

Philadelphia Flower Show & The Brandywine Valley

Benefitting Nashville Public Television & Volunteer Gardener

March 7-12, 2023

Price: \$2,150.00 per person, double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$725.00

Maximum Group Size: 25 people



Tuesday, March 7—Fly to Philadelphia Flights are up to individual travelers. We suggest taking a morning flight and arriving by lunch time. For those who have arrived by lunch time (and weather permitting), we will have an early afternoon guided walking tour of the historic city center of Philadelphia and there will be a welcome dinner for the full group this evening. **Dinner included.**

Wednesday, March 8—This morning, we head for the beautiful Brandywine River Valley and the **Brandywine Museum of Art**. Renowned for its holdings of the Wyeth family of artists, the Museum features galleries dedicated to the work of N. C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth and Jamie Wyeth. The Museum's outstanding Heritage Collection is a cross section of American art, with a special focus on artistic practice in the Brandywine valley. Nineteenth- and twentieth-century landscape paintings testify to the beauty which drew well-known artists to the area. Important portraits, still life paintings and notable holdings in American illustration add diversity and breadth to this unique collection. The afternoon will find us at **Winterthur Museum, Garden, & Library**. Winterthur is the premier museum of American decorative arts, with an unparalleled collection of nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America since 1640. The collection is displayed in the magnificent 175-room house, much as it was when the family of founder Henry Francis du Pont called it home. The 60-acre garden, designed by du Pont, is among America's best, with magnificent plantings and massive displays of color throughout the year. Lunch will be included, either at the Brandywine Museum of Art or at Winterthur, depending on scheduling. **Breakfast and Lunch included.**

Thursday, March 9—The crown jewel of gardens, **Longwood Gardens** is world-renowned for its magnificent indoor and outdoor displays, including Pierre Dupont's original conservatory with more than 4 ½ acres under glass. In early March, the conservatory will be filled to overflowing with magnificent blooming flowers, hanging baskets, tropical plants, orchids, and much, much more. We will spend the morning exploring the conservatory, the early-blooming bulbs outdoors, and we will enjoy lunch at one of Longwood's excellent restaurants. This afternoon, we will return to Philadelphia with a stop at the **Barnes Foundation** on the way back to our hotel. Philadelphia art collector Albert C. Barnes (1872–1951) chartered the Barnes Foundation in 1922 to teach people from all walks of life how to look at art. Over three decades, he collected some of the world's most important impressionist, post-impressionist, and modern paintings, including works by Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse, and Picasso, displayed alongside the rest of his varied collection of objets d'art. **Breakfast and Lunch included.**

Friday, March 10—Today, we will spend the full day at the **Philadelphia Flower Show**. We will go to the show as a group at opening time. Once inside, you will be on your own to explore the show at your own pace. Your ticket will be good for the full day and you will have the option of enjoying lunch onsite or, with your ticket and a hand stamp, you may choose to go to the nearby Reading Market or a local restaurant for lunch and return to the show later in the day. One of the largest flower shows in the world, Philadelphia comes in second only to London's Chelsea Flower Show in size, scope, and number of vendors—and unlike Chelsea, since we are traveling domestically, you can return home with all of the plants, flowers, seeds, tools, and other gardening supplies or gifts that you can carry (or ship)! **Breakfast included.**

Saturday, March 11—We are waiting on some news from our friends in nearby Downingtown, Pennsylvania, about a very special gardening event that usually happens on the Saturday of Flower Show week. For the past two years, it has been postponed due to Covid, but we are hopeful that it will return in the spring of 2023. More details when we know for sure. If this event does not occur in 2023, we will make plans to visit some other nearby estate gardens in the Brandywine Valley. **Breakfast and Lunch included.**

Sunday, March 12—Return home with memories of a wonderful time in the Brandywine Valley and at the world-famous Philadelphia Flower Show! Airport transfers will be up to individual travelers at the appropriate time for their flights. **Breakfast included.**

Our hotel, for the duration of the tour, will be the 4-star Le Meridien. The hotel is housed in a century old, 10-story Georgian revival-style structure with intriguing historical flair, that was once the home to Philadelphia's marquee YMCA. It is located in the heart of the city's business district and less than one block from the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Striking features and architectural detail awaken the eye: a skylight allows for the play of natural light in the 75-foot central atrium courtyard, and the airy restaurant/bar boasts graceful archways and classic woodwork.

Transportation on our days out will be by private, business-class coach.

Troy B. Marden Travel—Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS To guarantee your reservation, deposits, along with single supplements for individual travelers, must be received either by check, credit card, or electronic payment (PayPal or Venmo). Payments must be made in accordance with the payment schedule stated in the itinerary and/or on the website, as well as at the bottom of this form. Credit card and E-payments will be subject to a 3.5% surcharge to cover processing fees.

*****DEPOSITS***** Beginning January 1, 2021, deposits for tours will no longer be fully refundable. Deposits of \$1,000.00 per person will be required for all tours. 50% of the deposit (\$500.00 per person) will be non-refundable, but **will be transferable** to another tour should you be forced to cancel your reservation. The remaining 50% (\$500.00 per person) will be refundable up to 120 days prior to travel, per the cancellation and refund policy below. Any cancellations fewer than 120 days from travel will be subject to the fees laid out in the same policy. **Single Supplements must be made along with initial deposits. These will remain fully refundable until 120 days prior to travel.** After that time, the cancellation fees outlined below will apply.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS Cancellations are subject to the following **per person fees based on the total package price** as offered by Troy B. Marden Travel:

Cancel 120 days or more prior to departure—Deposits will be 50% refundable. The remaining 50% will be retained by Troy B. Marden Travel and **may be applied to a future tour**. If more than the deposit has been paid, the full balance, less 50% of the deposit fee, will be refunded.

Cancel 90-119 days prior to departure—25% Cancellation fee, per person, applies

Cancel 60-89 days prior to departure—50% Cancellation fee, per person, applies

Cancel fewer than 60 days prior to departure—No Refunds

***Refunds of domestic flights as part of an itinerary cannot be guaranteed once flights have been booked.

Reservations made after any cancellation deadline has passed will still be subject to the cancellation policy and deadlines. In the event a client is required to cancel, that client's reservations may be transferrable to another client. However, transfer of reservations cannot be guaranteed for every tour and will be addressed on a case by case basis. This cancellation and refund policy refers to the ground package only, as set forth by Troy B. Marden Travel in the trip itinerary. Airfares are the responsibility of the passenger and any cancellations or changes to airfares are subject to the agreement between the passenger and the airline.

PASSPORT INFORMATION A valid passport is required for **all** international tours and for some tours to U.S. Territories and is the responsibility of each passenger. **Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the traveler's RETURN DATE.**

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS Troy B. Marden Travel **and its passengers** will follow **all** rules and guidelines regarding Covid-19 for all countries. There will be no exceptions. This includes proof of vaccination, quarantining, and all other requirements as they are laid out by the U.S. Government or the governments of other countries. These rules and guidelines may vary from country to country and from tour to tour. **It should be assumed that Covid guidelines may be in flux for the foreseeable future. Any person choosing not to be vaccinated assumes any and all responsibility for the consequences thereof including, but not limited to, rejection at borders, return home, accommodation, infection or illness, hospitalization, or death.** Mask mandates and some degree of social distancing are likely to continue, even with the large-scale distribution of vaccines. Travelers must understand and be prepared for these likelihoods, which could affect them, personally, or force unforeseen changes to the itinerary at a moment's notice. **Troy B. Marden Travel, nor any of its agents, will be held liable for any form of Covid-related postponement, cancellation, expense, medical care, et al.**

TRIP CANCELLATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE Troy B. Marden Travel does not provide trip cancellation or medical insurance of any kind, but strongly urges passengers to secure insurance through their own agents, credit card companies or other providers. **Should the client choose not to secure trip cancellation insurance, it is agreed that Troy B. Marden Travel or its agents will not be held liable for any refund of monies lost, nor the reimbursement of any expenditures, due to unexpected illness, injury, or any other cause of cancellation fewer than 120 days prior to departure.** Further, it is agreed that all clients maintain up-to-date medical insurance for coverage in the event of any health or medical emergencies or needs during a tour, whether in the U.S. or abroad. Should the client choose **not** to maintain up-to-date medical coverage, the client agrees that Troy B. Marden Travel or its agents will not be held liable, financially or otherwise, for any health or medical circumstances that may arise before, during, or after the completion of any tour.

TOUR PRICES AND PRICE CHANGES All tour prices are based on double occupancy and are in U.S. Dollars. Single supplements cover additional charges for single occupancy rooms as imposed by the hotel, bed and breakfast, or other provider of accommodations. Tour prices are based on a minimum number of passengers, which may vary between tours. Should the number of passengers fall below the minimum, Troy B. Marden Travel reserves the right to adjust the tour price and impose a surcharge to cover losses. Tour prices are also based on hotel rates, motor coach rates, and other rates negotiated many months in advance of departure and, for international tours, on an exchange rate which is subject to change based on world financial markets. Should any portion of any tour see a significant change in price for reasons beyond our control—including, but not limited to, hotel rate changes, motor coach rate changes or fuel surcharges, or a significant change in the currency exchange rate between countries—Troy B. Marden Travel reserves the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.

TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS Tour prices include hotel accommodations, ground transportation, entry fees, tips for drivers and guides, and meals as specified in the final itinerary. Tour prices **do not include** airfares unless specifically noted as part of the tour itinerary (i.e. a tour may include a domestic flight within a country or a short flight between countries if those flights are deemed a necessary part of the itinerary), travel insurance, excess baggage fees, items of a personal nature, telephone calls, room service, optional tour extensions, hotel accommodations for additional nights before a tour commences or after a tour ends, spa treatments or other hotel/resort services, meals not listed in the itinerary, alcoholic beverages or other special beverages ordered at group meals, or tips to hotel personnel. At some special group meals, all beverages may be included. The customer will be made aware of these special occasions on a trip by trip basis.

TOUR CANCELLATION BY TROY B. MARDEN TRAVEL On the rarest occasions, it may be necessary for Troy B. Marden Travel to cancel a tour. These could include, but not be limited to, war, civil unrest, family illness or death, adverse weather conditions, global pandemic or other health-related crises, or other acts of God that may threaten the comfort and/or well-being of the client. If Troy B. Marden Travel is forced to cancel a tour due to unforeseen circumstances, Troy B. Marden Travel will make reasonable effort to recover monies paid to vendors (hotels, coach companies, site visits, restaurants, etc.) up to the date of cancellation. **Troy B. Marden Travel cannot guarantee the recovery of funds from vendors in these circumstances.** Recovered funds, if any, will be distributed equally between travelers, less the \$500 non-refundable deposits laid out in the **Reservations & Payments** and the **Cancellations and Refunds** sections of this agreement. The non-refundable portion of the deposits **will remain transferable** to a future tour.

RESPONSIBILITY Tour itineraries are planned well in advance. Troy B. Marden Travel reserves the right to make alterations to any itinerary should local conditions dictate. When weather or unforeseen conditions of any kind which are beyond our control affect our routes or itinerary, Troy B. Marden Travel and its representatives reserve the right to provide a suitable alternative. In exceptional circumstances outside the control of Troy B. Marden Travel or any of its representatives, agents or suppliers, including, but not limited to the threat of war, political unrest, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist threat or action, disease outbreak or other health concerns, legal or illegal labor disputes, adverse weather conditions or an Act of God, Troy B. Marden Travel, its representatives, suppliers, or agents cannot be held responsible for such limitations or withdrawal of facilities. The use by Troy B. Marden Travel of transport and accommodations in connection with any tour is subject to the conditions of the owners/operators of such transport or accommodations for whom Troy B. Marden Travel acts as an agent. Troy B. Marden Travel does not, under most circumstances, book air travel unless the itinerary requires shuttling of passengers between local destinations by air. Unless specifically stated in the itinerary, the client is responsible for their own domestic and/or international airfare and for meeting the group at the destination at the given time.

Troy B. Marden Travel will not be responsible for damages or inconvenience caused by late arrivals, departures or changes of schedule beyond their control. Troy B. Marden Travel does not hold any responsibility for the conduct of any of its members, hotel, motorcoach, cruiseline, train, airline, or other personnel that are not their own. Troy B. Marden Travel reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of its tour/cruise at its discretion. Troy B. Marden Travel or its Tour Director retain the right to require any participant to withdraw from a tour/cruise at any time, if determined to be in the best interests of health, safety, and general welfare of the tour/cruise group or of the individual participant. Payment of the deposit constitutes the acceptance of these terms and conditions. Itinerary and hotels are subject to change based on local conditions and availability.

Please print the following Reservation Form (2 pages), fill out, sign, and return to the address listed at the bottom of the form. Thank you!

Troy B. Marden Travel
Booking Form for
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TRAVELER # 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Single or Double Occupancy? _____

**TRAVELER # 2 (If Double Occupancy, please list the second traveler below.
Include address, telephone and email if different from above.)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Price: \$2,150.00 per person, ground only, based on double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$725.00 per person due at time of booking.

***Please note that the price does NOT include roundtrip airfare. Travelers will be required to purchase their own airfares from their departure city.**

Payment Schedule:

Deposit: \$1,000.00 per person at time of booking to secure your space.

Final Payment: \$1,150.00 per person due no later than **January 7, 2023**

Single Supplement: \$725.00, **due with the deposit** at the time a reservation is made.

I have read, understand, and accept the Terms & Conditions provided by Troy B. Marden Travel.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

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*Credit cards can be accepted. There is a 3.5% surcharge for all credit card payments. Electronic payments by Venmo are also accepted and are free of charge. Please contact Troy directly, preferably using the email address provided above, to schedule credit card payments.

Reservations will not be considered complete until deposits and a signed reservation form have been received.