

IPPS International Tour 2018

The Big Apple and Beyond!

Itinerary

Full Tour:	September 11-22
New York Short Tour:	September 11-17
New Jersey-Delaware Short Tour:	September 15-22

Tuesday, 11-Sep: Full Tour and New York Short Tour Arrival Day

Arrive New York City Airport and transfer to the [Hampton Inn Brooklyn Downtown](#) where we will kick things off with a 6:00pm reception in the Skyline Terrace. Located on the 23rd Floor of the hotel, the Skyline Terrace boasts a dazzling view of Manhattan and features indoor and outdoor space. We will spend three nights at this property, checking out on Friday morning.

Wednesday, 12-Sep: Brooklyn Day

We board our bus at 9:00am to depart for the [Brooklyn Botanic Garden](#) for a guided tour plus time to explore this vast urban garden and horticultural display on your own. After lunch, we head to the [Brooklyn Bridge Park](#) with its iconic views of Manhattan and the New York harbor as well as carefully planned gardens and public use areas including a restored carousel. Our final stop of the day will be [Green-Wood Cemetery](#), a place of unmatched art, architecture, nature & history. We will explore this nearly 200-year-old National Historic Landmark cemetery as our last stop for the day before heading back to our hotel for a delicious meal at the [Saltbrook Tavern](#) complete with local Brooklyn beers. Breakfast and dinner are included; lunch will be on your own at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Thursday, 13-Sep: Bronx/Westchester Day

We head north to Yonkers on Thursday to [Untermeyer Gardens](#) a circa-1912 landscaped park centered on a walled Persian Garden with Hudson River views. The next stop is [Wave Hill](#), a 28-acre public garden and cultural center in the Bronx overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades. Following lunch at Wave Hill, we will visit the [New York Botanical Garden](#) which features more than a million plants on 250 acres – the largest in any city in the United States. We will enjoy dinner at [City Island Lobster House](#). Off the beaten path, City Island has a long nautical history having been a ship building community. Now the main attractions are the seafood restaurants making it a great place to enjoy a lobster dinner. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

Friday, 14-Sep: Eastern Long Island Day

Checking out of our Brooklyn hotel, we head to east to Long Island - famous for its white-sand beaches, world-class wineries, and fresh seafood not to mention agricultural production. We will visit [Cornell University's Horticultural Research & Extension Center](#) and then walk across the street to [Koppert Cress](#) microgreens. Colorful, fragile and packed with potent flavor, microgreens have become a restaurant staple. We will tour the production facility and have a taste of the amazing variety of crops they supply to restaurants across America. Then it's on to [Landcraft Environments](#) for a tour of a spectacular private garden tour where we will have lunch. After lunch we head to [Bianchi Davis Greenhouses](#) to see their orchid production then relax with a wine tasting & tour at [Paumonauk Vineyards](#). You can't visit the east end of Long Island without visiting a winery! We cap the day with dinner at [Coral Tapas and Wine Bar](#) overlooking the Great South Bay of Long Island before heading to our hotel in Ronkonkoma, NY for just one night. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

Saturday, 15-Sep: Western Long Island Day (Arrival day for New Jersey-Delaware Short Tour)

Heading back towards New York City, we will tour Atlantic Nursery, a wholesale production nursery known for supplying unique trees and shrubs. We then head to [Planting Fields Arboretum](#) where we will enjoy a tour of the former "Gold Coast" estate of the W.R. Coe family. This National Register property has over 400 acres of rolling lawns, gardens, woodlands, and nature walks. The afternoon takes us to [Old Westbury Gardens](#), the former mansion of John S. Phipps and family nestled amid 200 acres of formal gardens,

landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes. Our final stop of the day is [Hofstra University](#) where we will learn about the design, care and maintenance of the Hofstra Arboretum and gardens throughout the 240-acre campus before heading into the heart of the Big Apple, Manhattan, for your three-night stay at the [Embassy Suites by Hilton New York Midtown Manhattan](#). Those attending the **New Jersey/Delaware Short Tour** should plan to stay at this hotel Saturday night and join the tour on Sunday. Lunch is included; breakfast and dinner are on your own. Our Manhattan hotel has a complimentary evening reception at the Embassy Lounge with hand-crafted drinks and snacks (5pm - 7pm daily).

Sunday, 16-Sep Board Meeting day (New Jersey/Delaware Short Tour begins)

International Board Meeting all day - at hotel.

Non-Board Member Tour will depart at 8:00am to catch the first boat to tour the [Statue of Liberty](#) and [Ellis Island](#). Native New Yorker Joel Kroin will lead the group as they explore some of the many landmarks in the relatively small area of lower Manhattan: Castle Clinton, Battery Park perennial gardens, Federal Hall, Stone Street, Wall Street, Trinity Church, Charging Bull, Museum of American Indian, the Oculus ... and whatever suits your fancy. The group will end at the [9/11 Memorial Plaza](#) which serves as a tribute to the past and a place of hope for the future. The 8-acre park is a supremely contemplative sanctuary, composed of a grove of nearly 400 white oak trees, and the largest manmade waterfalls in the United States. The entire group will meet back at the hotel to walk to dinner at Ben's Deli, a family-owned and operated restaurant & delicatessen that serves the finest authentic New York Kosher delicatessen and eastern European comfort foods. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included for board members. Non-board members have lunch on their own; breakfast and dinner are provided. Our Manhattan hotel has a complimentary evening reception at the Embassy Lounge with hand-crafted drinks and snacks (5pm - 7pm daily).

Monday, 17-Sep: Manhattan Day (New York Short Tour ends mid-afternoon)

Every visitor to New York wants to go to Central Park. We will visit two special places in Central Park, [Strawberry Fields](#) (the place where John Lennon was shot) with an adjacent pond and bird sanctuary, and the [Central Park Conservatory Garden](#). From there our bus will travel down Fifth Avenue through Museum Mile and the prestigious shopping areas to our next stop, [Washington Square Park](#). Situated in Greenwich Village the neighborhood has many beautiful houses dating back centuries. We will have lunch at [Chelsea Market](#) and then tour the world famous [High Line](#), a 1.45-mile-long elevated linear park, greenway and rail trail. It was created on a former New York Central Railroad spur on the west side of Manhattan. We will end the day mid-afternoon to give you the rest of the day to do as you please in NYC – maybe you want to book a Broadway show that evening? Check out some of the limitless options [HERE](#). Breakfast is included; lunch and dinner are on your own as you explore New York City. Our Manhattan hotel has a complimentary evening reception at the Embassy Lounge with hand-crafted drinks and snacks (5pm - 7pm daily). The New York Short tour ends after the tour on Monday, giving you a chance to fly home that evening from one of the New York City area airports.

Tuesday, 18-Sep

On Tuesday we say goodbye to the Big Apple and head southwest to New Jersey where we will meet Dr. Tom Molnar for a tour of the Rutgers University Breeding Facility followed by lunch at Rutgers Gardens new green roof pavilion. After lunch we will visit the [Grounds for Sculpture](#), a 42-acre sculpture park that features a constantly evolving collection of superb contemporary outdoor sculptures on magnificently landscaped grounds plus rotating exhibitions in six indoor galleries. We will enjoy country French cuisine for dinner at [Rat's Restaurant](#) on the grounds. We will spend two nights at the [Hilton Garden Inn](#) in Hamilton, New Jersey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

Wednesday, 19-Sep

We will start the day Wednesday with a visit to [Kube-Pak](#), a leading supplier for quality plugs and liners of annuals, perennials, herbs & vegetable plants. From there we head to [Pleasant Run Nursery](#), which features new plant introductions and unusual containerized woody ornamentals, vines, perennials, grasses, and ferns. The next stop is [Pinelands Nursery](#), one of the largest native plant nurseries in the US, supplying millions of plants for environmental restorations throughout the Mid-Atlantic States. Our last stop

of the day will be [Fernbrook Nursery](#) which propagates most of the plants they grow and offers many hard-to-find and unusual plants. We will enjoy cocktails and dinner at [The Inn at Fernbrook Farms](#). Breakfast is on your own; lunch and dinner are included.

Thursday, 20-Sep: IPPS-ER Conference Hotel

We will visit [Rare Find Nursery](#) in Jackson, New Jersey. Rare Find is a mail-order and retail nursery that offers many rare and unusual hardy plants. Our next stop will be [Morris Arboretum](#) of the University of Pennsylvania, with its beautiful 92-acre public garden, which is located 15 miles from campus, in Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill. It was once a private estate and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. From there we will travel to the Eastern Region conference hotel in Newark, Delaware. There we have sleeping rooms booked at two side by side host hotels, the [Embassy Suites](#) and the [Homewood Suites](#) Newark Wilmington South with meeting space at the Embassy Suites. Breakfast and dinner are on your own; lunch is included. Our host hotels both have complimentary evening receptions for guests with drinks and snacks from 5:00-7:00p.m.

Friday 21-Sep: IPPS-ER Conference Hotel

We will start the day at [Longwood Gardens](#), one of the premier horticultural display gardens in the United States. Longwood is open to visitors year-round to enjoy exotic plants and horticulture (both indoor and outdoor), events and performances, seasonal and themed attractions, as well as educational lectures, courses, and workshops. We will have a morning tour with lunch followed by early afternoon time on your own to explore the more than 1,077 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows. We will then head to [Chanticleer Garden](#), a forty-eight-acre botanical garden built on the grounds of the Rosengarten estate in Wayne, PA. Chanticleer is a colorful, contemporary garden within an historic setting. We will tour the gardens with staff and then have cocktails and dinner on the grounds. We plan to return to Longwood Gardens for the spectacular evening fountain show. Breakfast and dinner are included; lunch is on your own at Longwood Gardens.

Saturday, 22-Sep, IPPS-ER Conference Hotel

The second board meeting for International Board Members will be followed by joint dinner between the International and Eastern Region IPPS Boards at the host hotel.

Non-Board Member Tour:

Non-Board Tour participants will visit [Nemours](#) on Saturday morning. Nemours is the 300-acre country estate of the late industrialist and philanthropist Alfred I. duPont. Nemours Estate comprises an exquisite, 77-room mansion, the largest formal French gardens in North America, a Chauffeur's Garage housing a collection of vintage automobiles used on the Estate, and nearly 200 acres of scenic woodlands, meadows and lawns. From there we will go to the [Scott Arboretum](#). This idyllic 425-acre arboretum that makes up the Swarthmore College campus is often named one of the most beautiful in the country. Located just 11 miles from Philadelphia, the rolling hills, flowering trees, and hiking trails offer a nature escape on the edge of a busy metropolis.

Breakfast and lunch are included for everyone. Dinner is provided for International Board members and their spouse/partners at the Joint Eastern Region Board/International Board dinner. Others will have dinner on their own.

The Eastern Region Conference begins on Sunday, September 23rd with the Pre-Conference Tour and runs through 1:00pm Wednesday, September 26. Click [HERE](#) for Eastern Region Conference details.

You can plan your return trip from either Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) which is 30 miles from the conference hotel or from Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) which is 50 miles from the conference hotel. See the [transportation download](#) for details.