



*hudson river valley*

**NATIONAL TRUST COUNCIL TRIP**

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY, NY | OCTOBER 24-26, 2019



National Trust *for*  
Historic Preservation®

*We can't wait to see  
you this fall in the  
Hudson River Valley!*

PASTORAL VISTAS OF GLACIER-CUT mountains, cliffs, and waterways. Sanctuaries in all seasons for titans of industry and culture. Chronicled ports of passage and refuge. For centuries, the timeless natural beauty of New York's Hudson River Valley has enlightened and inspired our nation's deep-seated spirit of discovery and exploration. Join us for a weekend exploring the vibrant autumn landscapes and splendid country estates that have shaped our American aesthetic through an elegant pageantry of nature, artistry, and architecture.

*welcome*



**WEATHER:** Averages in October in the Hudson River Valley are in the high 50s during the day, with evenings in the low 40s.



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by Clifford Pickett

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The Hudson River,  
by Clifford Pickett

ABOVE: Lyndhurst,  
by Clifford Pickett

## Lyndhurst

DESIGNED IN 1838 by Alexander Jackson Davis, Lyndhurst has served as home to a notable lineage of Empire State residents, including former New York City mayor William Paulding, merchant George Merritt, and railroad tycoon Jay Gould. Widely regarded as one of the finest Gothic Revival mansions in America, the architectural brilliance of this National Historic Landmark is complemented by the park-like landscape of the estate and a comprehensive collection of original decorative arts.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

*All times and distances approximate; itinerary subject to change.*

### **1:00–2:30 Office Hours at The Ritz-Carlton** (Bridge, Second Floor)

Questions about the weekend? Stop by and say hello to the team!

### **4:00–4:30 Afternoon Tour: Villa Lewaro**

COCKTAIL ATTIRE, AS TRAVELING DIRECTLY ON TO EVENING EVENT

Discover a National Treasure that embodies the optimism and perseverance of the American entrepreneurial spirit. Home to Madam C. J. Walker, America's first, self-made female millionaire, Villa Lewaro also served as an intellectual gathering place for notable leaders of the Harlem Renaissance, including James Weldon Johnson, Zora Neale Hurston, W. E. B. Du Bois, and Langston Hughes. In 2018, during the 100th anniversary of its completion, the National Historic Landmark was acquired to preserve the legacy of Madam C.J. Walker and to develop a think tank and a curriculum for entrepreneurs who are women of color, thereby providing a bright future for the property and a vision for entrepreneurial success and growth.

### **4:45–7:30 Tour and Reception: Lyndhurst**

COCKTAIL ATTIRE; PARTIAL OUTDOOR EVENT

Kick off the weekend with cocktails and a private viewing of the mansion lavishly decorated for Halloween, followed by a private Council reception in the Bowling Alley with Lyndhurst Executive Director Howard Zar.

### **7:30 Return to Hotel; Dinner on Your Own**

For on your own recommendations, see page 14.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Kykuit, by Jaime Martorano; Manitoga, Courtesy of Manitoga; Armour-Stiner Octagon House; Courtesy of Joseph Lombardi

## Kykuit

COMPLETED IN 1913 for famed businessman and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Kykuit has been home to four generations of the Rockefeller family, including his son, philanthropist John D. Rockefeller Jr., and grandson, Nelson A. Rockefeller, four-time governor of New York and vice president under President Gerald Ford. Today, Kykuit is a National Trust Historic Site, operated in partnership with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, as part of the Pocantico Center. The center is a community resource and public testament to the family's lasting, living legacy in philanthropy, conservation, business, government, and the arts.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

All times and distances approximate; itinerary subject to change.  
CASUAL ATTIRE, COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES

### Morning Tour Options (Choose one of the following)

#### 9:15–10:45 Manitoga

Explore one of few Mid-century Modern homes with original landscaping. Transformed from an abandoned granite quarry over thirty-four years, Manitoga—Algonquin for “place of great spirit”—was the home, studio, and 75-acre woodland garden of American industrial designer Russel Wright (1904-1976) and is now a member of the National Trust's Historic Artists' Homes and Studios program. *Landscape tour included*

#### 9:30–11:00 Armour-Stiner Octagon House

Visit the only known 19th century, domed, octagonal residence built in the form of an ancient classical temple. Created as a whimsical summer retreat in 1872 by tea-importer Joseph Stiner, this National Historic Landmark's shape was based on the theories of Orson Squire Fowler, a phrenologist, who believed octagonal houses enclosed more space, allowed more sunlight, and created greater access between rooms. The house contains a unique 1876 Egyptian Revival Music Room with its original furniture. *Minimal walking; stairs throughout home*

#### 11:30–2:00 Update Meeting and Lunch: Stone Barns

Enjoy lunch and an update from National Trust staff and leadership at the Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture. Originally commissioned by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. as a dairy farm for the family estate at Pocantico, the Stone Barns now anchor a nonprofit farm and education center. Together with on-site restaurant partner Blue Hill, the Center is dedicated to advancing resilient agriculture and a pattern of eating that supports it.

#### 2:30–3:30 Free Time

#### 4:30–7:45 Tour and Reception: Kykuit and the Playhouse

COCKTAIL ATTIRE; PARTIAL OUTDOOR EVENT (AVOID HEELS)

Join us for a private tour of Kykuit, located on the historic Rockefeller estate, including its exquisite sculpture garden and art galleries, followed by a special reception at the Playhouse to celebrate the expansion of programming at the Pocantico Center made possible through its 2018 bequest to the National Trust.

#### 7:45 Return to Hotel; Dinner on Your Own

For on your own recommendations, see page 14.



ABOVE: The Glass House, by Carol Highsmith

## Glass House

BUILT BETWEEN 1949 AND 1955 by famed architect Philip Johnson, the Glass House is one of America's greatest modern architectural landmarks. Inspired by Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House, the Glass House's exterior walls are made of glass with no interior walls, a radical departure from houses of the time. This National Trust site includes a pastoral 49-acre landscape, fourteen structures designed by Philip Johnson and a permanent collection of renowned 20th century painting and sculpture.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

*All times and distances approximate; itinerary subject to change. Please note the long distances in between stops on the bus.*

#### **8:00–9:45 Travel to Red Hook**

#### **9:45–11:30 Morning Tour: Homes of the Livingston Family**

Join photographer Pieter Estersohn as he welcomes the Council to Staats Hall, his historic home built on land purchased from Robert L. Livingston in 1831. Estersohn's latest book, *Life Along the Hudson: The Historic Country Estates of the Livingston Family*, documents his and other houses across the Hudson Valley, including Edgewater, the former home of Founding Council member Dick Jenrette now meticulously preserved as part of his enduring legacy through the Classical American Homes Preservation Trust.

#### **11:45–1:00 Lunch: Rokeby**

Enjoy lunch at Rokeby, a historic 400-acre Livingston-Astor family estate, as guests of Tracie and Wint Aldrich, whose ancestor, Alida Livingston, built the home in 1811.

#### **1:00–3:00 Return to White Plains**

#### **3:00–4:15 Free Time**

#### **4:30–5:15 Travel to New Canaan, CT**

#### **5:15–8:00 Tour, Reception and Dinner: The Glass House**

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE, SMART SHOES FOR TOUR

Cap off the weekend with a Saturday excursion to New Canaan, Connecticut for a tour, reception and buffet dinner at one of America's greatest modern architectural landmarks.

#### **8:00–8:45 Return to Hotel**

# REGISTRATION » *plan your trip*



ABOVE: Hudson River, courtesy of Pieter Estersohn

OPPOSITE: The Ritz-Carlton New York Westchester courtesy Ritz-Carlton New York Westchester

## White Plains, NY

LOCATED IN THE HEART of Westchester County and just 25 miles north of Manhattan, White Plains boasts a rich balance of urban chic, suburban charm, and rural beauty. Celebrated as “The Birthplace of the State of New York,” it was in White Plains that the New York Provincial Congress met on July 9, 1776 to adopt the Declaration of Independence and proclaim New York an independent state.

### HOW TO REGISTER

Register for the weekend by filling out the registration form sent separately or online at [SavingPlaces.org/NTCHRV2019](http://SavingPlaces.org/NTCHRV2019). Costs for the full weekend are \$1,450. Fees cover on-site transportation, meals listed, tours, event costs, etc. Full payment is due by **Friday, September 13, 2019**.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**The Ritz-Carlton New York Westchester**  
3 Renaissance Square  
White Plains, NY 10601

**RESERVATIONS:** 1.800.241.3333 or online

**BOOKING GROUP:** National Trust Council

**RATES:** \$349 Deluxe Rooms, \$429 Executive Suites

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:** **Friday, September 13, 2019**. However, we recommend booking your room as soon as possible.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact the events team at [ntrvents@savingplaces.org](mailto:ntrvents@savingplaces.org) or 202.588.6363.

### GETTING THERE

Transportation will be provided throughout the weekend to and from all programmed events. We will not be providing transportation to and from the airport or train station for this weekend.

#### BY AIR:

**Westchester County Airport (HPN)** 7 miles from *The Ritz Hotel*, estimated 20-minute drive

**LaGuardia Airport (LGA)** 25 miles from *The Ritz Hotel*, estimated 1-hour drive

#### BY TRAIN:

**Amtrak, New Rochelle Station** 10 miles from *The Ritz Hotel*, estimated 25-minute drive

White Plains is also accessible from the Metro North Railroad from New York City. For more information on schedules, please visit their website: [www.mta.info/mnr](http://www.mta.info/mnr).

**CANCELLATIONS:** We at the National Trust for Historic Preservation enjoy and appreciate your participation in our Council Trips and endeavor to create a one-of-a-kind experience for each Council member. In doing so, National Trust staff contracts with various entities, such as hotels, caterers, and transportation companies to obtain group rates for these endeavors. As such, cancellations by registrants can cause significant financial hardships on the National Trust. Therefore, to ensure that we can continue to offer Council trips, the Trust must enact these strict registration policies, as set forth below:

**The “cut-off date” for reserving space on the Fall 2019 Council Trip to the Hudson River Valley is on September 13, 2019.**

Council Trips are generally non-refundable; however, we do understand that emergencies occur. Therefore, in the case of unavoidable emergencies, the Cancellation Refund Policy is as stated below:

**From the Present to July 31, 2019:** 90% of Total Trip Price = \$1,305

**From August 1, 2019 to August 25, 2019:** 60% of Total Trip Price = \$870

**From August 26, 2019 to September 13, 2019:** 40% of Total Trip Price = \$580

**After September 13, 2019:** No refund.

*National Trust Council weekends are specially curated for the Council and offer an on-the-ground look at the Trust’s work. Fees for these trips reflect the per-person costs of providing the experience and are not considered tax-deductible donations.*

# HUDSON RIVER VALLEY »

*a historical overview*



## 5,000 BC

Mahicans, along with Lenape and Wappinger tribes, began settling the hills, valleys, and the fertile banks along today's Hudson River thousands of years before European contact and exploration. They named the river Mahicanituck, "the river that flows both ways", due to it being a tidal estuary.



## 1600s

European exploration of the river and valley begins in 1609, when English navigator Henry Hudson sets off from the Netherlands in search of the Northwest Passage to Asia. The area becomes a magnet for immigrants and traders like Robert Livingston, who arrives from Scotland in 1673 and begins acquiring hundreds of thousands of acres across the valley, laying the literal groundwork for one of the first and most enduring American family dynasties.



## 1800s

Thomas Cole journeys by steamship up the Hudson River in autumn of 1825 to paint some of the area's earliest landscapes, marking the start the Hudson River School and our first American art movement. Paul J. Armour builds his Octagon House in 1860 in Irvington, while architect Andrew Jackson Davis is commissioned to double the size of his original design for "Paulding's Folly" nearly thirty years into its evolution to Lyndhurst in nearby Tarrytown.



## EARLY 1900s

John D. Rockefeller begins purchasing land and homes around Pocantico Hills as early as 1893, after his brother, William, moves into the 204-room Rockwood Hall in Mount Pleasant, and Kykuit is completed in 1913. Five years later, and less than four miles away in Irvington, construction is completed on Villa Lewaro, the country estate of Madam C. J. Walker, America's first self-made female millionaire.



## MID-LATE 1990s

In 1942, industrial designer Russel Wright purchases and begins a decades-long landscape reclamation and design project at an abandoned 75-acre quarry and logging site he calls Manitoga. Seven years later, famed Modernist architect Philip Johnson breaks ground on Glass House, an iconic pastoral retreat in New Canaan, CT. Financier, and founding Council member, Richard Jenrette purchases Edgewater from author Gore Vidal in 1969, marking the start of a lifelong legacy in preservation.

## LOCAL PRESERVATION

### Classical American Homes Preservation Trust

The Classical American Homes Preservation Trust is a nonprofit created by Richard Jenrette in 1993 to preserve, protect and open to the public examples of classical American residential architecture, surrounding landscapes and trails, as well as fine and decorative arts of the first half of the 19th century.

### Rockefeller Brothers Fund

Founded in 1940 by the five sons of John D. Rockefeller, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund advances social change that contributes to a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world.



# AND MORE » *on your own*

## Restaurants

**Hudson Farmer and the Fish:** Enjoy top-quality seafood from a community-oriented restaurant where more than three-quarters of the vegetables and herbs are grown right in the North Salem area. *11 River St, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591*

**RiverMarket Bar and Kitchen:** Sink your teeth into pork loin, hangar steak, and short ribs from Berkshire pigs and Angus cattle raised on open pastures just a short drive away. *127 W Main St, Tarrytown, NY 10591*

**Crabtree's Kettle House:** Visit a venerable Chappaqua eatery in a historic 1790 barn-turned-bed-and-breakfast with an award-winning wine cellar. *11 Kettle Rd, Chappaqua, NY 10514*

**The Cookery:** Get a group together to try the whole pig dinner at this creative Italian restaurant in one of Westchester's quaintest and most beautiful river towns. *39 Chestnut St, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522*

## Activities

**Dia:Beacon:** Discover one of the world's most distinguished collections of contemporary art, housed in a former Nabisco box printing factory on the banks of the Hudson. *3 Beekman St, Beacon, NY 12508*

**Storm King Art Center:** Explore one of the largest collections of contemporary outdoor sculpture in the country with works from some of the most acclaimed artists of the 20th century. *1 Museum Rd, New Windsor, NY 12553*

**Sleepy Hollow Cemetery:** Visit the final resting place of local legends and national icons like Washington Irving, William Rockefeller, and Andrew Carnegie. *540 N Broadway, Tawaco, NY 10591*

**Historic Huguenot Street:** Journey through a 10-acre National Historic Landmark District, and member of the National Trust's Distinctive Destinations program, with historic houses and sites dating back to the area's first French settlers. *81 Huguenot St, New Paltz, NY 12561*

**Union Church of Pocantico Hills:** Experience the dramatic neo-Gothic sanctuary of this unassuming country church as it's filled with color and light from the exquisite stained-glass artwork of European masters Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall. *555 Bedford Rd, Tarrytown, NY 10591*

## MAP OF THE AREA



## TOUR SITES:

1. Manitoga
2. Stone Barns
3. Kykuit and the Playhouse
4. Lyndhurst
5. Villa Lewaro
6. Armour-Stiner Octagon House
7. The Ritz-Carlton New York Westchester
8. The Glass House

# Mark your calendar!

PastForward Conference  
Denver, Colorado  
October 10-12, 2019

National Trust Council Spring Weekend  
San Antonio, Texas  
April 2-4, 2020

PastForward Conference  
Miami, Florida  
October 28-30, 2020

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