

Washington, DC, and Virginia

President's Garden Tour



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April 19-26, 2012

Land & Air Package

From \$2,715.00* per person

*Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$684.00. Airfare from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is included and subject to change. Airfare from other cities is available on request with price adjustment. Call for details.

Join the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for an unforgettable trip to our nation's capital and *Historic Garden Week* in Virginia.

Washington, DC, is filled with a huge number of postcard-worthy monuments and buildings. In addition, you will have the opportunity to visit landscaping masterpieces like the U.S. Botanical Gardens, the National Arboretum and the Hillwood estate, Museum & Gardens.

In Virginia, travel the historic path of presidents with visits to the homes of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe. *Historic Garden Week* is the oldest and largest statewide garden tour event in the nation and is sure to entice and inspire gardeners of all abilities. Take this opportunity to step inside some of Virginia's most prestigious homes and their fabulous gardens. Tours showcase formal gardens, walled gardens, cottage gardens, cutting gardens, annual and perennial gardens, herb gardens, water gardens and even secret gardens. As part of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum tour, you will also have access to private gardens not accessible to the public. Wine tastings, gardening lectures and other special events are held at some locations.



Included Features:

- Airfare from Minneapolis-St. Paul to Washington, DC, with a return from Norfolk, VA
- Round-trip transfers between hotels and airport
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Three nights accommodations in Alexandria, VA
- Three nights accommodations in Charlottesville, VA
- One night accommodations in Williamsburg, VA
- Breakfast daily
- Four lunches
- Welcome dinner
- Participation in Virginia's famous *Historic Garden Week* including visits to private gardens
- All activities, guided tours, entrance fees during scheduled sightseeing
- Luggage service (one bag per person)
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Donation to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Expert host throughout tour: Peter Olin of University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

"No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden."

-Thomas Jefferson, 1811

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Thursday, April 19—Depart Minneapolis for Washington, DC. Upon arrival, collect your luggage and transfer to the hotel in Alexandria, Virginia, just six miles outside of Washington, DC. Enjoy an afternoon on your own before we gather for a group welcome dinner. **D**

Friday, April 20—Enjoy a tour of our nation's capital with an emphasis on gardens. Stops will include the U.S. Botanical Gardens and the National Arboretum. You will also spend time in the Georgetown area where you'll have lunch on your own and free time before your visit to the Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens. **B**

Saturday, April 21—Spend the day visiting some of Alexandria's finest historic homes and gardens, a highlight of Virginia's *Historic Garden Week*. These homes represent some of the finest and earliest structures in the Old Town district. You will have lunch en route. Dinner is on your own. **B L**

Sunday, April 22—After breakfast, you'll take a scenic ferry ride down the Potomac to Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington. Enjoy a tour, visit the gardens and have lunch on your own in this tranquil setting.

Late in the afternoon you will journey to Charlottesville, Virginia, a charming city situated in the rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Have dinner on your own after checking in to the hotel. **B**

Monday, April 23—Charlottesville's many allures include southern hospitality, natural beauty and a front seat to early American history. Here you'll step inside some of Virginia's most prestigious homes and their fabulous gardens. **B L**

Tuesday, April 24—Today's highlights include tours at the University of Virginia's pavilion gardens and Monticello, the mountaintop home of Thomas Jefferson. Explore Jefferson's lifelong interest in gardening, botany, and agriculture while enjoying the beauty and variety of Monticello's restored flower and vegetable gardens, grove, and orchards. **B L**

Wednesday, April 25—Visit the home of James Monroe, Ash Lawn-Highland, for an authentic view of life in the 19th century. Then enjoy a scenic drive along the James River en route to Williamsburg. Along the way you'll stop at Brandon Plantation, a magnificent estate with superb formal gardens extending to the river. **B L**

Thursday, April 26—Enjoy a leisurely morning in Williamsburg before your noon transfer to the Norfolk airport for your flight home. **B**

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

Not included in the tour: Airline taxes and fuel surcharges, any airline fees for checked pieces of luggage, optional sightseeing activities, gratuities to drivers and guides, excess baggage charges, travel insurance, any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary. Itinerary subject to change.

Not an Arboretum member? You can still come along! Non-members will need to add \$100 per person to the tour price. To qualify for the Arboretum member's price, each traveler must be a member of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Please contact the Arboretum at 952-443-1440 for more information.

Deposits: \$800 per person at the time of booking.
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