

Gardens of the Brandywine Valley

May 10-13, 2004

Tour some of the most spectacular gardens on the East Coast at the peak of spring bloom. Visit six premier gardens and museums, shop three of the East Coast's top garden centers and nurseries, and stroll historic New Hope, Pennsylvania. Katie Elzer, Curator of Landscape at Fort Ticonderoga and Dr. Leonard Perry, Greenhouse and Nursery Extension Specialist at the University of Vermont will be your guides through this horticultural adventure.

Tour Destinations

The King's Garden, Fort Ticonderoga

http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org/king's_garden.htm

An historic garden designed by Marian Cruger Coffin in 1920, along the shore of Lake Champlain on the grounds of Fort Ticonderoga. The garden was recently restored and officially opened to the public in 2001. Get a sneak peek at the Garden while it is just waking up for the season.

Longwood Gardens

<http://www.longwoodgardens.org>

The premier display garden in the world. Longwood contains 20 outdoor gardens, 20 indoor gardens under 4 acres of glasshouses. May is the peak of the tulip bloom—80,000 bulbs--along the 600 ft. flower garden walk. Pierce's Woods, a unique woodland display garden is also peaking in May, and the entire 300 acres offer delights and surprises at any time of year.

Winterthur, An American Country Estate

<Http://winterthur.org>

Beautiful at any time of year, but at its peak in spring. In May, the 8 acre Azalea Woods of Winterthur will be the height of bloom. Other areas of the garden will be filled with dogwoods, spring beauties, Virginia bluebells, spirea, winterhazel, lilacs and more. A garden tram takes visitors on a guided tour, and the whole garden is open for strolls. Your admission also includes the Museum galleries.

Mt. Cuba Center for the Piedmont Flora

The former estate of Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland, Mt.Cuba is now a center for study and education about the Piedmont Flora. The largest display of wild flowers cultivated in the Mid-Atlantic region is a gorgeous walk in the spring. This is a two hour tour of continuous walking. A special treat, as the garden is open to the public on a limited basis in April and May by tour only.

The Brandywine River Museum and Brandywine Conservancy

<http://www.brandywinemuseum.org/>

Situated in a 19th century grist mill along the Brandywine River, the River Museum is home to the largest collection of three generations of Wyeth paintings, American illustrations and Landscapes. The museum is surrounded by wildflower and sculpture gardens. Be among the first visitors to the new section of museum opening in April.

Gibraltar Gardens

<http://www.preservationde.org/gibraltar/estate/index.htm>

Gibraltar Gardens is another Marian Coffin designed garden in Delaware. Recently preserved by Preservation Delaware, in the spring Gibraltar is abloom with tulips, Spanish bluebells, azaleas and other treats.

Waterloo Gardens Exton, PA: <http://www.waterloogardens.com>

Matterhorn Nursery Spring Valley, NY: <http://www.matterhornnursery.com>

J. Franklin Styer Nurseries Concordville, PA: <http://www.styers.com/>

Your registration cost includes: education, commentary and your questions answered by two experienced horticultural guides, all admissions and tours at the nine scheduled destinations, three nights hotel accommodations, a wine and cheese reception and three full breakfasts at the Concordville Hotel, four days of deluxe motorcoach transportation and transfers, a continental breakfast and boxed lunch on Monday, refreshments, and departure from either the UVM Hort Farm or Fort Ticonderoga.

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Gardens of the Brandywine Valley Itinerary

Monday 5/10

Morning: 6:45- 7:00 am Check in and depart UVM Hort Farm
8:15-8:30 Check in, Continental Breakfast and Tour in King's Garden, Fort
Ticonderoga
Mid-Day:
Evening: Arrive at Hotel

Tuesday 5/11

Morning: Tour Mt.Cuba Center for the Piedmont Flora
Afternoon: Lunch at and Visit Longwood Gardens

Wednesday 5/12

Morning: Visit J.Franklin Styers Nursery
Tour Gibraltar Gardens
Afternoon: Lunch at and Visit Winterthur
Visit the Brandywine River Museum

Thursday 5/13

Morning: Visit Waterloo Gardens, Exton PA
Stroll, eat and shop in historic New Hope, PA
Afternoon: Travel north
Evening: Arrive at King's Garden 7:00 pm
Arrive at Hort Farm 8:30pm

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