



October 3-6 Post-Convention Tour

The History and Culture of the Brandywine Valley

Dear NECA Members:

We know you're looking forward to experiencing the rich history of Philadelphia while at the NECA Show in September. Please join your peers to finish the week exploring the surrounding area, rich in beauty and historical significance. Called "the England of Pennsylvania" by Oliver Wendell Holmes, this Brandywine Valley tour offers a chance to decompress and enrich your Pennsylvania experience.

Your hotel for the 3-nights, Delaware's Montchanin Inn, is a unique collection of historic houses that once formed a village. Today, the inn offers 28 individual rooms and suites, each with its own character and features. Since there are limited rooms in each category, as well as certain bed types, we encourage you study and send in the Reservation Form now to secure your first choice.

Your itinerary mixes historical sites, gardens and museums. Known as America's Garden Capital, Philadelphia will be in its glory as autumn arrives. In the environs of the Brandywine River Valley, we'll take advantage of the season to enjoy plenty of outdoor visits. Valley Forge encampment will remind us of George Washington's winter of hardship, and Hagley Powderworks will motivate those who are new to any endeavor, as the storied DuPont family once was. We'll enjoy museums filled with art of famous natives to the area (like Andrew Wyeth) and curated collections treasured for generations.

We hope you can join us for this moment in time to capture a sense of the rich history of Pennsylvania's Brandywine Valley!

Please click on the red hyperlinks in the digital itinerary for more information.



Wednesday, October 3**Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Brandywine Valley****L,D**

9:30am Departure from the Marriott Philadelphia Downtown. We'll all meet here at 9:00 to board our coach.

10:30am Arrive at [CHANTICLEER GARDEN](#)– We'll start our Autumn ramble with a guided walk in the house followed by time in this famous romantic public garden.

12:00pm Just 15-minutes further lies [VALLEY FORGE REVOLUTIONARY WAR PARK](#) . First, however, we'll stop for lunch at Black Powder Tavern. Our tour of the encampment site follows in the footsteps of the soldiers who once walked the grounds of Valley Forge. This 40-minute guided walking tour from the [Visitor Center](#) to the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts details the struggles during the winter of 1777-8. We continue from here to the [WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL](#). This chapel, complete with gargoyles and stained-glass windows, was built as a tribute to General George Washington and the patriot soldiers of Valley Forge.

5:00pm Arrive at our hotel, [THE INN AT MONTCHANIN VILLAGE](#) A beautifully restored 19th century hamlet in the heart of Delaware's Brandywine Valley and our home base for the tour. Named for Alexandrine de Montchanin, grandmother of the founder of the DuPont Gunpowder Company, Montchanin Village is comprised of 11 carefully restored buildings dating from 1799 to 1910—check-out this [video](#) .

7:00pm Welcome Dinner at Montchanin's *Krazy Kat's* Restaurant.

Thursday, October 4**Delaware's Brandywine Valley****B,L**

7:00-9:00am Breakfast at leisure.

9:15pm Depart to meet our guide at 10 for a 1-hour walk through one of the great gardens of the world, [LONGWOOD GARDENS](#), founded by Pierre S. Dupont.

12:00pm Lunch today in Kennett Square, where we'll enjoy a cup of mushroom soup in the Mushroom Capital of the World, followed by open time to visit the shops along State and Union Streets.

2:30pm Board the bus for Chadds Ford and the [BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM](#). Here, we'll learn about regional artwork during a one-hour docent-led tour of the collection, featuring one of the great American artists of the 20th-century, Andrew Wyeth and his talented family. Following the Museum, a five-minute shuttle takes us to the [N.C. WYETH HOUSE AND STUDIO](#) where we see his home and workplace including a birchbark canoe and collection of firearms used as models for his work.

5:00pm Return to Montchanin – Dinner tonight is on your own. The route back to the inn will pass Buckley's Tavern, and those who might enjoy a "pub" dinner can be dropped off enroute.

Friday, October 5**Delaware's Brandywine Valley****B,D**

7:00-9:00am Breakfast at leisure.

9:30pm It's a 5-minute ride to the [HAGLEY POWDERWORKS AND DUPONT HOME](#). Here, the du Pont family settled in America, built their first home, and began the black powder manufacturing business that became the foundation for all the worldwide du Pont enterprises. We'll enjoy our guided tour viewing the black powder yards, historic machinery, and the original home of the du Pont family. Lunch on our own at nearby Belin House organic restaurant.

2:00pm Another short ride takes us to [WINTERTHUR HOUSE AND GARDENS](#) for our afternoon visit. Once the home of Henry Francis and Ruth DuPont, Winterthur is now the premier American museum of decorative arts, including a metalwork gallery and the world-renowned Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens. Our guided tour will explore this fantastic curated collection, followed by a tram ride through the gardens and time to peruse the gift shop.

5:00pm Return to Montchanin – We'll gather again at *Krazy Kat's* for our farewell dinner.

Saturday, October 6**Home****B**

7:00-9:00am Breakfast at leisure.

9:00am The coach will make two transfers to the Philadelphia airport (only 23 miles away) at 9am and 11am and can drop at any terminal.

(B,L,D = meals included in the tour)



Tour Package Cost \$1,398 per person double occupancy
Single Occupancy \$1,747

Package Inclusions

Deluxe hotel accommodations: Three nights [THE INN AT MONCHANIN VILLAGE](#) Standard Room category with a queen bed

- *Hotel taxes and portorage
- *Breakfast daily at *Krazy Kat's*, including tax and basic gratuity
- *Lunch Wednesday at *Black Powder Tavern* and Thursday at *Kennett Square Inn*, tax and gratuity
- *Dinner Wednesday and Friday nights at *Krazy Kat's Restaurant*, tax and basic gratuity
- *Guided walk of Chanticleer House and Garden, including basic guide gratuity
- *Guided tour of Valley Forge Revolutionary War Site and Washington Chapel, basic guide gratuity
- *Guided tours of Longwood Garden and Francis DuPont's home & garden, Winterthur, gratuity
- *Docent-led tour of Brandywine River Museum featuring paintings by Andrew Wyeth, and guided tour of studio of N.C. Wyeth, including basic guide gratuities
- *Guided tour of Hagley Powderworks, including basic guide gratuity
- *Transportation by motorcoach or van, including basic gratuity
- *Transfer to the Philadelphia Airport Saturday, October 6, at 9am and 11am
- *ATA tour escort throughout

Features Not Included: Airfare; personal items such as room service and phone calls, mini-bar charges; meals and drinks not specified. Coffee and tea are included with the meals, otherwise wine, alcohol, soft drinks and bottled water are an individual expense unless specified.

Supplemental Room Upgrade costs are *per room* for the 3 nights; a higher category means larger room **(please mark upgrade preferences on the Reservation Form)**

Deluxe Room— queen or king bed- \$240 to upgrade

One-Bedroom Suite—queen or king bed- \$268 to upgrade

Superior Suite—king bed- \$ 560 to upgrade

Two-Bedroom Suite— king or twin beds- no supplemental charge- These are a townhouse format; each bedroom has a bathroom & you share a living room; **perfect** for friends or families

NECA Convention

Registration for the NECA Show and accommodations in Philadelphia are done directly through NECA Chapters or NECA Ph (301-215-4508) Fx (301-215-4553)

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Post-Convention Tour

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CONDITIONS

Reservations & Payment: You are encouraged to mail your reservation without delay. Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Form and a \$250 per person deposit that are *due by June 30*. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than August 3. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express Card.

Cancellation: Cancellations must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

Land Package: A \$50 per person cancellation fee will be charged on cancellations regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between August 3 and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the land cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refund for unused services once the tour has begun.

Insurance: Trip cancellation insurance can be obtained from Allianz www.allianztravelinsurance.com, either on-line or over the phone (800-284-8300). Trip cancellation insurance can offset non-refundable air, hotel, and operator charges if cancellation occurs. Please note the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion in the Medical Conditions section. If one exists, you need to purchase the insurance within 14 days of your first payment. Also check with your insurance agent to see what is covered under your existing homeowners and medical policies. For example, suitcases and contents are probably covered under your homeowner's.

Prices: This price is subject to change due to cost increases, and in number of participants upon which the tour cost is based (20). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on May 17, 2018.

Health: The Participant represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to him-or-herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition that may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

Responsibility: American Travel Association (ATA), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and/or their employees or agents, act only on behalf of the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services such as hotels and restaurants to purchasers of this tour and their travel companions (Participants), subject to any and all items and conditions under which any transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such owners and contractors. ATA and NECA, their affiliates and their employees and agents (collectively ATA and NECA) shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for the acts or omissions of the aforesaid owners, contractors and employees thereof supplying transportation or other services hereunder, including but not limited to breach of contract, intentional or negligent delay or bodily or property loss, injury or damages. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they're provided. ATA and NECA shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for any loss, injury or death, or other damages caused by or resulting from acts of God, fire, breakdown or defects vehicles, machinery or equipment, acts of governments and other authorities, wars, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics or quarantines, monetary crisis, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions. Participants shall have the responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories, which may exist. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on any invoice or reservation itinerary, ATA and NECA do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings or reservations. The Participants' retention of air tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions. In addition, Participants shall be responsible for conveying the terms and conditions hereunder to travel companions. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. ATA and NECA reserve the right to cancel any itinerary or any part thereof and to make such alterations in the itinerary they deem necessary or desirable.





2018 Philadelphia Post-Convention Tour to Brandywine Valley Reservation Form

Name(s) _____
(if children coming, please give ages)

Company (if applicable) _____

* Please correspond to the following ___ office ___ home address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Suite or Apt. # _____ Cel Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Preferred First names _____

Hotel Rooms: Tour is based on Standard Room category with one queen bed

Children will share our room children will stay in separate room

Room Upgrades Selection Here- Supplemental upgrade costs are *for the room* for the 3 nights

___ Deluxe Room- either a queen or a king bed-\$240

___ One-Bedroom Suite- either a queen or a king bed-\$268

___ Superior Suite -a king bed-\$560

___ Two-Bedroom Suite- no supplement cost- These are a townhouse format; each bedroom has a king or twin beds and a bathroom - you share a living room; **perfect** for friends or families. We will share this suite with _____

Deposit & Payment A deposit of \$250 per person is due with the reservation form; final balance due by August 3. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Or, please charge to Visa MasterCard Discover American Express:

Card number _____ Exp
date _____

Security Code _____

Name on card _____

Billing address of card Holder (if different from above)

I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure.
Reservations will not be accepted without signature here

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