

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

4 days

The Philadelphia Flower Show is America's largest and most prestigious, offering more than 140 vendors and 10 acres of gardens. The tour also visits the Brandywine Valley to tour the gardens and museum at Winterthur and the much-admired Longwood Gardens. Finally, no visit to Philadelphia would be complete without visiting the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the other monuments of America's struggle for independence.

Day 1 Philadelphia. (Saturday) "Welcome to the city of brotherly love!" Check into your hotel. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure.

Day 2 Philadelphia. Excursion to the Brandywine Valley. (Sunday) Today we visit Pennsylvania's Brandywine Valley, home to two renowned families, the Wyeths and DuPonts. Our first stop will be WINTERTHUR MUSEUM AND GARDENS, once the home of Henry Francis DuPont. Today it is a vast building filled with more than 71,000 American decorative art objects. Afterward we visit the much-admired LONGWOOD GARDENS, once the private estate of Pierre S. DuPont and regarded as one of the world's greatest gardens. Following lunch, your guided tour will stroll through a portion of the four acres of indoor conservatories, seasonal floral displays and lush tropical plants that grow year-round. Following the guided tour there will be free time to wander the gardens and visit areas of particular interest. This evening is free to enjoy the city at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Philadelphia. Philadelphia Flower Show. (Monday) Today you have the entire day to enjoy all that the PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW has to offer. You will quickly understand why this is America's premier flower event, with some even daring to say that it is better than England's Chelsea Flower Show. Enjoy all the special displays, the fabulous market place and feel free to leave and return as often as you want. (B)

Day 4 Philadelphia. (Tuesday) We begin today with an enjoyable walking tour of the historical district of Philadelphia including stops at the LIBERTY BELL and INDEPENDENCE HALL, and a quick stop at the famous steps from the movie 'Rocky.' This afternoon our motorcoach returns us to the airport where we depart for home with new friends and wonderful memories from another fabulous excursion. (B)

Meals: B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner