

Charming Connecticut
River Valley Region & Hartford
June 13 (Tue) - 15 (Thu), 2023
3 Day Tour

Meals Included: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner

Day 1 Tuesday (L)
6:10am Depart Allentown, PA (Calvary Temple)
6:30am Depart Bethlehem, PA (L.V.I.P)
6:50am Depart William Penn Park & Ride - Lot C-1
 Arrive Windsor, CT
 Lunch included at The Tavern at Keney Park
 Guided Mystery Tour in Hartford

A step-on guide will board the Motorcoach and show you sites you may not expect to see.

Depart for Middletown, CT
Check into hotel - Two (2) Nights
The Inn at Middletown
Dinner and evening on own

Day 2 Wednesday (B,D)
 Breakfast at hotel
 Connecticut State Capitol Tour

Take a guided tour of the Connecticut State Capitol.

Lunch on own at Blue Back Square

Blue Back Square is a unique shopping, living, dining, and entertainment destination. Anchored by West Elm, Crate & Barrel, Barnes & Noble and Cinopolis Cinemas. Blue Back also has many restaurants such as The Cheesecake Factory, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, Rosa Mexicano, World of Beer and Vinted Wine Bar & Kitchen.

Guided tour at Mark Twain House & Museum

The Mark Twain House & Museum has restored the author's Hartford, Connecticut, home, where the author and his family lived from 1874 to 1891. Twain wrote his most important works during the years he lived there, including *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.

Return to hotel
Dinner included at The Griswold Inn in Essex

Day 3 Thursday (B,L)

Breakfast at hotel
Check out of hotel and depart for East Haddam
Gillette Castle State Park

Atop the most southerly hill in a chain known as the Seven Sisters, William Hooker Gillette, noted actor, director, and playwright, built this one hundred and eighty-four acre estate, the Seventh Sister. The focal point of his effort was a twenty four room mansion reminiscent of a medieval castle. It looks like a medieval fortress, but a step inside the stone castle reveals the built-in couches, table trackway, and woodcarvings that all point to the creative genius that was William Gillette. Purchased by the State of Connecticut in 1943 from the executors of Mr. Gillette's will, Gillette Castle and the adjoining property with its fine woodlands, trails, and vistas are now administered for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

Lunch included at the Gelston House
Goodspeed Opera House Show - "Gypsy"

Goodspeed's beginnings date back to 1963 when it opened its doors as a professional musical theatre in a historic building on the banks of the Connecticut River in East Haddam. Under the direction of Michael Price from 1968 to 2014, Goodspeed transformed from a struggling entity into a non-profit arts organization with a mission. Goodspeed mounts both new and newly revived musicals each year on their main stage at the Opera House.

"Gypsy" - Here she is, world! Momma Rose, the ambitious stage mother determined to drive her daughters toward stardom, takes center stage in one of the most celebrated musicals of all time. And with her comes a parade of iconic tunes that conjure the joys and heartaches of show business: "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," "Together Wherever We Go," and more. The brassy masterpiece about vaudeville and burlesque lights up the Goodspeed stage for the very first time. Curtain up!

Fast food dinner stop
10:00pm Approximate arrival in Lehigh Valley

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| Price Per Person: | <u>Single</u> | <u>Double</u> | <u>Triple</u> | <u>Quad</u> |
| | \$807 | \$681 | \$635 | \$610 |

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