

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 – 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 19th century by members of a Christian denomination known as the New Church, this historic district is a special destination at Christmastime.



6:15 AM - leave Kohl's, Westminster (Rt. 140 & Market Street)

6:30 AM - leave Chartley Park Shopping Center, Reisterstown
- fast food/travel plaza stop en route

10:00 AM - 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.

- 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 20th century celebrating the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Don't miss the *World Nativities* exhibition featuring dozens of hand-crafted three-dimensional nativity scenes collected from around the world.

12:30-2:30 - **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.

- 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.

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5:45 PM - return to Reisterstown

6:00 PM - return to Westminster

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

PRICE PER PERSON: \$155.00

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

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