

Great Estates of the Hudson Valley
New York
October 3 (Thu) - 4 (Fri), 2024
2 Day Tour

Meals Included: 1 Breakfast, 1 Dinner

Day 1 Thursday (D)
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 Beacon, NY
 White Glove Tour at Mount Gulian

Mount Gulian is a reconstructed 18th century Dutch homestead on 44 acres with a 1740's Dutch barn and restored garden. Revolutionary War Headquarters of General von Steuben, birthplace of the Society of the Cincinnati. The staff, lovers of history, gladly relates stories about Verplanck husbands and wives, army generals, and James F. Brown, a fugitive slave.

Hear about Mount Gulian's centuries-long history that shaped our nation, including its part in the Revolutionary War as Patriot General Von Steuben's headquarters, the founding of the Society of the Cincinnati, our country's oldest veterans' organization, and the history of generations of Verplanck family members who lived here. Then, hold history in your hands at a truly unique White Glove Tour. You will get to hold and examine artifacts representing 300 years of history. Everyone gets to put on white, cotton, curatorial gloves before handling artifacts and documents relating to the Verplanck Family, the American Revolution, the Civil War and much more.

Lunch on own in Fishkill, NY
House Tour at Locust Grove Estate

The Locust Grove Estate was purchased by painter and inventor Samuel Morse in 1847, using his profits from the invention of the telegraph. With the help of architect Alexander Jackson Davis, Morse remodeled the house in the Tuscan style, adding a porte cochere, two wings, and a four-story tower. The Morses sold the property to William and Martha Young in 1901 and the Youngs filled the mansion's 25 rooms with their collections of 18th and 19th century furniture, paintings, silver and porcelain. Conscious of the estate's importance, the Young's daughter opened the house to the public in 1979 with her family's collections intact. The 200 acres of landscaped grounds are set on a sharp bluff overlooking the Hudson River and retain the large flower and kitchen gardens planted and designed by the Youngs. A visitor's center houses exhibits of Morse's paintings and telegraph equipment. Walkers can stroll on the carriage roads that wind through the estate grounds.

Check into hotel - One (1) Night
Double Tree by Hilton – Poughkeepsie
Dinner included at Shadows on the Hudson

Day 2 Friday (B)

Breakfast at hotel

Guided Tour at Staatsburgh State Historic Site

Staatsburgh State Historic Site is the elegant country home of Ogden Mills and his wife Ruth Livingston Mills. Overlooking the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains, Staatsburgh is a fine example of a great estate built by America's financial and industrial leaders during the Gilded Age (1876 - 1917). Also known as the American Renaissance, this period in American history was marked by America's rapid economic growth and emergence as a world power. Darius Ogden Mills, father of Ogden Mills, established the family fortune by investing in banks, railroads and mines. Ogden Mills, like his father, was a noted financier and philanthropist. In 1882 he married Ruth Livingston, whose family had been prominent landowners in the Hudson Valley since the 17th century. In 1890, Ruth Livingston Mills inherited her childhood home and property which had once belonged to her great-grandfather, Morgan Lewis, the third governor of New York State.

Lunch on own in the Village of Rhinebeck

Rhinebeck is a charming, historic town nestled in New York's scenic Hudson Valley. Tree-lined streets beckon with unique independent specialty shops offering apparel, home furnishings, books and gifts. The many fine and casual dining spots celebrate the Hudson Valley's thriving locavore movement of boutique farms and orchards.

Tour of Clermont State Historic Site

Clermont State Historic Site was the country seat of the Livingston family. Originally a Georgian Mansion, over the years the house was added onto to give it its present appearance. Seven generations of Livingstons as well as dozens of enslaved people and paid servants lived at Clermont. The land surrounding the house was occupied by tenant farmers, beholden to the Livingston, the farms of small freeholders and mills. For the first few generations, Livingston owned ships full of paid sailors plied the river between Clermont, New York City and Albany. Over time, through land sales and the division of land through gifts and inheritance Clermont's land shrunk until it was just the confines of the present historic site. With this contraction of land came a contraction of power and influence for the family. Today Clermont is decorated as it appeared circa 1930 when it was home to Alice Delafield Clarkson Livingston, her daughters Honoria and Janet, and their staff of servants. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1973, Clermont is also an anchor of the Hudson River National Landmark District.

Depart Germantown, NY

6:30pm

Approximate arrival in Lehigh Valley

Price Per Person:	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>
	\$591	\$482	\$445	\$425

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