

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY TOURS

ONE-DAY TRIPS TO THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

TOUR 1: WEST POINT / HUDSON RIVER CRUISE / PURPLE HEART



This tour includes beverage & box lunch with cruise through the majestic Hudson Highlands aboard the nostalgic cruise ship, “The Pride of the Hudson”. You will also tour the U. S. Military Academy of West Point and visit the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

TOUR 2: ROOSEVELT HOME & LIBRARY / VANDERBILT MANSION



This tour includes a visit to the Roosevelt Home and Library, birthplace and home to our 32nd President, preserved as he knew it during the closing years of his life. We’ll also visit the Frederick Vanderbilt Mansion, a fine example of Beaux Arts architecture. Built in 1896-98, the mansion affords magnificent views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains. Lunch included at a local Hyde Park Restaurant. If time permits, visit Val-Kill, the Country home of Eleanor Roosevelt.

TOUR 3: WEST POINT/BROTHERHOOD WINERY



1.5-hour guided tour of the campus of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and self-guided visit to the West Point Museum. After lunch enjoy a tour and tasting at Brotherhood Winery, America’s Oldest Winery.

TOUR 4: WEST POINT/HOTEL THAYER/HUDSON RIVER CRUISE



Enjoy a lovely buffet luncheon at the Hotel Thayer located on the grounds of West Point. Top off your day with a guided tour of the U. S. Military Academy and a 2-hour narrated cruise on the majestic Hudson River aboard The Pride of the Hudson.

TOUR 5: NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR



Visit the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. Depart for a tour of West Point Military Academy and a fabulous lunch at Hotel Thayer.

TOUR 6: SLEEPY HOLLOW RESTORATIONS



Tour famous Sleepy Hollow restorations, lovingly restored and maintained by Historic Hudson Valley. Sunnyside: the 19th century estate of Washington Irving, creator of Rip Van Winkle and “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”. Philipsburg Manor: the 18th Century center and country home of a Dutch settler who became New York’s wealthiest merchant trader. Union Church of Pocantico Hills: with stained glass windows by Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall.

TOUR 7: VASSAR COLLEGE and LOCUST GROVE



Tour of Locust Grove, onetime home of Samuel F.B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph and a fine painter in his own right. Site also features memorabilia including telegraphy exhibits. Luncheon included, followed by a tour of Vassar College and its 1,000 acre campus renowned for beauty and its variety of architectural styles.

TOUR 8: OLD RHINEBECK AERODROME/LUNCH IN HISTORIC RHINEBECK



Tour includes luncheon in a charming restaurant in Rhinebeck, then spend your afternoon at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome for a fascinating and wonderful airshow where you will see outstanding World War I and earlier aircraft in action and watch this colorful era brought back to life right before your eyes; May through October weekends, weather permitting.

TOUR 9: OPUS 40 & HISTORIC KINGSTON



Visit Opus 40, one of the sculptural wonders of the Western World, made of hundreds of thousands of tons of finely fitted bluestone, constructed stone by stone over a period of 37 years; all the work of one man, the late sculptor Harvey Fite. After lunch we'll visit historic Historic Kingston, first settled in 1652 and the first capitol of New York State. Burned by the British in 1777, some buildings were saved and have been in continuous use since the 1670's including the Senate House and Museum.

TOUR 10: MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE



Spend the day at the majestic Mohonk Mountain House where you will have ample time to roam 2,000 acres, see awarding winning gardens and enjoy the magnificent hotel which is truly a structure reminiscent of a bygone era. Buffet luncheon is included. In the afternoon tour Huguenot Street, the oldest street in America with its original stone houses built from 1692 to 1712 or a visit to a local winery.

TOUR 11: ALL ABOARD HISTORIC KINGSTON



Board the cruise ship "Rip Van Winkle II" for an unforgettable cruise past picturesque lighthouses, millionaire's sumptuous estates lining the beautiful Hudson River. Luncheon included at a local restaurant. Tour of historic Kingston's Stockade district and Old Dutch Church.

TOUR 12: STORM KING ART CENTER/WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS



Visit the magnificent Storm King Art Center, a 500-acre sculpture park with works by internationally renowned artists. Lunch included at a fine restaurant. Afternoon tour Washington's Headquarters where George Washington lived for 23 months. Here he proclaimed the cessation of hostilities with England that ended the eight years of the Revolutionary War and where he established the 1st Purple Heart.

TOUR 13: OLANA/WILDERSTEIN/STAATSBURGH MANSION



Tour Olana, beautiful Moorish Villa, home of Frederic Edwin Church, a major American artist of the Hudson River School of Painters. Lunch in historic Rhinebeck followed by a tour of Wilderstein, the towering Queen Anne Mansion, home of Daisey Suckley, Franklin D. Roosevelt's closest companion.

TOUR 14: CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA - Hyde Park



Choose a dining experience in one of three restaurants. Meet with students, learn about the CIA, and enjoy a unique tasting exercise followed by a tour of the CIA's main building. Afterward enjoy a visit to one of the famous historic homes located within a short ride of the Culinary for an absolutely fabulous day outing.

TOUR 15: VANDERBILT, LUNCH ON THE WATERFRONT, CRUISE



Tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion, lunch in Kingston, and a cruise on the "Rip Van Winkle"