Presidential Legacy Tour
Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Hyde Park
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016: MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE

1:15 PM Depart LGA for hotel. *Meet at Terminal D Arrival Level to board bus.*

4:00 PM Arrive at Mohonk Mountain House - Hotel

8:00 PM Dinner at Hotel (please check in at hostess stand in the main dining room to be directed to our private room)

10:00 PM Evening concludes

*Attire: Business casual. No jacket necessary.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016: HYDE PARK; FDR LIBRARY; TOP COTTAGE

9:15 AM Meet in hotel lobby to board bus to Hyde Park

9:30 AM Depart Hotel for Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Home

10:30 AM Arrive and check in at FDR Library

10:45 AM View Film: *A Rendezvous With History*

11:00 AM Guided Tour of Franklin D. Roosevelt Home

12:00 PM Lunch at Uncle Sam’s Canteen (on-site WW11 style deli counter, purchase lunch on your own)

12:30 PM Talk from Director Paul Sparrow

1:10 PM Group 1 boards Roosevelt Ride at Wallace Visitor Center for Top Cottage Group 2 Self-Guided Tour of FDR Library and Museum

3:10 PM Group 2 boards Roosevelt Ride at Wallace Visitor Center for Top Cottage Group 1 Self-Guided Tour of FDR Library and Museum

5:00 PM Depart Visitor Center for Hotel

6:00 PM Arrive at Hotel and day concludes for evening on your own. *Note: optional group dinner reservations have been made for 7:00 PM in the main dining room.*

*Attire: Casual. Comfortable shoes.*
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016: VANDERBILT MANSION AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT’S VAL-KILL

8:15 AM  Meet in hotel lobby to board bus to Hyde Park
8:30 AM  Depart for Eleanor Roosevelt’s Val-Kill
9:30 AM  Arrive at Val-Kill Visitor Center; explore grounds and museum shop
10:00 AM  View Orientation Film
10:15 AM  Guided tour
11:00 AM  Tour ends
11:15 AM  Depart for Lunch
11:30 AM  Lunch at Culinary Institute’s American Bounty restaurant
1:15 PM  Depart for Vanderbilt Mansion
1:30 PM  Tour of Vanderbilt Mansion
3:15 PM  Tour of Vanderbilt Gardens
4:15 PM  Tour Ends
4:30 PM  Depart for Hotel
5:30 PM  Arrive at Hotel and day concludes. Note: optional group dinner reservations have been made for 7:00 PM in the main dining room.

Attire: Casual. Comfortable shoes.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016: OPTIONAL BRUNCH AND TOUR OF WESTPOINT*

8:00 AM  
Meet in hotel lobby to board bus to West Point
*Please check-out and have your bags packed prior to our departure if you will not be staying an additional night at the hotel.  *Please also bring a photo id.*

8:15 AM  
Depart hotel for historic Thayer Hotel

9:30 AM  
Arrive at Thayer Hotel for brunch buffet at McArthur’s Riverview Restaurant

11:00 AM  
Depart for West Point

11:10 AM  
Arrive at West Point Visitor’s Center and check-in

11:30 AM  
2 Hour West Point Cemetery Tour
In addition to stopping at Trophy Point Battle Monument, Plain and Cadet Chapel, this tour delves into the lives and contributions of some of military history’s most notable figures laid to rest in the West Point Cemetery.  Hear more about Alonzo Cushing, George Custer, Ed White II, William Westmoreland, David "Mickey" Marcus, Norman Schwarzkopf, and many more.  This is a fascinating tour which touches on some of the great personalities associated with West Point through its history. On this tour, we will spend about 1 hour and 20 minutes off the bus at the various stops, most of which is outdoors.  Some pathways may be unpaved and the ground uneven.  Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Water will be provided on the bus during the tour.

1:30 PM  
Tour ends with time to explore shop or museum

2:00 PM  
Depart in two groups for Hotel or La Guardia Airport

3:15 PM  
Group 1 arrives at Hotel (travelers staying an additional night)

4:00 PM  
Group 2 arrives at La Guardia for departure flights or stay in the city. The trip to LGA airport should take 90 -120 mins depending on traffic.

*For those returning earlier on Saturday, 9/3 and not participating in the West Point tour, a car service will pick you up from the hotel at 11:00 AM and take you to La Guardia. You will arrive at La Guardia at 12:40 PM
**For those returning Sunday, 9/4 there is no group transportation provided but hotel can reserve a car service for you to take you to the airport.

Attire: Casual. Comfortable shoes.

WEST POINT CEMETARY

MAIN CADET CHAPEL
RESTAURANTS

Uncle Sam’s Canteen
4079 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538
(845) 214-0300

Description: “Uncle Sam’s Canteen offers visitors a convenient place to grab coffee and pastry, or enjoy a delicious lunch between tours at Hyde Park. Adorned with patriotic décor, Uncle Sam’s offers a diverse menu in a beautiful setting.”

American Bounty
1946 Campus Dr, Hyde Park, NY 12538
(845) 451-1011
http://www.americanbountyrestaurant.com/

Description: With a focus on the seasons and products of the Hudson Valley, contemporary and traditional regional dishes are brought to life at the American Bounty Restaurant in an honest and flavorful way.

“Celebrating uniquely American cuisine was the inspiration behind The Culinary Institute of America’s decision to create the American Bounty Restaurant. In 1983, the opening team, headed by now-President Tim Ryan ’77, believed that American food could be as fresh, inventive, and regionally based as its much-touted French counterpart. They set about researching American food traditions and ingredients, and developing new dishes that elevated the cuisine. The team succeeded in creating a unique dining experience for its patrons. While the restaurant has evolved over the last 30 years, it has always remained true to the tenets that American cuisine is worthy of exploration and exquisite preparation.

Being situated in the Hudson Valley gives American Bounty a distinct advantage. Once considered the nation’s “breadbasket,” today this area of the country is experiencing a resurgence of respect for its farmers, artisan bakers, and vintners. In a bucolic setting high above the Hudson River, the American Bounty Restaurant pays homage to the Valley’s past and present by celebrating regional, seasonal, and sustainable ingredients. The restaurant’s menu reflects a growing interest in the origins of our food, clean flavors, and the special joys of the table.”

McArthur’s Riverfront Restaurant at the Thayer Hotel
674 Thayer Road, West Point, NY 10996
(845) 446-4731
http://www.thethayerhotel.com/Dining/MacArthur-s-Riverview-Restaurant

This renowned restaurant on the Hudson River, with its Gothic windows and old world charm, sets the stage for a truly unique dining experience. Savor sumptuous breakfasts, lunches, dinners and an award-winning Sunday Champagne Brunch - all prepared by our Culinary Institute of America trained culinary staff. From business lunches to romantic dinners, MacArthur’s Riverview Restaurant is the perfect setting for any occasion.
Hyde Park Trip Detailed Tour Descriptions

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library

“As an avid amateur historian, Roosevelt recognized the value of his papers and believed they should be saved for future historians and the American people. His collections contain personal and family papers, manuscripts related to his public career at the state and national level, photographs, sound and motion picture recordings, books, and periodicals. FDR also had a vast memorabilia collection, including ship models, prints and paintings, state gifts, gifts from the American people, and family items. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is America's first presidential library -- and the only one used by a sitting president. It was conceived and built under President Roosevelt's direction and opened to the public in 1941.

When he planned his presidential library, FDR took care to include space for a Museum to display his many personal treasures. An avid collector, the President had spent a lifetime gathering extensive collections ranging from stamps, coins, and rare books to Hudson River Valley art, naval prints, and ship models. When the FDR Museum opened on June 30, 1941, it featured elaborate displays of these collections and the many gifts the Roosevelts had received from governments and individuals.

The Library's mission is to foster research and education on the life and times of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and their continuing impact on contemporary life.”
Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site

“Historically known as Hyde Park, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site is one of the region's oldest Hudson River estates. For nearly two centuries, this place has been home to socially prominent New Yorkers. A superb example of its type, Hyde Park represents the domestic ideal of the elite class in the late nineteenth-century America. It provides a glimpse of estate life, the social stratification of the period, and the world of the American millionaire during the era historians refer to as the Gilded Age.

The National Park Service preserves over 200 acres of the original property, including historic buildings, original furnishings, manicured landscapes, natural woodlands, formal gardens and associated documents. The centerpiece of the estate is the mansion, a masterpiece of American Beaux-Arts design by the distinguished architectural firm McKim, Mead & White.”

Read more about the history of the Vanderbilt Mansion here:
http://www.nps.gov/vama/learn/historyculture/upload/VAMAHRS.pdf
Eleanor Roosevelt’s Val Kill

“The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill (ERVK) inspires and empowers individuals and organizations to use their time, talent and resources to build a just and sustainable world, close to home and abroad. We accomplish this mission by providing cutting edge programs and experiences epitomizing Eleanor Roosevelt’s passion and commitment to human rights, principled leadership and social justice for all.

ERVK was founded in 1977 to preserve Eleanor Roosevelt’s home in Hyde Park, New York and to provide programs inspired by her values and example. Today, the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site is maintained by the US National Park Service (NPS) and ERVK is an independent not-for-profit organization. ERVK and the NPS have a unique partnership and collaborate on special projects.”
Top Cottage (Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s Home)

“Franklin Roosevelt built Top Cottage at the eastern most end of his estate on land purchased in 1937 on what his cousin and close friend Margaret Suckley called "the nicest Hill in Dutchess County." FDR imagined Top Cottage as a place where he could return to private life after his second term as president. When he was elected to an unprecedented third term in 1940, Roosevelt realized that the little retreat would be an excellent place to "escape the mob" at Springwood. He also brought close friends and political allies there to discuss the state of the world or simply relax. Like Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill Cottage, the FDR Library and the addition to Springwood, Top Cottage was designed by FDR to emulate the Dutch colonial architecture found throughout the Hudson River Valley. FDR planned the cottage with accessibility in mind to accommodate his wheelchair and give him greater independence. Top Cottage became part of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in May 2001.”
Mohonk Mountain House

“Founded by Albert Smiley in 1869, Mohonk Mountain House is a National Historic Landmark that must be seen to be believed. 147 years later the Victorian castle resort still rests on a pristine mountain lake surrounded by thousands of acres of unspoiled natural beauty, and remains a treasured getaway for generations of travelers. With the original purchase of 280 acres and a small inn, Mohonk Mountain House begins its story.

Over the years, the ten-room inn and tavern evolved into the grand House it is today, with gracious accommodations for 600 guests. Today, the sight of this historic New York State resort—which stretches nearly an eighth of a mile along sweeping lawns and vivid, award-winning gardens—never fails to thrill. This legendary castle has hosted more than a century’s worth of distinguished guests, including naturalists, theologians, and business leaders, as well as award-winning actors, artists, authors, and musicians.

Mohonk Mountain House continues the tradition of promoting conversation and environmental awareness with Mohonk Consultations, a not-for-profit group, supporting the appreciation of all relationships of life on earth, connecting people and the planet through public awards, forums, conferences and other public meetings.

Five Presidents of the United States have stayed here—Chester A. Arthur, Rutherford B. Hayes, William Howard Taft, Theodore Roosevelt, and William Jefferson Clinton.”
Arrival Dinner Menu: August 31, 2016

You have a choice of any of the following and your selections are not needed ahead of time.

Chef’s Signature Dinner Menu
For Wednesday

Choice of Appetizer or Salad

Summer Sweet Corn Soup with Lump Crab, and Grilled Green Onion

Seared Lobster, Shrimp, and Shiitake Mushroom Potstickers with Miso Butter, and Plum Salad

Mohonk Tossed Salad with Pickled Root Vegetables and Sherry Shallot Herb Vinaigrette

Choice of Entrées

Grilled Prime New York Strip
with Yukon Gold Potato- Pancetta Cake and Bordelaise Sauce

Local Free-Range Roast Chicken with Lime, Cumin, and Chipotle, with Mashed Red Skin Potatoes, and Country Gravy

Pan Seared Arctic Char with Creamy Wild Hive Farm Polenta, Spinach, and Candied Tomatoes

Lentil Stew with Coconut-Milk Braised Cauliflower and Grilled Pita Bread

Choice of Desserts

Apple Brown-Sugar Cheesecake with Apple-Cider Caramel

Triple Chocolate Mousse Terrine with Passion Fruit Coulis and Bittersweet Chocolate

Flourless Truffle Cake with Hazelnut Crunch and Raspberry Ganache

Paris-Brest with Chantilly Cream, Marzipan, and Berries Traditional Crème Brûlée, Creamy Custard with a Caramelized Sugar Crust A Selection of Ice Cream, Sorbet, and Sherbet

Our Desserts are classically prepared in-House with fresh sauces, berries, and jams.