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FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT EXPERIENCE IN THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2020

Explore the landscape in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands that inspired one of America's greatest architects, Frank Lloyd Wright (June 8, 1867-April 9, 1959). Four of his homes can be found in the area, each capturing the beautiful natural landscapes surrounding its architecture. His philosophy of organic architecture focused on the harmony between the building and its natural surroundings. This inspired him to design the Usonian home, meaning affordable for the average American. Over the years, Frank Lloyd Wright designed over 1,000 structures in his lifetime, many of which still survive today. Get immersed into the Wright Experience on this magnificently structured tour designed just for you!

Our departure/return times and pickup location are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville at Rts. 26 & 27 (Drop-off/pick-up only)	6:15 A.M.	5:45 P.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: We will travel to the Laurel Highlands in southwestern Pennsylvania this morning, to take a guided tour of **Fallingwater**, one of Wright's most widely acclaimed works. Located in Mill Run, PA, Fallingwater is a special house that was built over a waterfall, designed in 1935 and completed in 1937, for the Kaufmann family. It instantly became famous, and today it is a National Historic Landmark. On July 10, 2019, it was officially inscribed as one of 24 UNESCO World Heritage sites in the U.S. Fallingwater blends seamlessly with the landscape and waterfall, fully expressing Wright's concept of "organic architecture," the harmonious union of art and nature. Fallingwater seemingly suspends in mid-air above the shimmering cascade, creating the dramatically elegant home. Fallingwater is the only major Wright-designed house to open to the public with its original furnishings, artwork, and setting intact. While taking a guided tour of Fallingwater which features all the major rooms of the house, you will become aware of the rhythmic interplay between interior and exterior space by the numerous terraces, open-air walkways and unexpected views of the trees and water as you move through the house. A lunch voucher is included to be used at your own pace in the café onsite. This afternoon, we will visit Frank Lloyd Wright's mountain house, **Kentuck Knob**, located in Chalk Hill, PA, which was built in 1956 for I.N. and Bernadine Hagan. Kentuck Knob was designed on a hexagonal module and is a small, one story Usonian house, a signature design of Frank Lloyd Wright. The house exhibits the extraordinary warmth, serenity and functionality of a home Wright designed for everyday living. Enhanced by a breathtaking vista and its wooded

landscape setting, Kentuck Knob is situated just below the crest of the mountain that it was named after and appears almost part of the mountain itself, standing 2,050 feet above sea level. Kentuck Knob represents a refinement of the many principles of organic architecture with construction materials of native sandstone and tidewater red cypress that blend naturally with the surroundings. As an open floor plan, cantilevered overhangs and great expanses of glass effortlessly integrate the inside with the outside. The guided tour is further enhanced by sculptures located in the garden, the woods, and the meadow, and the incredible panoramic view of the Youghiogheny River gorge and the surrounding towering trees. Afterwards, we will check into our luxurious accommodations for the evening at the:

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: Following breakfast on your own, we will depart mid-morning for **Polymath Park** located in Acme, PA. Nestled within 125 tranquil and scenic wooded acres, Polymath Park boasts two Frank Lloyd Wright homes, The Duncan House & Mäntylä House, along with the Balter House and Blum House, both designed by Wright's apprentice, Peter Berndtson, all located on this beautiful property. We will take a guided tour of **The Duncan House**, built in 1957 for Donald and Elizabeth Duncan, which was painstakingly and lovingly disassembled in 2004, moved from its original location in Lisle, Illinois, to its present site at Polymath Park. The home, which was reopened in 2007, presents another example of Wright's Usonian style. We will then tour the newest Wright house in the area, the **Mäntylä House**, meaning "of the pines," which was designed for the R.W. Lindholm family in 1952 by Frank Lloyd Wright. Originally built in Cloquet, Minnesota, the Lindholm House was carefully dismantled and shipped to Polymath Park in the spring of 2016, where new life has been given to this architectural gem. It was opened in May 2019 to the public after preservation efforts were completed. The L-shaped home will place you into a setting flowing with Mr. Wright's eclectic yet visionary design techniques. Discover the dramatic angles and prows that seem to tower over the landscape of Polymath Park. As we begin our travels home, we will stop for a late lunch at the historic **Jean Bonnet Tavern**, located along the Lincoln Highway, one of the first transcontinental roads in the United States. The tavern which dates back to the 1760's was placed on the prestigious National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

PRICE PER PERSON:

SINGLE	\$660.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,
DOUBLE	\$530.00	lodging, luggage handling, 2 lunches, \$50 resort
TRIPLE	\$495.00	meal gift card, guided tours, & admissions)

A DEPOSIT OF \$150.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 13, 2020. Luggage tags and itinerary are mailed about 10 days prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets.

CASUAL CLOTHING is appropriate for the entire tour. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WALKING & STANDING involved on the guided tours.

In order to accommodate our tour members who are non-smokers or who cannot tolerate cigarette smoke, we must insist that no smoking be allowed on board our coach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is strictly prohibited. Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations, if in the best interest of the customer.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer.

Trip cancellation insurance is available through Travel Guard Insurance. For specific questions regarding cancellation insurance, call Travel Guard at (800)826-1300. You will need to refer to Agency #50810 (Rill's Bus Service as agent). All policies will need to be quoted and/or purchased electronically, or by calling the 24-hour service center (paper applications are no longer accepted). Insurance coverage information will be mailed to you upon request to Rill's Bus Service.

