

Philadelphia Flower Show: “Passport to the World” February 28 – March 2, 2010

The Philadelphia Flower Show is considered one of the premier gardening events in the world. Professional landscapers, florists, horticultural and educational organizations create full-scale gardens and breathtaking displays. More than 150 retailers from across the US and abroad sell plants, cut flowers, garden tools and accessories, botanical art and garden-related home items. Operatic performances and strolling musicians entertain you, and there are live cooking presentations by local celebrity chefs three times each day.

We depart Newport News at 6:30 a.m. from the main parking lot at the Yoder Barn Theatre (boarding our motor coach at 6:15 a.m.) During the three day adventure we will stay two nights in Philadelphia at the Midtown Holiday Inn Express.

Our itinerary will include many fabulous events.

Sunday

- Lunch (on your own) at Reading Terminal Market, Philadelphia’s historic farmers market.
- Motorcoach guided tour of the city's super-sized works of art. The tour is a visual history lesson in the world's largest outdoor art gallery.
- Check into Holiday Inn Express -Midtown
- Progressive “city food tour” dinner including a artisanal cheese tasting at Solefood Restaurant, casual dinner at Tavern 17 and desserts at XIX Nineteen.

Monday

- Deluxe breakfast at hotel
- Arrive at the Convention Center for the Philadelphia Flower Show
- Expert guides will lead the group on a VIP before-the-show, behind-the-scenes tour of the lavish exhibits.
- Enjoy all day access to the show.
- You will receive a Flower Show program, a copy of Pennsylvania Horticultural Society’s *Green Scene* magazine, special edition, a Shopper’s Delight Discount Card valid for 10% off Flower Show Shoppe merchandise, a floral arranging demonstration by one of the Show’s celebrity designers at 9:30 am on the Show floor, and access to the PHS Members’ Lounge.
- Lunch at the Flower show will be a delicious menu of petit sandwiches, pastries, fruit and fine teas.
- Organ recital at Macy’s Center City, formerly Wanamaker’s department store. The Wanamaker Grand Court organ is the largest operational pipe organ in the world.

- Dinner is at Spasso Italian Grill.

Tuesday

- Deluxe breakfast at hotel
- Depart for Longwood gardens. In 1906, Pierre S. du Pont purchased the Pierce Arboretum to save its trees from being cut for lumber. Over the next nearly half century, Mr. du Pont developed Longwood Gardens into what it is today, a magnificent horticultural showplace which encompasses 1,050 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows. Enjoy over 11,000 types of plants and more fountains than any other garden in the US.
- Guided tour of the East Conservatory. The greenhouse was originally constructed in 1927–28 by Pierre du Pont as an addition to the Main Conservatory complex. It was known as the Azalea House and featured an outstanding collection of non-hardy azaleas and rhododendrons that blossomed in late winter. This state-of-the-art facility reopened October 29, 2005 after three years of renovations.
- Lunch in the Café (lunch vouchers)
- Depart for Winterthur, an American country estate, which is the former home of Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969), an avid antiques collector and horticulturist. In the early 20th century, H. F. du Pont and his father, Henry Algernon du Pont, designed Winterthur in the spirit of 18th- and 19th-century European country houses.
- Enjoy a guided tour of the estate. Afterwards stroll through the glorious 60-acre garden and surrounding landscape of woodlands, waterways, rolling meadows as well as Enchanted Woods, the fairy-tale garden for children of all ages.
- Dinner stop en-route (on your own)

Details

- Cost: \$860 per person (double occupancy) or \$1050 (single occupancy) which includes deluxe roundtrip motorcoach transportation with snacks, water and soft drinks; entrance fees and tours to all sites listed in the itinerary; hotel accommodations, all meals and gratuities except lunch on Sunday and dinner on Tuesday and driver/escort services and gratuity.
- ***Register before September 2, 2009 to receive a \$25 discount.***
- **A nonrefundable deposit of \$150 is due at time of booking.**
- Handicap accessibility: This tour is not recommended for handicapped travelers because there is a great deal of walking sometimes over uneven ground or gravel and numerous stops requiring getting on and off the motorcoach.
- LLS name tags: All travelers must wear LLS name tags with medical information cards at all times. Call the office if you need to update your medical information card.
- Non-member guests: If the bus is not filled with LLS members by **November 15, 2009**, the trip will be open to non-member guests. Guests will be charged a 10% non-member fee,
- Travel insurance: Information can be picked up in the LLS office. If you decide to purchase insurance; it is recommended that it be purchased within 21 days of initial deposit so that pre-existing conditions are covered.
- **Final payments are due by January 4, 2010 and are nonrefundable.**
- Questions: Call the LLS office at 757-269-4368.

**Reservation Form
for
Philadelphia Flower Show
February 28 – March 2, 2010**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
 ___ LLS member ___ Non-member

I will be rooming with: _____

Do you need any extra help or services? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what type of help do you need? _____

Cost:

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| LLS member until September 2, 2009 | LLS member after September 2, 2009 |
| \$835 per person double occupancy | \$860 per person double occupancy |
| \$1025 per person single occupancy | \$1050 per person single occupancy |

LLS Nonmember

\$946 per person double occupancy
\$1155 per person single occupancy

Menu choices: Spasso Italian Grill Monday evening

(choose one)

- ___ Chicken Rollatini- Chicken breast rolled with mozzarella and prosciutto with a mushroom demi-glaze
- ___ Roasted Salmon Pizaiola – Oven roasted, finished in a caper, red onion and kalamata olive pomodoro sauce
- ___ Veal Parmigiana – Lightly breaded and baked with marinara sauce & mozzarella cheese

Payment information:

\$150 non-refundable deposit due at time of booking. Date of deposit: _____ Amount paid: _____

Apply \$25 per person EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT to final payment if deposit is received in LLS office by August 31, 2009.

Final payments are due by January 4, 2010 and are nonrefundable.

___ Check made out to Covington Tours is included.

___ Credit card: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Name as it appears on the credit card: _____

**Mail to: LifeLong Learning Society
 CNU's Yoder Barn
 660 Hamilton Dr.
 Newport News, VA 23602**

For office use only

Total amount due: _____

