

The Garden Tourist's **LOWER HUDSON VALLEY**

Wednesday, September 4–Saturday, September 7, 2024



Enjoy Stonecrop, Boscobel, Kykuit, Untermyer Gardens, Wave Hill, Lyndhurst, Caramoor, and Sleepy Cat Farm!
with garden travel author Jana Milbocker



The Lower Hudson Valley is home to beautiful historic mansions and world-class botanic gardens. This tour is timed for late summer displays of gorgeous tropicals and annuals that grace these amazing gardens.

Includes:

- 4 days, 3 nights
- 9 destinations including historic mansions, private gardens and nurseries
- Small group tour of 30 travelers
- Deluxe motorcoach from Framingham, MA
- 3 nights at Sheraton Tarrytown, Tarrytown, NY
- 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Sightseeing, admissions, and expert guides



DAY 1

Departure: Wed., September 4, 2024 at 7:30 am from the Sheraton Framingham Hotel, Framingham, MA

Caramoor

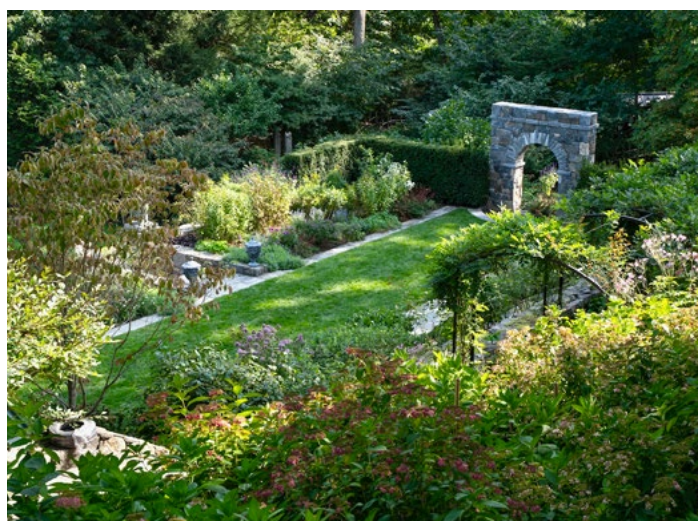
Caramoor is a center for music and art with a Mediterranean mansion surrounded by an Italianate garden. Inside, the house features several complete historic rooms from private villas and chateaux in Italy, France, and England. The grounds are a blend of historic and contemporary gardens. Pollinator and butterfly gardens, a historic Sunken Garden, Cedar Walk, Woodland Garden and a Sense Circle provide inspiration. The annual Sonic Innovations Exhibition includes contemporary sound-art installations. caramoor.org

Lunch: Box lunch at Caramoor (included)

Sleepy Cat Farm

The private garden of Fred Landman, the landscape unfolds in a series of garden rooms encompassing pavilions, pathways, and pools, statuary and staircases, trees, shrubs, and flowerbeds. Evocative names add to the atmosphere of the garden spaces: The Golden Path, the Grotto, the Iris Garden, the Spirit Walk, the Perennial Long Border Garden, the Pebble Terrace, the Woodland Walk. Buildings and follies also feature storybook names—the Celestial Pavilion, the Barn, the Limonaia, the Chinese Pavilion, the Cat Maze and Arbor. A garden of surprises, intrigue, and unexpected beauty. sleepycatfarm.com

Dinner: Welcome Dinner at Tarry Tavern, Tarrytown (included)





DAY 2

Stonecrop Gardens

Stonecrop has become a destination for gardeners and students of landscape design since it opened to the public in 1992. It was the home of was Frank Cabot, founder of the Garden Conservancy, chairman of the New York Botanical Garden and builder of Les Quatre Vents in Quebec.

A visit to Stonecrop is a serious immersion in plants and design ideas. Plan to spend several hours with a plant list in hand. Some of the highlights include a cliff rock garden, woodland and water gardens, an enclosed English-style flower garden, and systematic order beds representing over 50 plant families. Inspiration may be found in summer's profusion in the flower garden and the subtleties of fall foliage and fruit in the woodland. A 2,000-square-foot conservatory houses tender specimens, alpiners, tropicals, and succulents stonecrop.org

Lunch: Boscobel (included)

Boscobel

Boscobel has been called "one of the most beautiful homes ever built in America." Its romantic Beaux Arts garden features grand allées, formal beds, historic herb garden, heirloom apple orchard and natural woodlands with breathtaking views of the Hudson Highlands, Constitution Marsh, and the West Point Military Academy. boscobel.org

Dinner: Casaletto Ristorante, Elmsford (included)





DAY 3

Kykuit

The Kykuit estate was home to four generations of the Rockefeller family and features a grand mansion, beautiful gardens, extraordinary art, and spectacular scenery. It has been meticulously maintained for more than 100 years, and is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The terraced Italianate gardens are punctuated with an extraordinary collection of 120 sculptures by Picasso, Brancusi, Appel, Arp, Calder, Moore, Giacometti and other artists. [website](#)

Lunch: Box lunch at Lyndhurst (included)

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. It also has one of the most significant and well-documented landscapes that illustrates two centuries of changing landscape fashions in the United States. The beautiful grounds feature stately tree specimens, walking paths and a formal rose garden. [lyndhurst.org](#)

Rosedale Nurseries

Rosedale Nurseries stocks the region's best selection of hardy trees, shrubs, perennials and other garden plants. In addition, it offers a full range of both colorful annuals and culinary plants, including herbs, vegetables and fruits. [rosedalenurseries.com](#)

Dinner: Tarrytown (on your own)





DAY 4

Wave Hill

Wave Hill is a collection of innovative gardens on a historic estate. Situated on the Great Lawn, the Pergola frames the majestic views of the Hudson River and the Palisades beyond. Adjacent to the Pergola is the Arts and Crafts-inspired Flower Garden, and the splashy Paisley Bed, a nod to Victorian bedding. Conservatories, herb gardens, dry gardens, a Wild Garden, shade garden and other themed collections illustrate planting artistry and unusual plants. wavehill.org

Lunch: Box lunch at Wave Hill (included)

Untermeyer Gardens

Created in 1916, Untermeyer Gardens was one of the finest gardens in America. Its centerpiece is the Walled Garden, based on the Garden of Eden. Entered by a grand Mycenaean gate, the garden is the finest example of an Indo-Persian garden in America. It features canals, a large water garden, a Greek-inspired temple, and beautiful plantings. The property also includes the Vista, a magnificent staircase leading down to the Hudson River. The Temple of Love is a round summerhouse crowning a rock garden. the temple above elaborately planted with pollinator plants, ornamental grasses, and dwarf conifers. untermyergardens.org

Dinner: Rest stop on route (on your own)

Return: Saturday, 9/7/24 at 8:30 pm

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



Recommended Reading

Gardens of the Hudson Valley

Nancy Berner and Susan Lowry

Great Gardens of America

Tim Richardson

Nature into Art: The Gardens of Wave Hill

Thomas Christopher

Rescuing Eden: Preserving America's Historic Gardens

Caroline Seebohm

The Rockefeller Family Gardens: An American Legacy

Larry Lederman, Cynthia Bronson Altman, Todd Forrest

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