

Brandywine Valley

GARDEN ITINERARY

CHESTER COUNTY'S
Brandywine
Valley
In the Countryside of Philadelphia

Day 1



- Arrive mid-morning to **Hagley Museum & Library**, the site of the original gunpowder works and ancestral home of the du Pont family. Enjoy a guided tour of the restored mills and estate. Visit the *Nation of Inventors* exhibition, exploring the early stages of the patent process.
- Stop for lunch at the **Mendenhall Inn** (also a great overnight option!), or opt for a box lunch at your next stop.
- Continue the du Pont story at **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library**: the living vision and former 175-room mansion of collector and horticulturist Henry Francis du Pont. Take the garden tram for a guided tour of the estate and naturalistic gardens, set on 1,000 acres.
- Check in to one of many group-friendly lodging options in the Brandywine Valley; Chester County Tourism is happy to provide a recommendation. Groups receive a complimentary welcome bag at check-in.
- This evening, enjoy a theatrical performance at **People's Light Theater** or **Uptown Knauer Performing Arts Center**.

Day 2



- Start the day at **Nemours Estate**, a 77-room French-inspired mansion and formal garden, built in 1910 by Alfred I. duPont. Take a guided or self-guided tour of the treasure-filled estate and manicured gardens, just as they were when A.I. lived there.
- For an elevated group lunch, opt for **Brandywine Prime**, an upscale steakhouse in a restored 1704 stone cottage. The café at Longwood Gardens is a great casual alternative before exploring.
- Now, for the main event: surround yourself in 1,077 acres of botanical bliss at world-renowned **Longwood Gardens**. Enjoy guided or self-guided tours of carefully curated indoor and outdoor gardens, featuring breathtaking seasonal displays. Longwood will debut a new West Conservatory and restaurant in November 2024 as a part of *Longwood Reimagined: A New Garden Experience*. May–October, plan an evening visit to experience an **Illuminated Fountain Performance**.
- For shopping, strolling, and dinner, explore vibrant downtown **Kennett Square**, known as the Mushroom Capital of the World. Look to Chester County Tourism for group dining recommendations.

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Day 3

Check out of your hotel and embark on one final garden experience to end your tour.



- Once the private estate of Pamela and Lammot du Pont Copeland. **Mt. Cuba Center**'s 68 acres of gardens and over 1,000 acres of natural lands inspire native plant conservation.
- The **Brandywine Museum of Art** offers guided and self-guided tours of the real studios of Andrew and N.C. Wyeth, surrounded by the bucolic landscapes that inspired them. The museum and natural garden overlooks the rambling Brandywine River.

More

Discover more unique experiences to add to your stay.



- Enjoy tastings and tours at group-friendly breweries and wineries throughout the region. Around here, we call it a **Chester County Cheers!**
- Discover the fascinating history behind the natural ice trade with a tour of the **Antique Ice Tool Museum**.
- View antique aircrafts at the **American Helicopter Museum**.
- Step back in time in historic West Chester with a **Chester County History Center Walking Tour**.

Book

Contact Courtney for itinerary and accommodations assistance, and ask about complimentary welcome bags for your group. We look forward to your trip to Chester County's Brandywine Valley! For more inspiration, visit [BrandywineValley.com/Groups](https://www.BrandywineValley.com/Groups)

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