

Dear Callaway Gardens Travelers,

The itinerary for our June 17 – 21, 2010 trip to Newport, RI follows:

Newport is all about the America's Cup, enormous mansions known as "cottages", 18th century houses and a compact, historic downtown that hugs the harbor. Our tour combines all these elements into an informative and exciting adventure.

The Newport Restoration Foundation (NRF), founded by Doris Duke in 1968, owns and operates three museum properties that we'll visit: Rough Point, Doris Duke's home, The Whitehorne House features Duke's collection of Newport Furniture and Prescott Farm, an example of early American landscape. Rough Point will be an interesting comparison for those who traveled to Washington last year and toured Hillwood.

The Preservation Society of Newport County preserves and protects 11 historic properties and landscapes that trace America's architecture from colonial times to the "Gilded Age". Of the grand summer "cottages," as they were called, The Breakers is the grandest, that we'll see on Friday.

Myra Duvally, President of Newport's "Secret Garden Days" program is generously offering her time and efforts arranging visits to her garden on Friday and others in her neighborhood, The Point. The Point boasts the largest concentration of 18th century houses in the country. As the land in The Point is precious, please don't expect large and expansive gardens. We will tour Rough Point's garden after visiting the house Saturday morning. Garden visits that afternoon are in the works.

The Newport Marriott is a nice 4-star hotel; recently remolded and just fine for our needs. I mention this as it is not Washington's Willard Hotel or Chicago's InterContinental. The Marriott does have Newport's best location; the waterfront, restaurants and shopping are literally out the front door. You'll enjoy exploring the stores of Newport's historic district.

While everyone is responsible for making their own air arrangements, suggested Delta flights from/to Atlanta are included in the itinerary. Gail Shoop (706-663-4707) can also help with your air reservations. We're well in advance so the flight number and times may be change; we'll advise everyone of any changes.

Thank you and please call with any questions or if you need additional information. Many people have demonstrated interest in Newport; so please send your reservation form at your earliest convenience. Since you have traveled with us so often, you will have priority.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey W. Robertson
President



**Callaway Gardens
Exclusive Garden Tour
Newport, RI
June 17 – 21, 2010**

Itinerary

June 17 Thursday Arrival in Newport, RI

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- The suggested flight is: Atlanta (ATL)/Providence (PVD) Delta # 912 2:35pm/5:00pm
 - On arrival at Providence Airport, we'll be met and transferred by bus to the Newport Marriott Hotel on America's Cup Avenue.
 - We'll reside at Marriott for four nights. www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvdlw-newport-marriott
- 6:30pm** Depart for dinner at The Clarke Cook House on Bannister's Wharf from where we'll have a nice view of Newport Harbor.

June 18 Friday Newport

- B,L,D
- 6:30am** Breakfast opens and is included each day at Fathoms Restaurant (opens 7:00am Sat.&Sun.).
- 9:00am** We'll sit back in our trolley and enjoy a narrated tour of Newport including the Ten-Mile Ocean Drive and Bellevue Avenue mansion areas. We'll tour the Breakers, which is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and lasting symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in the turn of the Century America.
- 12:30pm** Myra Duvally has graciously offered to host us for lunch and a tour of her garden.
- 2:00pm** Visit private gardens in the Newport's Historic Point District.
- 4:30pm** Return to the Marriott, which actually adjoins The Point.
- 6:30pm** Depart for dinner at the White Horse Tavern. Established in 1673, it's one of America's oldest inns and a leading example of Colonial Newport architecture.

June 19 Saturday Newport

- B,L
- 7:00am**-Breakfast opens.
- 9:00am**-Departure for Doris Duke's Rough Point that was originally built for Frederick W. Vanderbilt, sixth son of William H. Vanderbilt. When commissioned in 1887, Rough Point was the largest house to date in the Newport summer colony. In 1922 the house was sold to James B. Duke. In the late 1950s his daughter, Doris, once again became a frequent visitor to Newport and turned her attention to refurbishing Rough Point. In 1958 she began purchasing art and antiques for the house that she combined with family treasures. Rough Point was reopened in 1962 and soon became one of her favorite residences. Upon her death in 1993, Doris bequeathed the estate to the Newport Restoration Foundation with the directive that it be opened to the public as a museum.

- Rough Point's landscape has a distinguished history. Frederick Law Olmsted, the renowned father of landscape architecture and designer of Central Park, and his firm designed the grounds for Frederick Vanderbilt. Completed in 1890, the site still reflects the original vision of a "picturesque" landscape that enhances the natural beauty of the rocky shoreline. Also visible are alterations made by the Duke family in the early 20th century to reflect changing tastes and new uses, such as adding a symmetrical automobile-friendly driveway, hedged formal gardens and new plant choices, as well as removing the tennis and croquet courts. According to landscape historian Lucinda Brockway, the property remains an attractive mixture of luxury and "rustic simplicity," honoring the natural features of the site and acting as "a strong counterpoint to the ostentatious formality of Bellevue Avenue's other summer chateaux and palaces."

12:30pm-Lunch at the Chandler at Cliff Walk. Now a boutique hotel, the Chandler was built in 1873 as a summer home for Congressman John Winthrop Chandler and heiress-cum-socialite Margaret Astor Ward. In addition to enjoying lunch, we'll also enjoy splendid views of the Atlantic Ocean.

2:30-4:30pm Visits to private gardens in Bellevue Avenue area.

5:00pm-We're back at the Marriott.

Note: Dinner is on our own tonight.

June 20 Sunday Newport

(B,L,D) **7:00am**-Breakfast opens.

9:00am Depart for Prescott Farm. Prescott Farm's landscape is typical of rural Aquidneck Island in the 18th and 19th centuries, with gentle sloping land, good soil, fields lined with stone walls, and areas of scrub trees and brush. Prescott Farm's kitchen and herb gardens are living laboratories that showcase period horticulture as well as contemporary gardening practices. The plant varieties grown represent what many Aquidneck Islanders may have used for food, medicine and other utilitarian purposes in the colonial era. Although certain design features evoke the historic time period, the gardens are maintained using 21st century sustainable techniques such as organic pest control and natural fertilizers, compost and mulch plus plenty of hands-on labor. The gardens are run by a dedicated team of Master Gardeners who give generously of their hard work and expertise and who will be on hand working and guiding us about the garden.

10:30am Depart for Green Animals Topiary Garden, which is the oldest and most northern topiary garden in the United States. There are 80 pieces of topiary including 21 animals and birds in addition to geometric figures and ornamental designs sculpted from privet, yew and English boxwood. We'll explore at our leisure guided by written descriptions.

12:30pm 1:30pm Lunch back in the historic area at The Mooring Seafood Kitchen.

2:00pm Our last stop is Whitehorne House located in the working waterfront neighborhood that was home to sailors and smugglers, pirates and merchant princes, immigrant families and working women. Built in 1811, Whitehorne House is a rare example of a Federal-style mansion. It features an elegant hipped roof and a classically inspired entry portico. The interior is highlighted by a grand central hallway, hand-carved details, and a significant collection of 18th century American furniture. It's garden is filled with antique roses, blueberry bushes, fruit trees, and an array of perennials and annuals. Despite its refined geometry, the garden still maintains a rustic quality and presents itself as interpretation of a Federal period garden for an affluent, urban family.

2:45pm Return to the Marriott where the balance of the afternoon is open.

7:00pm Depart for dinner at Bouchard, Newport's finest French restaurant on Waites Wharf.

June 21 Monday Providence/Boston to Home

B 6:30am Breakfast opens.

- Please checkout and pay your incidental charges with the hotel cashier.

10:30am-Depart for Boston's Logan airport.

- Delta #1861 departing Noon and arriving Atlanta at 3:07pm

Tour Package Cost

\$2,175 per person double occupancy

\$2,761 single occupancy

Note: The tour cost includes a tax-deductible contribution of \$200 to the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, for which they thank you! Written confirmation of the contribution will be sent to you by the Foundation.

(B = breakfast, L = lunch, R = reception, D = dinner, included in package)

Package Inclusions

- Four-nights Newport Marriott
- Hotel taxes and portorage
- Transfers from/to Providence, RI Airport and the Marriott for DL #912 and #1516
- Transportation to the garden and mansion visits by motorcoach or trolley
- Tour escorts from Callaway Gardens and American Travel throughout
- All entrance fees
- Buffet breakfast daily at Fathoms Restaurant
- Lunch Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Welcome dinner Thursday
- Dinner Friday night
- Diner Sunday night

Note: Coffee and tea are included with the meals, otherwise wine, alcohol, soft drinks and bottled water are an individual expense. If you wish to upgrade to a Jr. Suite, the supplemental cost is \$432 per person for the four nights.

Features Not Included: Airfare, personal items such as room service and phone calls, mini-bar charges; meals and drinks not specified.

CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Coupon and \$300 per person deposit. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than April 24th, 2010. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by MasterCard, Visa or American Express card.

Cancellation: Cancellations must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

Land Package: A \$150 per person cancellation fee will be charged regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between April 25th and May 3rd will be \$300 per person. Penalty on cancellation received between May 3rd and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the land cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refund for unused services once the tour has begun.

Insurance: Trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance coverage is available for purchase through a form to be sent by ATA. We strongly recommend insurance coverage. When last minute illnesses occur, the insurance helps offset non-refundable air and land charges. You should check with your local insurance agent to see what is covered under your homeowner's policy.

Responsibility: American Travel Association, Inc. (ATA), Callaway Gardens (CG) are acting as intermediaries for suppliers in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings of services which are not directly supplied by ATA and CG (such as air transportation, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals and tours.) ATA and CG therefore shall not be responsible for breach of contract or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay or injury to the person, property or otherwise. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on your invoice or reservation itinerary, we do not guarantee any such supplier's rates, bookings or reservations. By making a deposit for the tour, the travelers acknowledge acceptance of and consent to the terms and conditions contained herein. ATA and CG give notice that they cannot be held responsible for any monetary crisis, political or social unrest, labor problems, mechanical or contractual difficulties, climatic aberrations, local laws, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions. It is the traveler's responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories which may exist. The space in all hotels is limited and is confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, participants are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for their own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs.

Prices: This price is subject to change due to cost increases, and in number of participants upon which the tour cost is based (26). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on December 18, 2009.

Health: The Participant represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to him- or - herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition that may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

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**Callaway Gardens – Newport, RI 2010
Reservation Form**

Name(s) _____

Please correspond to the following Home Office address:

(no need to repeat address if we have from '09)

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Hotel Rooms I/We prefer a one-bedded room. If no king beds are available, queen is OK

If no king beds are available, I/we prefer 2 beds I/We prefer a two-bedded room

My roommate (registering separately) is _____

(preferences may be requested, but cannot be guaranteed)

I/we wish to upgrade to a Jr. Suite \$452pp

Arrive Early or Extend I/We wish to _____

Emergency Contact Name/s _____

- Phone #s _____

- E-mail address _____

- Relationship _____

Deposit A tour deposit of \$300 per person is required.

Enclosed is a check payable to American Travel Association or,

Please charge the deposit to: Visa MasterCard American Express

Account number _____ Expiration date _____

Name on card _____ 3 or 4 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

Billing address of cardholder (if different from above) _____

I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here. _____.

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