

2017 MNLA Landscape Design Tour

Frequently Asked Questions

Price

What does the cost of the tour include?

- The registration fee includes transportation from the hotel to the various tour stops each day, entrance fees into the gardens, guided tours, and some meals. This does NOT include travel to and from Philadelphia, or hotel reservations.

Is full payment due at registration?

- No. A 50% deposit is required to reserve your seat on the bus, and the remaining 50% is due by July 12.

Is my deposit refundable?

- Partial refunds will be granted, if full payment is not received by July 12.

Is my reservation transferrable?

- Yes. If you are unable to attend the tour, you may transfer your registration at no cost.

Hotel

Where will I stay?

- The official hotel of the 2017 Landscape Design Tour is the Mendenhall Inn, located at 323 Kennett Pike, Mendenhall, PA 19331. All information regarding reservations can be found under "Hotel Information" on the MNLA Landscape Design Tour webpage.

Do I have to stay in the designated hotel?

- Yes. All daily transportation arrangements will be from this hotel ONLY.

When should I reserve my room?

- As soon as possible! All rooms are guaranteed at the MNLA group rate before June 26. Be sure to mention "Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association" to receive the discount.

I am traveling alone. Can I share a room with another attendee in order to save on cost?

- Yes. Please notify Emily at time of registration, so that you can be paired with the next attendee of your gender requesting a roommate.

Transportation

What transportation is included?

- All transportation on August 12, 13, and 14 is included.
- You will be responsible for making arrangements to and from Philadelphia.

Am I able to drive separately to each of the gardens?

- No. The cost of the tour includes bus transportation. Private estates will only allow our tour bus to enter.

What if I want to drive instead of fly to Philadelphia?

- We are looking at organizing a carpool/caravan for those who would prefer not to fly. If you are interested in participating, please notify Emily via email at emily@mnla.org.

What do I need to know before booking a flight?

- When comparing prices, check flights into both Philadelphia and Baltimore airports. The Baltimore airport is approximately 90 miles from the hotel, and the Philadelphia airport is 25 miles away.
- You will need to arrive on August 11 and depart on August 15.

Meals

Will I need to purchase my own meals?

- Some meals are included in the cost of the tour. For those meals that will not be provided, menus will be made available in advance.

Will any dietary restrictions be accommodated?

- Yes! Please notify Emily at time of registration if you have any dietary restrictions.

Itinerary

Is there a full Itinerary available?

- Final details are still being planned at this time. However, the following serves as a tentative schedule.
 - o Saturday, August 12
 - We will spend a full day at **Longwood Gardens**, which encompasses 1,077 acres and features 20 indoor gardens, 20 outdoor gardens, meadows, and woodlands showcasing more than 11,000 types of plants. Following a two-year revitalization, Longwood re-opens their Main Fountain Garden this summer, which spans over five acres and features more than 1,700 fountain jets and streams.
 - o Sunday, August 13
 - Our stops for the day will include tours of the formal gardens at both **Winterthur** and **Nemour's Mansions**, in both the English and French styles, respectively. We'll then break from the formality with a visit to **Mt. Cuba Center** to tour their extensive native plant collections.
 - o Monday, August 14
 - Morning activities are likely to include tours of **private estates** in the area. We will spend the afternoon at **Chanticleer Gardens**, which will be open to our group only, allowing us to stroll self-guided through the property. Chanticleer's entire horticulture team will be gardening out on the grounds and eager to speak to us as we move through the garden. Following our tour, Chanticleer will host a reception for MNLA tour attendees and their garden staff.

***Please note:** While the schedule is subject to some change, all major gardens listed will be included in the tour.

What styles of gardens will be featured?

- A diverse variety of designs will be on display, from formal to native, private estates to public gardens.

Did you think of something we didn't cover? Please contact Emily Huening at emily@mnl.org or by phone at (517) 381-0437.