

PHILADELPHIA & BRANDYWINE VALLEY

A Feast of Art, Culture, and History

PER PERSON PRICE:

\$1,776.00 Double Occupancy

\$2,245.00 Single Occupancy



Vincent van Gogh *Iris* 1889 (detail)

Van Gogh: Up Close

In the late 1880s, in the last years of his life, van Gogh dramatically altered his manner of painting landscapes and still lifes by experimenting with depth of field and using shifting perspectives producing some of the most radical and original works of his career. This exhibition explores the reasons and means by which van Gogh made these innovative changes to his painting style. The exhibition culminates in an audacious series of still lifes made outdoors in which the subjects range from extremely close views of a clump of iris or an almond branch or a moth. The first exhibition devoted to this unexplored aspect of the artist's work, *Van Gogh Up Close*, will present 45 paintings borrowed from collections around the world including works that have rarely been shown publicly.

April 30 - May 5, 2012

6 Days

**New
Tour!**

ONLY ONE HOTEL CHANGE

DAY 1 **HOME/PHILADELPHIA**

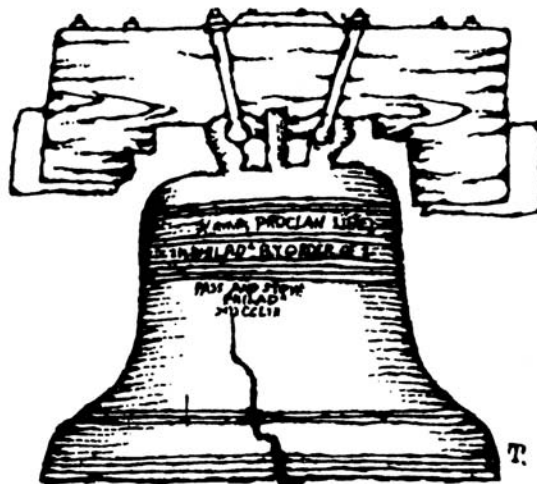
We fly to Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love," where the Declaration of Independence was signed and our Constitution was written. Our tour begins where the United States began. We lodge three nights in the heart of the Historic District at the Holiday Inn. The historic buildings and attractions are just a few blocks from our door.

DAY 2 **VAN GOGH/WYETH PRESENTATION** B,D

Independence National Historical Park includes many buildings from the colonial period that were instrumental in the founding of our nation and of Philadelphia's early role as our national capital. We tour Independence Hall, where our founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and also see the Liberty Bell. Then we visit the Reading Terminal Market, a restored historic market that features flowers, produce, restaurants, bakeries, crafts, and gifts. The afternoon is dedicated to the fabulous Philadelphia Museum of Art which ranks among the world's major art museums. With the Van Gogh Up Close exhibit, it is a special treat! Tonight, after dinner at our hotel, we meet Victoria Wyeth who guides us through a power point presentation titled "The New Work of Andrew and Jamie Wyeth." We view images that have never been hung in museums and will have an in depth discussion about the meaning of all these works.

DAY 3 **PHILADELPHIA CITY TOUR / FREE TIME** CB

Our guided Philadelphia city tour takes us through history, as we see Christ Church, Franklin's Court, Fairmont Park (America's largest urban park), Glenna Goodacre's most ambitious work, (an Irish Memorial of 35 figures depicting the potato famine at Penn's Landing), and much more. During our free afternoon, choose from dozens of historic sites nearby or go further afield to famous art museums and other attractions. With our attraction list and downtown map, you choose (and find) what is most appealing.





Andrew
Wyeth



Siri 1970 (detail)

DAY 4 WYETH TOUR / LONGWOOD GARDENS B,D

We depart Philadelphia headed for the superlative attractions of the Brandywine River Valley. At the Brandywine Battlefield Park we learn about the Battle of Brandywine where George Washington's patriots were defeated by the British leading to the British occupation of Philadelphia. The nearby Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford showcases American artists in a restored 19th-century grist mill. Its collection of art by the Wyeth family is unparalleled. Our tour guide at the museum will be Carol Ellis. Carol is one of the museum's curators and has also been a volunteer guide for 13 years. Her current assignment is to organize and catalog Andrew Wyeth's studio that he left to the museum. She is extremely well versed and knowledgeable about the museum's collection. After enjoying this delightful museum we drive to Longwood Gardens, the world's premier horticultural display garden. It was created by Pierre du Pont and offers 1,050 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows. Vivid and fragrant flowers delight the senses. We lodge for two nights at the Mendenhall Inn, a charming property located in the community of Mendenhall, Pennsylvania near the Delaware border.

DAY 5 NEMOURS / WINTERTHUR MUSEUM B

Nemours Mansion was built over 100 years ago by Alfred I. DuPont as a gift to his wife Alicia. It is the grandest residence ever constructed in Delaware and its gardens are still the finest example in North America of a formal French garden. It is furnished with an eclectic collection of rare furniture and great art, and yet, it still feels like a home. We tour this breathtaking home designed in the style of a French chateau. At nearby Winterthur Museum & Gardens we see the legacy of another DuPont, Henry Francis. The museum, once his 175-room home, houses his collection of American decorative arts, considered the world's finest. He developed the gardens with planned informality. Our guided tram tour through the azalea woods is a special treat as the azaleas bloom in early May. We also visit Andre Harvey's studio and gallery in historic Breck's Mill. Harvey is world renowned for his bronzes of animals.

DAY 6 DU PONT MILLS / PHILADELPHIA / HOME B

At the Hagley Museum we tour the original du Pont estate, including its 1803 Georgian House, its gardens, and the original gunpowder mills powered by the Brandywine River. Then we drive back to Philadelphia and fly home, having savored many of America's finest historic sites, museums, and gardens.



Victoria Wyeth

Victoria Wyeth is the great granddaughter of N.C. Wyeth, the only grandchild of Andrew Wyeth and the niece of Jamie Wyeth. Victoria will personally guide us through a Power Point presentation of her famous artist relatives. We will see Victoria's family through her eyes, as she shares her personal memories and insight gained through years of discussions with her grandfather and uncle about their work.



TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare Albuquerque to Philadelphia (Not including airline baggage and in-flight charges)
- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- 5 Nights' Lodging at Excellent Hotels
- 4 Breakfasts, 1 Continental Breakfast, 2 Dinners
- Guided City Tour of Philadelphia
- Admission to All Listed Attractions
- Baggage Handling (for one piece)
- Your Professional SUN TOURS Tour Director
- All Taxes and Tips for Included Items

DEPOSIT: \$100.00 Per Person NOW Holds Your Place

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: March 1, 2012

CANCELLATION FEES:

NoneThrough March 1, 2012
 \$100.00March 2 - 23, 2012
 \$750.00After March 23, 2012

Cancellation Insurance is Recommended