**2023 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 Denver 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 August 11.

**Is my deposit refundable?**

* Partial refunds will be granted, if full payment is not received by August 11, 2023.

**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 headquarter hotel for the 2023 Landscape Design Tour is the Hotel Indigo Denver Downtown – Union Station, located at 1801 Wewatta St., Denver, CO 80202. 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.

**How do I reserve my room?**

* [Click on this booking link](https://www.hotelindigo.com/redirect?path=asearch&brandCode=IN&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=DENWS&checkInDate=12&checkInMonthYear=082023&checkOutDate=16&checkOutMonthYear=082023&rateCode=6CBARC&_PMID=99801505&GPC=MNL&cn=no&viewfullsite=true) to reserve a room in the block. At the end of the booking process, please ignore the “Additional Charges”, as this is an amenity fee that the hotel will not be charging us. Please also ignore “Refundable Deposit” under the total price, no deposit is required.

**When should I reserve my room?**

* As soon as possible! All rooms are guaranteed at the MNLA group rate before Tuesday, August 15.

**Transportation**

**What transportation is included?**

* Transportation by charter bus is provided from the hotel to the various tour stops each day.
  + You will be responsible for making travel arrangements to and from Denver, as well as to and from the host hotel.

**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 do I need to know before booking a flight?**

* + You will need to arrive either the evening of September 12 or the morning of September 13. Sample travel itinerary:
    - non-stop flight out of Detroit Metro leaving at 9:00am EST, landing in Denver at 10:15am MST
    - take the light rail (A line) from Denver International Airport to Union station at 11:12am, arrive at Union station at 11:49a
    - short walk (less than 10 minutes) to hotel and arrive by noon.
* There is a light rail system, [The A-Line](https://app.rtd-denver.com/nextride/plan?tripPlan=%7B%22mbm%22%3A3%2C%22mtt%22%3A2700%2C%22mwm%22%3A1.5%2C%22mdm%22%3A30%2C%22mtht%22%3A180%2C%22trvlm%22%3A%22mode_transit%22%2C%22trnsm%22%3A%5B%22mode_bus%22%2C%22mode_rail%22%2C%22mode_flex%22%5D%2C%22opt%22%3A%22TIME%22%2C%22dt%22%3A%22now%22%2C%22tt%22%3A%22%22%2C%22orig%22%3Anull%2C%22dest%22%3Anull%7D), that runs every 10-15 minutes from the Denver airport to Union Station, which is one block from the headquarter hotel. It is roughly a 45-minute trip one way, and costs $10.50 per person.

**Meals**

**Will I need to purchase my own meals?**

* Included in the registration fee are 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 1 happy hour (see itinerary below). Snacks and water will also be provided throughout the day. For dinners, the host hotel is located in a very walkable area of downtown Denver, with many restaurant options nearby.

**Will dietary restrictions be accommodated?**

* Yes, please indicate on the registration form if you would like vegetarian meals.

**Itinerary**

As details are being finalized, please note that the schedule may be subject to some minor changes.

* + **Wednesday, September 13**
    - The day will begin at 1:00pm MST (3:00pm EST) to allow for morning travel from Michigan. The tour will depart from the host hotel ([Hotel Indigo](https://www.guestreservations.com/hotel-indigo-denver-downtown-union-station/booking?gclid=Cj0KCQjw27mhBhC9ARIsAIFsETH0sUBMn8LHXIVKrGTTit73xbhZxfuMArfwail75ghdqHsLx3IgM5kaAmxQEALw_wcB)), where luggage will be stored for our group, as check-in does not begin until 4:00pm MST. Our first stop will be [**Denver Botanic Gardens,**](https://www.botanicgardens.org/) which, since its founding in 1951, has quickly grown to become one of America’s most-visited botanic gardens. Once the Gardens close at 4:00pm, we will view other sites in Denver affiliated with the DBG. We’ll end the day back at the hotel at 7:00p, for dinner on your own.
* **Thursday, September 14**
* We will get an early start, departing from the hotel at 7:00am and enjoying breakfast on the bus and discussion of the previous day’s sites as we head into the mountains. Our stops will include a tour of the [Betty Ford Alpine Gardens](https://bettyfordalpinegardens.org/) – the highest elevation botanical garden in North America – as well as inspiring residential and commercial landscapes of the Vail area.
* **Friday, September 15**
* We will visit exemplary **landscape projects** in the Denver metro area for the entirety of the day, hosted by multiple prominent landscape design/build firms. Following our tour, [Designs by Sundown](https://designsbysundown.com/) will host our group for a happy hour at their facility at 5:00pm.

**Did you think of something we didn’t cover? Please contact Emily Huening at** [**emily@mnla.org**](mailto:emily@mnla.org) **or by phone at (517) 381-0437.**