

The Garden Tourist's **LONGWOOD CHRISTMAS**

Sunday, December 8–Tuesday, December 10, 2024



Holiday tour of Longwood Gardens, Winterthur, Lyndhurst, and
New York Botanical Garden
with garden travel author Jana Milbocker



Enjoy magnificent historic mansions and world-class botanic gardens decorated for the holidays! This festive tour will stoke your Christmas spirit and inspire you to create your own holiday decor!

Includes:

- 3 days, 2 nights
- Small group tour of 30 travelers
- Deluxe motorcoach from Framingham, MA
- 2 nights at Home 2 Suites, Glen Mills, PA
- 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing, admissions, and expert guides



DAY 1

Departure: Sun., December 8, 2024 at 7:15 am from the Sheraton Framingham Hotel, Framingham, MA

Lyndhurst

Overlooking the Hudson River in Tarrytown, Lyndhurst is one of America's finest Gothic Revival mansions with a rich history spanning over 200 years. The mansion is furnished with European antiques and stained glass, and features an elegant landscape. The interior is beautifully decorated for the holidays. lyndhurst.org

Lunch: Lunch at Tarry Tavern, Tarrytown (included)

Dinner: Welcome Dinner at Columbus Inn (included)

DAY 2

Winterthur

Winterthur is the premier museum of American decorative arts, with an unparalleled collection of nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America since 1640. The collection is displayed in the magnificent 175-room house, much as it was when the family of founder Henry Francis du Pont called it home. Enjoy the beautifully decorated home and display rooms, including the incredible dried flower Christmas tree. Winterthur's grounds feature 1,000 acres of protected meadows, woodlands, ponds, and waterways. House tour and garden tram tour included. winterthur.org

Lunch: Winterthur Cafe (on your own)





Longwood Gardens

We will enjoy a late afternoon/evening tour of the world-renowned Longwood Gardens. 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. The new conservatory, Longwood's largest expansion project since its opening 100 years ago, will be open for touring! longwood-gardens.org

Dinner: Dining dollars at Longwood Gardens for their cafe or restaurant (included)

DAY 3

New York Botanical Garden

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 on 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. nybg.org

Lunch: New York Botanical Garden (on your own)

Arrival: Tues., December 10, 2024 at 9:00 pm at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel, Framingham, MA

This tour is an immersive experience in learning, sharing, and discovering the secrets of each beautiful property with fellow garden lovers.



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Cost: \$974 pp double, \$1,174 pp single, based on 30

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

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