Gardens Galore

5 Days -June 2-6, 2026

Meals Included: 4 Continental Breakfasts & 2 Dinners



An exclusive motorcoach trip designed especially for: Blowing Rock Garden Club, Blue Ridge Garden Club of Boone, Lenoir Garden Club, Banner Elk Garden Club and Valle Crucis Garden Club.

Note: spouses and friends of members are welcome to join! See America's #1 Botanical Garden: Longwood Gardens

See America's #4 Botanical Garden: Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens

Plus, Hagley Museum, Nemours Mansion & French Formal Gardens, Winterthur, Historic Valley Forge and Toby's Dinner Theatre!

Day 1: LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDENS • MARYLAND: This morning we begin our specialized tour to explore renown gardens full of vibrant summer blooms and wander through grand mansions. This afternoon we arrive near Richmond, Virginia for our first stop, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, rated #4 in American gardens by USA Today. We will have time to closely observe fifteen themed gardens over a property covering 82 acres, including a rose garden. You are bound to see personal favorites and discover new varieties among the 5,700 unique taxa of plants. Birders may see or hear warblers or orchard orioles! We continue to Elkridge, MD for our overnight accommodations.

Day 2: HAGLEY MUSEUM • NEMOURS MANSION & GARDENS • DINNER: DELAWARE • PENNSYLVANIA: We start our day at Hagley Museum - the former industrial site of the E. I du Pont Company's black gunpowder yards. We will explore the beautiful gardens as well as their family home. After lunch we visit Nemours Mansion & formal French gardens. This is the 300-acre country estate of the late industrialist and philanthropist, Alfred I. du Pont. The 47,000 square foot mansion looms over the surrounding formal gardens and is furnished with fine antiques, famous artwork and other treasures. Dinner is included at one of the area's well-known restaurants. Overnight in King of Prussia, PA for two nights. (D)

Day 3: LONGWOOD GARDENS • VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE: This morning and early afternoon we explore the creative genius of Pierre S. du Pont at the spectacular LONGWOOD GARDENS - considered the #1 American garden by USA Today! You will have plenty of time to wander 1,050 acres including woodlands, and meadows; 20 outdoor gardens, 20 indoor gardens and one of the world's largest indoor conservatories within 4 acres of heated greenhouses; and 11,000 different types of plants along with whimsical fountains. Pierre, along with his cousin Francis Gurney du Pont, developed the first American smokeless gun powder, forever improving visibility during wartime. After lunch on your own at Longwood, we will travel to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the 1777-1778 winter encampment of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. We return to King of Prussia for dinner on your own and our accommodations.

Day 4: WINTERTHUR • TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE: "THE WIZARD OF OZ": Nestled in the heart of the Brandywine Valley is Winterthur, the premier museum of American decorative arts, with an unparalleled collection of nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America since 1640. We see the collection displayed in this magnificent 175-room house, much as it was when the family of founder Henry Francis du Pont called it home. We have time to check into our hotel, before we travel to Toby's Dinner Theatre for a fabulous dinner buffet and live theater in the round. We'll see a performance of "The Wizard of Oz"! (D)

Day 5: HOME: We have immersed ourselves in spectacular acres of gardens galore on renown American estates. Our five-day journey has been filled with fun, new friendships and inspiration! Now we are anxious to get home and implement our fresh new garden ideas. What a grand adventure for our garden clubs!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Price Per Person:

Double \$1230 Triple \$1149 Quad \$1099 Single \$1520

A deposit of \$350 per person and insurance payment is due with each individual's reservation. Final payment will be due 30 days prior to departure. Cancellation penalties will begin 30 days prior to departure.

Cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended. Insurance Payment is due with deposit at time of booking. Insurance prices are as follows:

Tour Cost Per Person: Premium Cost Per Person:

\$901 to \$1100 \$101 \$1101 to \$1400 \$120 \$1401 to \$1800 \$144

An **Early Booking Discount** is available!! When a reservation / deposit is received at least 95 days prior to departure (February 27, 2026), a 2% discount will be applied to the LAND price of the trip. If full balance is received by Christian Tours at least 95 days prior to departure (February 27, 2026) AND all payments are made using cash, check, or money order (NO Credit Cards), a 5% discount will be applied to the LAND price of the trip.

Mail your reservation form/deposit/payments to Christian Tours at P.O. Box 890, Newton, NC 28658. You may also call-in credit card payments to 800-476-3900 or 828-465-3900. Contact your group leader if you have questions: Edith Gross, (704) 466-6633 or email her at millstonecabin@gmail.com.

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For more information, contact Group Leader Edith Gross

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