

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY & DELAWARE**

**THUR-MON AUG 20-24, 2020**

Departures, as applicable, from Westlake, Elyria, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Beachwood, Boston Heights.



The Brandywine Valley, located in portions of both northern Delaware and southeastern Pennsylvania, might just be the destination you've been looking for this year. It has rolling hills, beautiful gardens and a love for history with its sites and museums. A name, long associated with this area, is that of the du Pont family, the founders of the DuPont Chemical Company.

We will be going back to the 1800s, as we travel through the Brandywine River to see that the du Ponts originally manufactured gunpowder. Here, at the Hagley Museum, the history of this prominent family awaits us, as do their elaborate gardens and estate, built in 1803. We do want to emphasize that you not consider these *"just a couple of museums"* as they offer so much to their visitors.

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The Hagley, for example, includes fascinating exhibits such as early kitchens and antique vehicles. There is truly *“something for everyone”* during these visits.

That legacy continued and, in 1919, Longwood Gardens was built and financed by that family. It’s a living legacy of Pierre S. du Pont and remains the most renowned attraction in the Brandywine Valley. This horticultural showplace includes 20 outdoor gardens, an indoor Conservatory and 11,000 different types of plants.



We’ll be greeted at the 175-room estate of Henry Francis du Pont. Known as the Winterthur Museum, it has a collection of over 85,000 American antiques and decorative arts. Successful people, years ago, made quite a bit of money and apparently wanted to be sure that it showed. The 102-room Nemours Estate features fine antique furniture, rugs & tapestries, paintings, and delicate

Chinaware. It is also known for its gardens, reflecting pools, fountains, and sculptures.

A 19th-century gristmill with a beautiful setting along the Brandywine River, houses one of the largest collections of paintings by artists who were inspired by the lush setting of the Brandywine River. But these are just some of the destinations we will be visiting. We do want to emphasize the great dining that the area is known for. In addition to a breakfast buffet each morning, we will be having meals at some really nice and some unique places, like the new Goober’s Diner, next to Goober’s Garage, a 100-year-old building that now surrounds you in antique and classic cars.

Other visits are planned at New Castle Court House and Museum, Candlelight Dinner Theatre, Winterthur (where we will also be dining as we see the musical *“Sweet Charity”*). This winner of five Tony Awards, tells the story of Charity Hope Valentine, an adorable and effervescent bundle of energy determined to maintain her optimism despite whatever hardships or obstacles are placed in her path. With sparkling lyrics, this show is based on a book by Neil Simon, you are sure to remember some of the outstanding songs like *“Big Spender”* and *“If My Friends Could See Me Now.”*



We'll also be visiting the Brandywine Museum of Art and traveling aboard the Wilmington & Western Railroad. When the rails of the original railroad were laid in the 1860s, none of its founders could have imagined the important role those tracks would play in the development of East Coast railroading. In the 1960s, these rails became home to one of America's first tourist railroads, and today, those rails continue to carry thousands of passengers each year through Delaware's historic Red Clay Valley.

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**Package includes 9 meals**

**\$1244 per person in a double  
\$1224 per person in a triple  
\$1204 per person in a quad  
\$1484 per person in a single**

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