# The Garden Tourist's LONGWOOD GARDENS CHRISTMAS

Tuesday Dec. 5-Thursday Dec. 7, 2023



## Holiday tour of Longwood Gardens, Winterthur Museum, Nemours Mansion, and New York Botanical Garden

with garden travel author Jana Milbocker



#### Cost: \$845 pp double/triple \$999 pp single based on 30 passengers Includes

- Deluxe Motorcoach from Framingham, MA
- 2 nights at Mendenhall Inn, Mendenhall, PA
- 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing, admissions, and escorts
- Itinerary & Registration on page 2



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### Itinerary

**DAY 1:** Depart aboard our deluxe motorcoach as we head to Delaware to experience the beauty of the holidays. We begin with a visit to **NEMOURS MANSION**, Alfred du Pont's 18th century Frenchstyle chateau. Our interior tour will reveal the DuPont Christmas extravagance at its best! Head for home at the Mendelhall Hotel for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**DAY 2:** Arrive at **WINTERTHUR MUSEUM**, the elegant country estate of Henry Francis du Pont, an eminent horticulturist and collector of American furniture and decorative arts. Walk in the footsteps of du Pont's family and guest and enjoy exquisite decorations, including the dried flower Christmas tree. This evening visit the internationally renowned

**DEPARTURE:** Tuesday, 12/5 at 7:00 am, Sheraton Framingham, Framingham, MA

RETURN: Thursday, 12/7 at 9:30 pm

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#### **RESERVATIONS VIA FRIENDSHIP TOURS:**

Call **800-243-1630** and ask for **The Garden Tourist's Longwood Christmas Trip** 

**ON LINE** : www.friendshiptours.net/group-travel and select "Group Sign In". Enter the Tour Code **23DEC05GARDEN** in the box labeled "Make a New Reservation".

**DEPOSIT:** \$200 pp due with reservations **FINAL PAYMENT:** October 19, 2023 **CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Friendship Tours MAIL TO: Friendship Tours, 705 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If a passenger cancels from deposit to October 19, 2023 fee of \$100.00 pp; October 20, 2023 to November 15, 2023 fee of \$400.00 pp; no refunds if canceled after November 16, 2023 unless a substitute is provided.

**LONGWOOD GARDENS**, Pierre S. du Pont's grand estate of gardens, fountains, and conservatories. A Longwood Christmas makes your holiday oh so merry and bright! The Christmas spectacular includes over 500,000 lights, thousands of brilliant poinsettias, towering Christmas trees and fragrant flowers blooming in the Conservatory's Crystal Palace.

**DAY 3:** New York's big seasonal event goes on parade with the popular **Holiday Train Show** at the **NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN**. Wrapped in the glow of twinkling lights, model trains and trolleys zip along over winding tracks past scaled replicas of 140 New York Landmarks made of orange slices, cinnamon sticks, poppy pods, pine cones and a host of other plant materials. Stop at the café and gift shop. Lunch on own here and dinner en route as we return home with wonderful holiday memories.

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