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# National Trust Tours



## Hudson Valley

Artistic Legacy & Historic Estates

May 21 - 25, 2023

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

**ENJOY** a curator-led introductory visit to the New York Historical Society, the oldest museum in New York City, and marvel at its outstanding collection of historic objects, decorative arts, and one of the preeminent collections of works by Hudson River School artists

**DISCOVER** a variety of National Trust properties on exclusive tours, including the majestic Lyndhurst, a spacious Gothic Revival mansion perched on a sumptuous 67-acre estate

**DELVE** into the legacy of the Hudson River School art movement, with special tours of the Thomas Cole House, the art-filled 19th-century home and studio of well-preserved, Moorish Oriental-style Olana, former home of landscape painter Frederic Edwin Church

**SAVOR** the opulent Beaux Arts architecture of the Gilded Age on tours of the lavish Mills Mansion, a 65-room home furnished with elaborately carved and gilded furniture and a collection of ancient and international art; and the palatial Vanderbilt Mansion, housing thousands of objects from antiquity to the 19th century

**ADMIRE** the treasures of an American political dynasty, the Roosevelts, with visits to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's beloved home, Springwood, as well as Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's cherished cottage and the only National Historic Site dedicated to a First Lady

**EXPERIENCE** Kykuit, the extravagantly landscaped National Trust site that was home to generations of the Rockefeller family, which features stately gardens and Nelson Rockefeller's collection of modern sculptures by Louise Nevelson and Henry Moore *(based on availability)*



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Dear National Trust Traveler:

Just a short drive from New York City, the Hudson Valley boasts dramatic river vistas, a rich and diverse artistic heritage, marvelous food and wine, and deep ties to early American history. Along the mighty Hudson, you will also find architecturally distinguished historic properties, some of them lovingly maintained by the National Trust. In the beauty of spring, join us for a behind-the-scenes look at some of the Hudson Valley's most extraordinary art collections, gardens, and homes, including estates once owned by the Rockefellers, the Vanderbilts, and the Roosevelts.

Inspired by the Valley's scenic splendor, 19th-century painters flocked here to launch America's very first major art movement, capturing the vigor of the new nation with its boundless possibilities. Our journey begins with a spectacular, curator-led visit to the New York Historical Society, which holds one of the leading collections of Hudson River School landscape paintings. Venture north to watch all of that art and history come to life over four nights. Enjoy exclusive access to a variety of historically significant estates, including the Thomas Cole House, former home to the Hudson River School's founder.

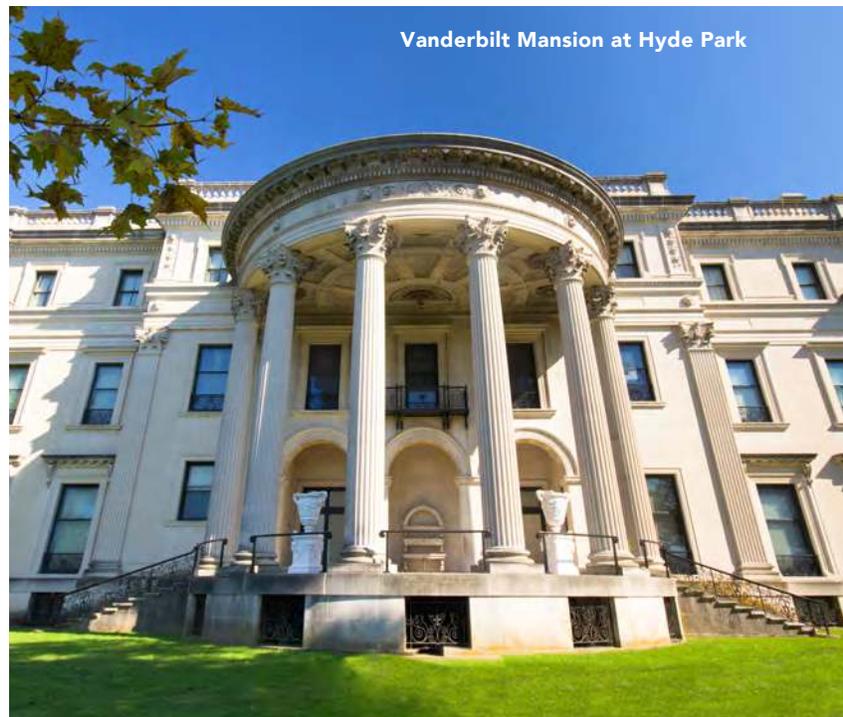
During the Gilded Age, New York City's top financiers constructed their grand summer homes in the Hudson Valley. Discover these palatial Beaux Arts-style mansions on special tours, from the opulent Mills Mansion to the extravagant, art-filled estate the Vanderbilts established in Hyde Park. Nearby, explore the legacy of an American political dynasty at Springwood, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birthplace and lifelong home.

Delight in elegant accommodations in the charming village of Rhinebeck. I hope you will join us to admire the uncommon beauty and allure of the Hudson Valley in spring.

Sincerely,

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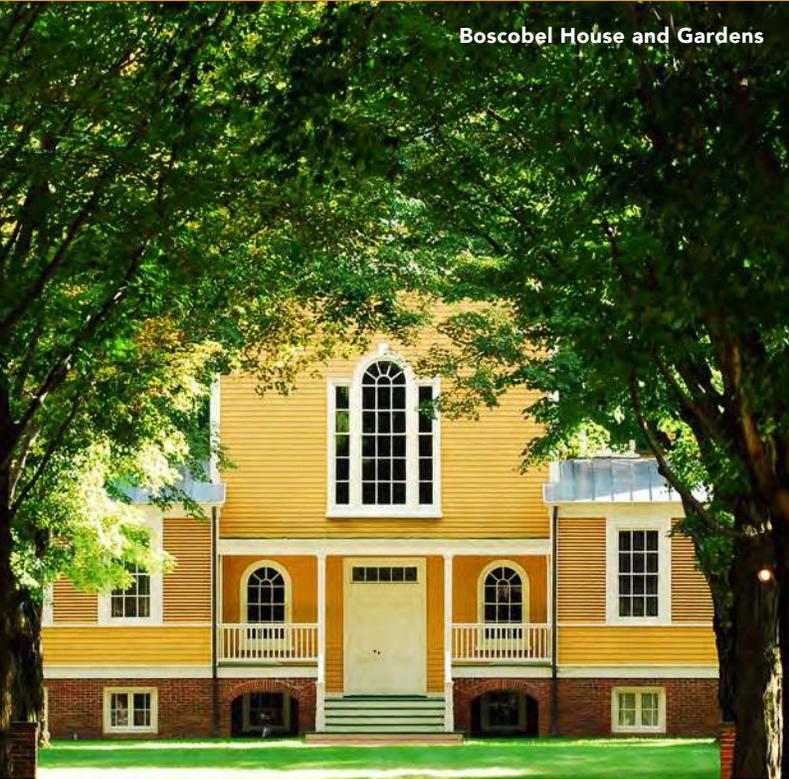
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Boscobel House and Gardens

### SUNDAY, MAY 21: ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK CITY / RHINEBECK

Arrive independently by 11 a.m. in Manhattan, and gather at New York Historical Society for a curator-led visit. A boxed lunch will be provided on the coach during the drive up through the Hudson Valley. On the way, stop at the Armour-Stiner House, and marvel at the only known fully domed, octagonal residence in the United States, built in the form of an ancient temple. Continue to Boscobel House and Gardens, which commands an impressive view of the Hudson River. Transfer to Rhinebeck, and check in to the hotel for a four-night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. L, D

### MONDAY, MAY 22: HUDSON VALLEY

This morning, visit one of the grand Hudson Valley estates of the Gilded Age—the Beaux-Arts-style Mills Mansion, remodeled in 1895 by the architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White. Admire the opulent interiors, which have been meticulously restored to their former elegance and grandeur. Have lunch at the Culinary Institute of America, which has set the standard for excellence in professional culinary education for over six decades. In nearby Hyde Park, tour Franklin D. Roosevelt's beloved Springwood, his lifelong home and site of the

first U.S. Presidential Library. Stay in Hyde Park for dinner at a local favorite, the Eveready Diner, an American classic. Return to Rhinebeck and the hotel. B, L, D

### TUESDAY, MAY 23: HUDSON VALLEY

Spend the day in the historic Upper Hudson Valley. Begin with a tour of the Thomas Cole House, former residence of the famed artist and a Distinctive Destination of the National Trust. Afterwards, drive to the historic town of Hudson, a once-bustling 18th-century river port and now home to chic boutiques, antique shops, and art galleries. Enjoy some free time and lunch at leisure. Then drive to Olana, the residence of Hudson River School artist Frederic Edwin Church, set on 250 acres of pristine landscapes. Church handpicked Calvert Vaux, the architect who co-designed New York's Central Park, to design this Persian-style house with Moorish accents. On the grounds, glimpse the Hudson Valley's vistas as Church captured them in his paintings. Before returning to the hotel, stop for a tasting of spirits and ciders at the Hudson Valley Distillers. Savor dinner in Rhinebeck this evening. B, D

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24: HUDSON VALLEY

Drive to Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's beloved cottage and the only National Historic Site dedicated to a First Lady. Then, take in stunning views while crossing the Walkway over the Hudson. This afternoon, stroll amid the splendor of the Gilded Age at the Vanderbilt Mansion at Hyde Park. Visit the historic nearby St. James Church, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt attended services and the resting place for several of his family members. Return to Rhinebeck for an evening at leisure. B, L



Olana



Kykuit

**THURSDAY, MAY 25: HUDSON VALLEY / NEW YORK CITY**

Drive south back through lush scenery to Kykuit, home to four generations of Rockefellers, and take a guided tour of the house and expansive terraced gardens, a National Trust Historic Site. Later we will have a special visit to another extraordinary National Trust property, Lyndhurst, in Tarrytown. Also known as the Jay Gould estate, this property is a Gothic Revival country house that sits in its own 67-acre park beside the Hudson River. Enjoy a boxed lunch on the coach as we journey south to New York City, arriving in the late afternoon in time for flights home. B, L

*This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of National Trust Tours and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at [www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms](http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms).*



Lyndhurst

**ACCOMMODATIONS**



Mirbeau Inn & Spa

**MIRBEAU INN & SPA, RHINEBECK, NY**

Balancing wellness with indulgence, the Mirbeau combines Old World Parisian chic with modern comforts. Enjoy accommodations in their Signature Rooms, with a variety of features including a fireplace and a large bathroom equipped with a walk-in shower, soaking tub, and double sinks. Relax in the spa, with its aqua terrace and 12 treatment rooms in the lower level. This hotel's location is in the heart of Rhinebeck and within walking distance of numerous shops and restaurants.

**RESERVATION INFORMATION**

To secure your place, please call National Trust Tours at **888-484-8785**. A deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) is required.



**PROGRAM RATE**

**\$3,999 per person, double rate**  
**\$4,699 single rate**

**RATE INCLUDES**

- Four nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine with dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service, and portage charges

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES** Airfare; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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