

## “Great Escape to Grand Estates”

The Brandywine Valley in Northern Delaware is known among locals as “Chateau Country.” Named for the du Pont family and early industrial families that built homes and estates in the rolling hills, Chateau Country has a distinct character that will charm your group.

### Day One

Arrive in Wilmington, Delaware in the afternoon.

#### **The Read House**

Visit the Read House in Historic New Castle. Built in 1801 by the son of one of Delaware’s signers of the Declaration of Independence, it was the largest house in Delaware at that time with twenty-two rooms.

Stretch your legs and enjoy the shops in Historic New Castle. This colonial city has a common green area, river walk, cobblestone streets and many historic buildings.

#### **The Brasserie Grill at the Hilton Wilmington/Christiana**

Indulge in a steak and wine dinner. The Brasserie Grill specializes in Certified Angus Beef, broiled to 1600 degrees to seal in the juices. It is the ultimate steak.

#### **Delaware Park**

Time to play!

Delaware Park features racing, slots, and sports betting. It was designed by William du Pont, Jr. in 1937 and later transferred to William Rickman. Delaware Park is the area's best gaming and entertainment experience.

### Day Two

#### **Hagley**

Visit the charming home of E. I. du Pont (1771 – 1834), founder of the DuPont Company. Built in 1802-1803, the home is a charming Georgian-style residence with a nineteenth-century “potager” garden adjoining it. The estate is part of Hagley Museum, located on 235-acres along the Brandywine River.

Spend some time in the Hagley Store. It features a unique selection of books, gifts, and children's items for the season.

#### **Winterthur**

Travel two miles to Winterthur Museum & American country estate. It is the former home of Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969), an avid antiques collector and horticulturist. In the early 20th century, H. F. du Pont and his father, Henry Algernon du Pont, designed Winterthur in the spirit of 18th- and 19th-century European country houses.

Enjoy a light lunch at the Garden Cafeteria and shop at the Winterthur Museum Store.

### **Rockwood**

Venture to Rockwood Museum, a Gothic Revival mansion and English Landscape garden built by Joseph Shipley, a Quaker merchant banker, in 1851-1854.

### **Tea at Hotel du Pont**

Opened in 1913, the Hotel du Pont is a landmark Wilmington hotel. Our Brandywine Valley property is one of the finest examples of European craftsmanship in North America.

### **Tour and Show at the DuPont Theatre**

The DuPont Theatre is the oldest continually operating legitimate theatre in the nation. It is located in the luxurious Hotel du Pont.

### Day Three

Swing by the **Christiana Mall** for some shopping before departing for home.

Experience Delaware's finest tax-free shopping! Christiana Mall offers more than 130 sought after stores including Apple, Coach, Banana Republic, Lucky Brand Jeans, Ann Taylor, Talbots/Talbots Petites, Pottery Barn Kids, Williams Sonoma, and much more.

### **Accommodations: Hilton Wilmington/Christiana, Brandywine Valley's Country Estate**

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