SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN

GARDENS OF THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY

Philadelphia, Art & America's Great Gardens

JUNE 20–25, 2027



A Custom Journey with Earthbound Expeditions



Dear Friends of San Diego Botanic Garden,

I am delighted to invite you to join me for a very special journey through Philadelphia and the Brandywine Valley, a region celebrated for its extraordinary gardens, rich history, and remarkable artistic heritage.

Over six days, we will explore some of America's most inspiring gardens, from the breathtaking landscapes and fountains of Longwood Gardens to the imaginative plantings of Chanticleer and the historic estate of Winterthur.

Along the way, we will discover Philadelphia's vibrant arts scene with visits to the Barnes Foundation and Calder Gardens. We are also planning special experiences, including private garden visits, opportunities to meet garden leaders, and memorable meals shared with fellow garden enthusiasts.

As someone who has spent my career exploring the connections between horticulture, art, and the spaces that bring people together, I am especially excited to experience these remarkable places with members and friends of San Diego Botanic Garden.

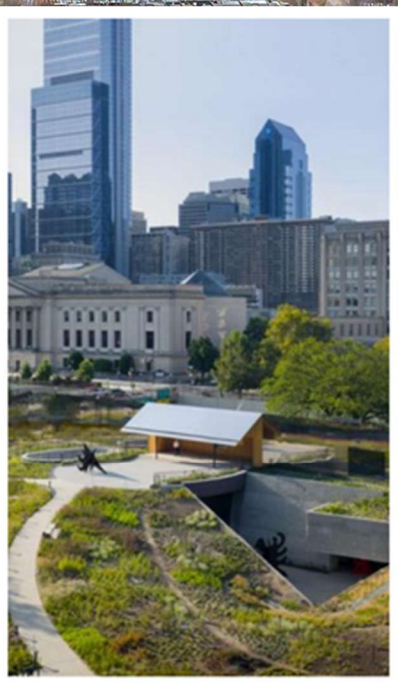
I hope you will join me for this unforgettable journey!

Warmly,
Adam Schwerner
President & CEO
San Diego Botanic Garden

TRIP AT A GLANCE

- **2 Nights – Philadelphia**
- **3 Nights – Brandywine Valley**





TRIP FACTS

- 6 Days / 5 Nights
- $X,XXX Per Person Double Occupancy
- $X,XXX Single Supplement (waived if a roommate is found)
- Tour begins in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 20, 2027**
- Tour concludes in **Philadelphia on June 25, 2027**

INCLUDED IN YOUR JOURNEY

- Five nights of accommodations at carefully selected upscale hotels in Philadelphia and the Brandywine Valley
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout the journey, including airport transfers
- Visits to some of America's most celebrated gardens, including Longwood Gardens, Chanticleer, and Winterthur
- Specially arranged garden experiences, including a private garden visit and an exclusive tour of Chanticleer with garden leadership, followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- Cultural experiences in Philadelphia, including visits to the Barnes Foundation and Calder Gardens



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YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS!

DAY 1, JUNE 20 | WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA

Arrive in Philadelphia and settle into your hotel. This evening, meet your host, guide, and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy an introduction to the journey ahead as we prepare to explore some of America's most celebrated gardens, historic estates, and cultural institutions. *Overnight in Philadelphia. (D)*

DAY 2, JUNE 21 | ART AND CULTURE IN PHILADELPHIA

Begin the day at the Barnes Foundation, home to one of the world's finest collections of Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, and early Modern art. Explore the remarkable collection assembled by Dr. Albert C. Barnes, featuring masterpieces by Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse, and Picasso.

Continue to Calder Gardens, a unique destination dedicated to the work of renowned American artist Alexander Calder. Discover how sculpture, architecture, and landscape come together in this thoughtfully designed space, where gardens created by celebrated landscape designer Piet Oudolf complement Calder's innovative works.

Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore Philadelphia at your own pace before gathering for dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight in Philadelphia. (B, D)*



DAY 3, JUNE 22 | WINTERTHUR AND THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY

Depart Philadelphia this morning and travel to Winterthur, the former estate of Henry Francis du Pont and one of America's most remarkable historic gardens. Explore the expansive grounds, where rolling meadows, woodland paths, and carefully designed garden spaces reflect du Pont's lifelong passion for horticulture. Depending on availability, we may also enjoy a tour of the historic mansion, home to an extraordinary collection of American decorative arts.

Following our visit, continue into the picturesque Brandywine Valley, a region known for its beautiful countryside, historic estates, and exceptional gardens. Check into our hotel, our home for the next three nights. *Overnight in the Brandywine Valley. (B)*

DAY 4, JUNE 23 | PRIVATE GARDENS AND CHANTICLEER

Begin the morning with a specially arranged visit to a private garden, subject to availability, offering an opportunity to discover the personal vision and creativity behind one of the region's distinctive landscapes.

This afternoon, visit Chanticleer, widely regarded as one of America's most imaginative and inspiring gardens. Set on a historic estate, Chanticleer is celebrated for its bold plant combinations, creative garden design, and beautifully maintained landscapes. We hope to enjoy a special tour hosted by the garden's leadership, offering insight into the horticultural philosophy and artistry that make this garden so remarkable.

Conclude our visit with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in a beautiful garden setting, subject to confirmation. *Overnight in the Brandywine Valley. (B)*



DAY 5, JUNE 24 | THE MAGNIFICENT LONGWOOD GARDENS

Spend much of today exploring Longwood Gardens, one of the world's premier horticultural destinations. Originally developed by industrialist Pierre S. du Pont, Longwood is celebrated for its magnificent formal gardens, spectacular fountains, expansive conservatories, and extraordinary collections of plants from around the world.

Discover the remarkable beauty and diversity of the gardens, with time to explore the Main Fountain Garden, conservatories, and beautifully landscaped grounds. We hope to arrange a special guided experience offering a deeper look at Longwood's horticultural excellence, garden design, and ongoing conservation efforts.

This evening, we hope to gather for a special farewell dinner at Longwood Gardens, subject to availability, celebrating the wonderful gardens and experiences we have shared throughout our journey. *Overnight in the Brandywine Valley. (B, D)*

DAY 6, JUNE 25 | FAREWELL TO PHILADELPHIA

After breakfast, our journey concludes with transfers to Philadelphia International Airport for departing flights. Return home with wonderful memories, new friendships, and fresh inspiration from some of America's most extraordinary gardens. *(B)*

Meet Your Host!



Adam Schwerner brings more than 30 years of experience in horticulture, landscape design, and the creative integration of art and nature. Before joining San Diego Botanic Garden as President and CEO in 2026, Adam served as Director of Horticulture and Resort Enhancement at Disneyland Resort, overseeing the landscapes and horticultural experiences of its iconic parks and properties.

Previously, Adam held leadership roles with the Chicago Park District, where he helped bring together horticulture, public art, and cultural programming across one of the nation's largest urban park systems.

An accomplished artist and passionate horticulturist, Adam believes in the power of gardens to inspire creativity, connection, and a deeper appreciation of the natural world. He holds a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Rutgers University and an MBA from Chapman University.

Adam looks forward to sharing his expertise and enthusiasm for exceptional garden design throughout this special journey to Philadelphia and the Brandywine Valley.

Know Before You Go!

Reservations and Deposits: A $1,000 per person deposit is needed to confirm your space on this journey. You can make a credit card deposit online or by phone. Deposits are refundable, minus a $250 per person cancellation fee, for 60 days from the processing date or 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and is non-refundable, which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance.

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