charge to Visa/Mastercard #______________, expiration ____/____, name on card____________________). Send to:

Garden Travel Tours, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318–9613