

Delaware Valley Gardens:
Discovering Botanical History & Cutting Edge Horticulture

Custom Tour for The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.

September 11-14, 2012

Join GCSC President, Maida Dantzer, for a tour of some of the most famous and captivating gardens in the country! The Delaware Valley area is rich in public gardens, arboreta & historic houses with gardens, from Philadelphia to Wilmington. In fact, so much of the nation's horticultural history is rooted in this region that it has been dubbed "the cradle of horticulture." This exciting tour will take you to visit many of the best!

The program includes....

** 3 nights at the Radnor Hotel, near the charming village of Wayne

** All entrance fees and guided tours as listed on the itinerary, with deluxe coach transportation

** Visits to the following gardens: **Bartram's House & Gardens, The Highlands Mansion & Gardens, Winterthur House & Gardens, Mt. Cuba Center, Longwood Gardens, and Chanticleer Gardens.**

** Welcome dinner, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch



Price per person based on 2 sharing a room \$769

Singles add \$269

Airfare and travel insurance is additional and can be purchased at the appropriate time. The plan is to fly from Columbia as a group but you may travel independently to meet the group in Philadelphia on time for airport transfers.



Our tour itinerary....

Tuesday, September 11 Depart this morning from Columbia for a short flight to Philadelphia. Arrive and transfer to Bartram's Garden, home of John Bartram, an early American naturalist, botanist and plant hunter, for a tour of the house and garden, as well as a boxed lunch. The afternoon will be spent at Highland Mansion & Gardens, a historic 18th century estate lovingly restored by Miss Caroline Sinkler (1860-1949), a native South Carolinian with strong ties to Philadelphia. We then continue to the charming town of Wayne and the Radnor Hotel, our hotel for the next 3 nights. Freshen up for a welcome dinner this evening. L, D

Wednesday, September 12 After breakfast we depart for Winterthur Museum and Country Estate Gardens in Wilmington Delaware, the premier museum of American decorative arts and its 60-acre naturalistic garden. Our visit will include a tram tour through the estate on arrival, a guided tour of the historic house and then free time to wander the museum galleries, visit the garden, and have lunch. We depart at 2pm for Mt. Cuba Center, a non-profit horticulture facility that nurtures one of the most renowned wildflower and native plant gardens in the country. Here we will have a 2 hour guided tour of the gardens, ponds and meadows. Return to the hotel. B

Thursday, September 13 Today we visit Longwood Gardens, the country's most celebrated botanical garden (photo page 1). Longwood, a former du Pont estate, consists of 20 outdoor gardens, and an equal number of indoor gardens within 4.5 acres of conservatories. The garden showcases more than 11,000 plants, including many of the newest cultivars. We will begin with a guided tour and then have free time for lunch and exploration of the gardens, conservatories, and gift shop. B

Friday, September 14 After breakfast we depart for nearby Chanticleer Gardens, a pleasure garden that features eleven distinct areas, each more interesting and engaging than the last. We will then transfer to the airport for the flight home. B



A deposit of \$250 is required to hold space. Please send your registration form, with check made payable to Marian St Clair, 357 Riverside Drive, Greenville, SC 29605

REGISTRATION—for questions contact Marian St.Clair at 864-297-8632, or by email: marian.stclair@gmail.com

General Instructions:

1. Please type or print legibly.
2. Read the Terms and Conditions and the Payment and Refund Policy before signing.
3. Make checks payable to Marian St.Clair. Mail registration form to Marian St.Clair, 357 Riverside Drive, Greenville, SC 29605, with your deposit of \$250. Keep a copy of all information for your records.

Detailed Instructions:

1. Dietary and Health Information. It is vital to know if special meals or assistance will be required. The tour is paced for comfort, but a certain amount of walking is involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina and mobility to keep pace with a group.
2. Emergency Contact. Please provide contact information to reach this person at any time.
3. Rooming Requirements. Non-smoking rooms are booked unless otherwise requested. If you are sharing a room, please indicate with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, I can try to match you but cannot guarantee this will be possible. If no match is available, the single charge will apply.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Space is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first serve basis.
2. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein.
3. Registration and payment release Marian St.Clair and any person employed or utilized by her from all claims resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of gross negligence, those arising from the use of any vehicle or bus or car rental agency, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
4. Registration and payment is certification that the applicant is mentally and physically capable of full participation in the tour.
5. The host reserves the right to substitute hotels and activities in response to changes in availability, provided they do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour.
6. The host also reserves the right, without penalty, to withdraw the tour, to decline to accept any person as a participant in the tour, and to require a person to withdraw from the tour at any time when such action is determined to be in the best interests of the health, safety or general welfare of the tour group or the individual.

Payment Schedule and Refund Policy:

1. The \$250 deposit must accompany the completed Registration Form.
2. Final payment is due July 1.
3. If refunds are offered, they are subject to a \$100 cancellation penalty.
4. All cancellation requests should be made in writing, by mail or email, by July 1.
5. The following items and services are not included in the tour price: transportation to and from the participant's home to the point of departure, meals not listed, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, and items of a personal nature.

REGISTRATION FOR DELAWARE VALLEY GARDENS

Legal Name on Driver's License (required by Homeland Security):

Preferred name (if different):

Date of Birth (required by Homeland Security):

Street Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Home Phone/Cell Phone:

Email:

Dietary and Health Information/Allergies:

Emergency Contact:

Contact's Street Address:

Contact's City/State/Zip Code:

Contact's Home Phone/Cell Phone:

Will you be sharing a room? Yes/No

Name of roommate:

Do you plan to fly with the group? Yes/No

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and Payment Schedule and Refund Policy.

_____, 2012

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(Mail w/deposit to Marian St.Clair, 357 Riverside Drive, Greenville, SC 29605)