

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 – GARDEN & TEA SPLENDOR AT WASHINGTON'S
HIDDEN GEMS: HILLWOOD MUSEUM & TUDOR PLACE

- 7:45 AM - leave Kohl's, Westminster (Rt. 140 & Market Street)
- 8:00 AM - leave Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville (Rts. 26 & 27)
- 8:15 AM - leave Mt. Airy Park 'n Ride (Rt. 27)

10:00-12:45



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- **Guided Tour & Victorian Tea at Tudor Place** – A model of Federal-period architecture in the nation's capital and a center of early Washington society, Tudor Place was home from 1805 to 1983 to six generations of Martha Washington's descendants. Their stories and those of the servants and enslaved workers who served them animate the site, with collections including more than 15,000 decorative arts items, archival, historic and archaeological artifacts, and a Washington Collection larger than any outside Mount Vernon. On 5½ lushly landscaped acres in Georgetown, this urban estate hosted illustrious figures including the Marquis de Lafayette, General Robert E. Lee, President Andrew Jackson, & many more, as well as generations of artists, writers, soldiers, politicians and others.

- Tea and its rituals have been enjoyed at Tudor Place for over 200 years. Enjoy a full-service traditional Victorian tea consisting of scones, tea sandwiches, desserts & fresh fruit, served on fine porcelain with a selection of freshly brewed teas prior to the guided house tour.

- Have time on your own to explore Tudor Place's 5½ acres that encompass a mix of open lawns, garden structures, and historic garden spaces navigated by stone paths dotted with nooks and fountains. Surrounding the historic house, one can find a variety of gardens including formal gardens, natural woodland settings, English perennial gardens and more.

1:00-4:30

- **Guided Tour & Afternoon Tea at Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens** – Founded by American collector and heiress to the Post cereal empire Marjorie Merriweather Post, Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens is one of the premier art collector's museums in the United States. The museum features the most comprehensive collection of Russian imperial art outside of Russia, a distinguished eighteenth-century French decorative art collection, and twenty-five acres of serene landscaped gardens and natural woodlands providing a tranquil oasis of luscious formal gardens. Post bought the Georgian-style mansion in 1955 filling it with the most modern conveniences that money could buy. Journey through her final

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home to experience the elegant French drawing room, the efficient and “high-tech” kitchen and pantry, and the many personal touches that made Hillwood one of Washington’s most memorable homes.

- Afterwards, enjoy afternoon tea including an assortment of finger sandwiches, miniature pastries, & fine tea selections.

- Spend time on your own exploring the thirteen acres of exquisite formal gardens which extend from the house’s terraces and porches in a progression of "outdoor rooms." Each of these rooms, meant to complement the mansion's interior spaces, is decidedly private yet connected to adjacent gardens through subtle transitional features, encouraging an intuitive flow from the French parterre to the rose garden and onto the Friendship Walk.

- 6:15 PM - return to Mt. Airy
- 6:30 PM - return to Taylorsville
- 6:45 PM - return to Westminster



Courtesy Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens
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PRICE PER PERSON: \$155.00

(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, admissions, & 2 tea luncheons with tax & gratuity)

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