

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Christmastime in the Brandywine Valley

3 DAYS: Friday, December 7 – Sunday, December 9, 2018

THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY (where Pennsylvania and Delaware meet) is rich in history, world-class museums, “American castle” mansions and fabulous gardens. This special holiday tour includes a visit to Alfred duPont’s Nemours Mansion and Gardens—a French-style chateau elegantly decorated for the season—as well as the Brandywine River Museum’s Christmas display and an evening at magnificent Longwood Gardens with its towering Christmas trees, thousands of poinsettias, dancing fountains and holiday music. Before departing for home, we’ll visit the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia.

Includes

- Round-trip motorcoach transportation from select locations
- Two nights’ accommodations: **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, Brandywine Valley
- Four meals: two breakfasts, two dinners
- Services of professional Tour Manager

Rates

\$479 per person double occupancy
\$469 per person triple occupancy
\$589 for single reservations

Cancellation insurance waiver is \$24. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking. Per person deposit is \$150.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Travel to the Brandywine Valley region of Pennsylvania for a special holiday tour. Our accommodations are at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Brandywine Valley. This evening dinner is included. **(D)**

Day 2: Our morning begins with a visit to Nemours Mansion and Gardens. Home of Alfred I. DuPont, this French style chateau is elegantly decorated for the holiday season. This afternoon, visit the Brandywine River Museum. The museum has a fabulous holiday display including an extensive O-gauge railroad, an elaborate Victorian dollhouse and thousands of ornaments on holiday trees. Dinner is included before continuing on to Longwood Gardens for its spectacular holiday display along with a beautiful choral concert. Indoors you’ll find beautifully decorated trees and thousands of poinsettias with amaryllis, narcissus, cyclamen and tulips in the heated Conservatory. Outdoors, you’ll witness more than 500,000 lights transform the grounds into a festive garden, while dancing fountains perform to holiday music. **(B, D)**

Day 3: After breakfast, we depart for Philadelphia and visit the Betsy Ross House. Enjoy this great landmark where Betsy Ross designed and sewed the first American Flag. Later depart for home. **(B)**

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

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