

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 – HOLIDAY TEA & TRADITIONS IN THE  
BRYN ATHYN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, just north of Philadelphia, the Bryn Athyn Historic District includes 3 distinct National Historic Landmarks. Founded as a religious community in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by members of a Christian denomination known as the New Church, this historic district is a special destination at Christmastime.



7:00 AM - leave Kohl's, Westminster (Rt. 140 & Market Street)

7:15 AM - leave Chartley Park Shopping Center, Reisterstown  
- fast food stop en route

10:45-11:45 - Guided tour of **Bryn Athyn Cathedral** – Highly acclaimed for its outstanding architecture and spectacular stained glass windows, the Cathedral has been an active house of worship since its dedication in 1919. Christmas is a special time of celebration with a custom-made Nativity scene commissioned for the Cathedral in the 1920s that is traditionally displayed in the church hall.

12:00 PM - **Holiday Tea at Cairnwood Estate** – A festive 3-course traditional tea will be served in the beautifully decorated Cairnwood Estate to include soup, salad, tea sandwiches, scones with clotted cream & jam, assorted sweets, and a variety of specialty Harney & Son's teas.

1:15-2:30 - Self-guided **Christmas in Cairnwood** tour – Marvel at this Gilded Age country house designed in the Beaux-Arts style by the renowned firm Carrere & Hastings for industrialist John Pitcairn in 1895. Cairnwood Estate is beautifully decorated each year for the Christmas season by professional florists, with a dazzling two-story Christmas tree stands where one once stood at the turn of the century. The special exhibition *Day to Evening: Three Generations of Cairnwood Fashions*, includes elegant vintage fashions circa 1870s to 1950s worn by the ladies of the house.

2:45-4:15 - Guided "**Christmas in the Castle**" tour at **Glencairn Museum** – Decorated with festive wreaths, bows, poinsettias, and a vintage Lionel toy train circling below a tree decorated with antique glass ornaments, the popular "Christmas in the Castle" tour includes a look back at the family-centered decorations and Christmas traditions of Raymond and Mildred Pitcairn. See works of art from the Middle Ages through the 20<sup>th</sup> century celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Don't miss the *World Nativities*



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exhibition featuring dozens of hand-crafted three-dimensional nativity scenes collected from around the world.

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**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS A FAIR AMOUNT OF WALKING & STAIRS ON THIS TOUR. CAIRNWOOD ESTATE & GLENCAIRN MUSEUM ARE NOT FULLY ACCESSIBLE.**

**PRICE PER PERSON: \$146.00**

**(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, admissions, and holiday tea with tax & gratuity)**

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