



## A GILDED AGE 5-DAY ITINERARY

The late 19th century was an era of remarkable architecture, beautiful parks and squares, exquisite mansions, and palatial public buildings—all fantastic markers of what has become known as the Gilded Age and the wealth that made it possible. From New York City to Finger Lakes, New York State was the epicenter of the Gilded Age as shown on HBO's series *The Gilded Age*. Explore mansions, historic sites and learn about the significance of this time period in New York and our country.

Remember to social distance and wear a mask as required by [state guidelines](#). Call ahead and check websites and social media to make sure attractions are open and available.

## DAY 1 NEW YORK CITY



ARCHES IN WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK  
CREDIT: @NYCLOVESNYC INSTGRAM

Begin your Gilded Age inspired journey exploring New York City.

While many of the buildings discussed in *The Gilded Age* sadly no longer exist, there are many other locations that feature prominently in the story that have survived to this day. Stanford White, designer of the Russell family's opulent home and George's train station in the show, was a prominent architect in real life, and several of his buildings and other structures still exist in New York City. White designed the iconic arch in [Washington Square Park](#) to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of George Washington's 1789 inauguration. He also designed the [Judson Memorial Church](#) on the opposite side of the park.

From there head to [Moynihan Train Hall](#) which was inspired by Stanford White's design for the original Pennsylvania Station. It's conveniently directly located across from the existing Penn Station complex, on the west side of 8th Avenue in the Midtown West area of Manhattan.

## NEW YORK CITY CONTINUED

In the afternoon, head to [Central Park](#) where you can see the Bethesda Fountain where Peggy and Marian meet Tom. It still towers over the lakeside terrace at the heart of the park. Today, the iconic fountain shares the park's 843 sprawling acres with performance spaces, an antique carousel, and a zoo.



BETHESDA FOUNTAIN CREDIT: ANNA PAKMAN

A little further downtown is [Madison Square Park](#), 11 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10010 where the trio saw the Statue of Liberty's arm on display as a fundraiser to make the full statue a reality years later (which is also a true story!)

Grab dinner across the street at [Eataly](#), a large artisanal Italian food and wine marketplace, or [Maman](#), a rustic French restaurant. The park also borders world-famous [Fifth Avenue](#) if you're up for some shopping.

**Overnight:** [Lotte New York Palace](#) designed by White is located on Madison Ave. and 50th Street.

Another option for your overnight is [The St. Regis New York](#) now offering guests a Gilded Age package that allows you to spend a night living like new-money New York royalty in one of the hotel's Grand Suites.

## DAY 2 LONG ISLAND



PLANTING FIELDS, SANDS POINT  
CREDIT: DARREN MCGEE NYSD

After grabbing breakfast drive east for about an hour and half to Long Island to explore the area called the Gold Coast Mansions. Some of the mansions featured in the show can be visited.

Start your exploration at the Hempstead House at [Sands Point Preserve](#), 127 Middleneck Rd., Sands Point, NY 11050 a summer residence of the Guggenheim family.

Next drive about 25 minutes to [Planting Fields Arboretum](#), 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay, NY 11771. The intact former Gold Coast estate offers two acres of greenhouse displays, 22 different gardens, historic landscape, woodland paths, more than 10,000 different types of plants and beautiful architecture including Coe Hall, a 65-room Tudor Revival mansion.

Grab lunch 5 minutes down the road at [Café Al Dente](#), 62 South St., Oyster Bay, NY.

After your lunch, head to Huntington, NY for more Gilded Age mansions.

## LONG ISLAND CONTINUED

[OHEKA Castle](#), 135 West Gate Drive, Huntington, NY 11743 is another Gold Coast, French Chateau-style mansion built in 1919. OHEKA Castle offers a glimpse of a world of elegance and unique architectural style defined by the extravagance of the Gilded Age to the Roaring Twenties. The estate includes formal gardens, fine dining, and historic mansion tours.



CREDIT: COURTESY OF OHEKA CASTLE

Grab dinner at [The Shed](#), 54 New St, Huntington, NY 11743

**Overnight:** [OHEKA Castle](#), 135 W Gate Dr., Huntington, NY 11743 or [Hilton Long Island/Huntington](#), 598 Broadhollow Rd., Melville, NY 11747

## DAY 3 HUDSON VALLEY

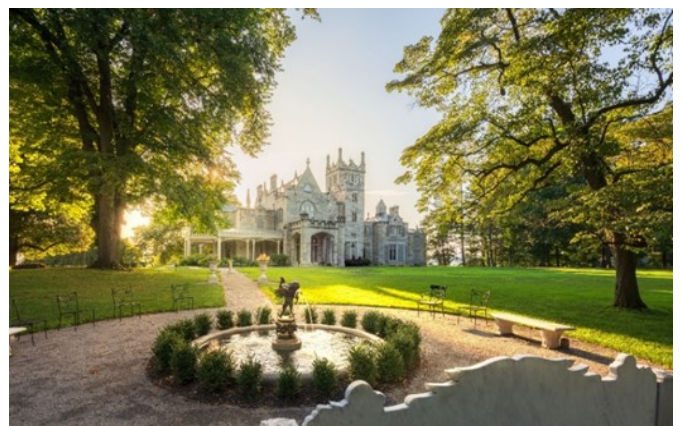


INTERIOR SHOT GLENVIEW HISTORIC HOME  
CREDIT: ALISON COHEN ROSA / COURTESY OF HBO

After breakfast, depart Long Island for the Hudson Valley with a stop in Yonkers. [Glenview Historic Home](#), 511 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, NY 10701 is a Gilded Age home on the National Register of Historic Places, designed by architect Charles W. Clinton and it served as the interior of Mrs. Astor's home in the show. Tours are available as part of the [Hudson River Museum](#).

After your tour, head 22 minutes up to Tarrytown, NY to visit Lyndhurst Mansion, 635 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591. [Lyndhurst Mansion](#) is a Gothic Revival mansion that sits on 67 landscaped acres overlooking the Hudson. Offering one-hour guided tours visiting two floors of the mansion adorned with original collections of paintings, furniture, decorative arts. Lyndhurst Mansion was home to railroad tycoon Jay Gould, who purchased the mansion in 1880, and is thought to have inspired the character of George Russell in the show.

Grab a snack at [Coffee Labs Roasters](#), 7 Main St., Tarrytown, NY 10591 before departing for Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park an hour and half north.



CREDIT: COURTESY LYNDHURST MANSION



## HUDSON VALLEY CONTINUED



VANDERBILT MANSION, HYDE PARK

CREDIT: DARREN MCGEE NYSD&D

Just down the road from the Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park is the [Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site](#), the home purchased by Franklin's father in 1867 that served as the future president's lifelong home. The nation's first [Presidential Library](#) is next door and [Eleanor's Val-Kill cottage](#), the first national historic site dedicated to a First Lady, is across the road.



CREDIT: COURTESY FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



CREDIT: COURTESY OF STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE

Before dinner check out [Staatsburgh State Historic Site](#), 75 Mills Mansion Drive, Road #1, Staatsburg, NY 12580, the elegant country home of Ogden Mills and his wife Ruth Livingston Mills. Overlooking the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains, Staatsburgh is a fine example of a great estate built by America's financial and industrial leaders during the Gilded Age (1876 - 1917).

Grab dinner at [Bocuse Restaurant](#) at The Culinary Institute of America, 1946 Campus Dr., Hyde Park, NY 12538. The restaurant is closed Sundays and Mondays. Dinner begins at 6 PM and reservations are strongly suggested. For casual quick bites try [Hyde Park Brewing Company](#), 4076 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538.

**Overnight:** [Mirbeau Inn & Spa](#), 45 West Market St., Rhinebeck, NY, 12572 or cross the Hudson River to Kingston to stay at [Courtyard by Marriott Kingston](#), 500 Frank Sottile Blvd., Kingston, NY 12401.

## DAY 4 CAPITAL SARATOGA

After breakfast drive 1 hour and 30 minutes to Troy, NY to explore the [Troy Savings Bank Music Hall](#), 30 Second St., Troy, NY 12180

This expertly preserved hall was ready for its Gilded Age closeup when it became the now-extinct Academy of Music, where lawyer Tom Raikes made romantic overtures to Marian.



CREDIT: COURTESY OF TROY SAVINGS BANK MUSIC HALL

Be sure to stop for refreshments and tea at [The Whistling Kettle](#) in downtown Troy where you pick from 120 variety of teas as well as matcha, lemonade, smoothies as well sandwiches, soups and bakery items.

Other Gilded Age locations filmed in Troy include the Rensselaer County Courthouse, 80 Second St., Troy, NY 12180 and the Washington Park Historic District, as well as historic [Oakwood Cemetery](#), 50 101st St., Troy, NY 12180 (the resting place of the real Uncle Sam).



CREDIT: COURTESY OF HART-CLUETT MUSEUM

Nearby is the [Hart-Cluett Museum](#), 57 2nd St., Troy, NY 12180. Amid the 19th century rowhouses in the Second Street Historic District in downtown Troy sits a white marble house, completed in 1827, just as Troy was beginning its shift from a commercial to an industrial economy base. The Hart-Cluett House, as it is known today, was constructed for a businessman-banker's family, the Harts, and sold six decades later to the Cluett family.

For a casual dinner check out [Dinosaur Bar-B-Que](#), 377 River St., Troy, NY 12180 or [Moscatiello's Italian Restaurant](#), 99 N Greenbush Rd., Troy, NY 12180.

**Overnight:** [Gardner Farm Inn](#), 59 Brunswick Rd., Troy, NY 12180 or [Courtyard by Marriott Albany Troy/Waterfront](#).

## DAY 5 FINGER LAKES

Start off last day with a scenic drive to the Finger Lakes region to visit Dansville, NY about 4 hours from Troy, NY.

Drive about 2 hours and then stop in Syracuse at Strong Hearts Café, 900 E Fayette St., Syracuse, NY 13210 for a bite to eat and stretch your legs before continuing to Dansville.



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Continue to [The Dansville Red Cross](#) building at 57 Elizabeth St., Dansville, NY 14437. American Civil War Nurse and Red Cross Founder Clara Barton appears in several episodes of *The Gilded Age*, including one where the socialites of New York City travel upstate to Dansville, New York, to support her in her work. Named in her honor, it remains Chapter #1 and is open for tours of its museum of Red Cross history.

Spend the rest of your day exploring the beautiful [Finger Lakes Region](#) before heading home.

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