

GARDEN CLUB
SUGGESTED HUDSON RIVER VALLEY ITINEARY

DAY ONE

- Meet your Group Tour Company escort/guide and motorcoach, both whom will be with you for the next five days, for departure to Washington, CT
- Check in suggested hotel: **The Mayflower Inn & Spa**
- Welcome dinner at the Mayflower Inn & Spa

[dinner included]

DAY TWO

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Hollister House Gardens - Beautifully situated on a sloping, terraced site in the rolling hills of Litchfield County. Hollister House Garden is an old fashioned garden in the manner of such famous English gardens as Sissinghurst, Great Dixter and Hidcote, formal in its structure but informal and rather wild in its style of planting.
- Visit to a local private garden
- Lunch at the George Washington Tavern in Washington Depot, CT
- Afternoon visits to, two additional private gardens
- Return to the hotel to freshen up
- Dinner this evening at The Captain William Bull Tavern

[breakfast, lunch and dinner included]

DAY THREE

- Breakfast at the hotel followed by check out
- Depart for Amenia, NY (30 miles/45 minutes)
- Wethersfield Estate and Gardens - A mid-twentieth century garden design in the neoclassical style. Designed by landscape architect Evelyn Poehler to house the owner's sculpture collection. (*open by appointment only*)
- Depart for Millbrook, NY (10 miles/15 minutes)
- Innisfree Gardens - A unique contribution to garden art in America, its design is influenced by a Chinese style dating back 1,000 years. 40-acre lake surrounded by cliffs, low hills, waterfalls and streams.
- Depart for Hype Park, NY (15 miles/25 minutes)
- Lunch at the Culinary Institute of America
- Following lunch depart for Kingston, NY (19 miles/35 minutes)
- A two hour Hudson Riverboat Cruise onboard the Rip Van Winkle
- Depart for Rhinebeck, NY (12 miles/20 minutes)
- Check in suggested hotel: **The Beekman Arms and Delamater House**
- Evening dine around at your own expense

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DAY FOUR

- Continental breakfast at the hotel followed by check out
- Depart for Cold Spring, NY (*40 miles/45 minutes*)
- Stonecrop Gardens - At its windswept elevation of 1,100 feet in the Hudson Highlands Stonecrop enjoys a zone 5 climate. The display gardens cover an area of approximately 12 acres and comprise a diverse collection of gardens and plants including woodland and water gardens, a grass garden, raised alpine stone beds, cliff rock gardens, and an enclosed English-style flower garden. Additional features include a Conservatory, display Alpine House, Pit House with an extensive collection of choice dwarf bulbs, and systematic order beds representing over 50 plant families.
- Depart for Mountainville, NY (*20 miles/35 minutes*)
- Storm King Art Center - A museum that celebrates the relationship between sculpture and nature. Five hundred acres of landscaped lawns, fields and woodlands provide the site for postwar sculptures by internationally renowned artists.
- Lunch (*picnic or restaurant TBD*)
- Kuykuit - This hilltop paradise was home to four generations of the Rockefeller family, beginning with the philanthropist and founder of Standard Oil John D. Rockefeller. His business acumen made him, in his day, the richest man in America. Now a historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this extraordinary landmark has been continuously and meticulously maintained for almost 100 years.
- Depart for White Plains, NY (*11 miles/20 minutes*)
- Check in suggested hotel: **The Ritz Carlton Hotel**
- Farewell dinner this evening at the hotel

[breakfast and lunch included]

DAY FIVE

- Continental Breakfast at the hotel followed by check out
- Morning private garden visit
- Depart White Plains for Manhattan and your departure flights home

[breakfast included]