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FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT EXPERIENCE IN THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS

SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2023

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). Several 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 locations are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	6:00 AM	8:00 PM
Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville at Rts. 26 & 27 (Drop-off/pick-up only)	6:15 A.M.	7:45 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: We will travel to the Laurel Highlands in southwestern Pennsylvania this morning making a brief breakfast/comfort stop en route. A mid-morning guided tour is scheduled at 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 enjoy a boxed lunch as we travel a short distance to 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. Later this afternoon, we will check into our luxurious accommodations for the evening at the:

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Situated on 2,000 beautiful acres, Nemacolin is an all-season full-service luxury resort, owned by the Hardy Family, founders of the 84 Lumber Company, since 1987. Our rooms will be in the magnificent Chateau building. The Falling Rock property onsite was influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and a "must-see" while on an optional shuttle of the property. Nemacolin features an eclectic collection of restaurants, numerous onsite activities, wildlife habitat, Lady Luck Casino Nemacolin, spa, & more. Enjoy the evening on your own to relax and explore this impressive property. A gift card will be issued to use towards meals while on property.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: This morning, enjoy a leisurely morning at Nemacolin Resort with breakfast on your own. We will depart late morning and travel to Jennerstown, PA for a delicious sit-down lunch at Green Gables Restaurant where you will enjoy an unforgettable dining experience in the heart of the Laurel Highlands. Afterwards, visit the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA to honor the heroism & courage of the passengers and crew of this fateful flight on September 11, 2001. Phase 1 of the permanent memorial was dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The Flight 93 National Memorial **Visitor Center** Complex, dedicated on September 10th, 2015, houses an exhibit that adds a self-guided intellectual understanding to the emotional experience of walking along and viewing the crash site itself. The final resting place of the passengers and crew is the heart of the Flight 93 National Memorial and will remain untouched. Visitors can view the crash site from the Memorial Plaza. The names of the 40 passengers and crew are inscribed on the wall of the plaza as it follows the flight of the plane. Dedicated on September 9, 2018, The Tower of Voices, the final phase of construction, is conceived as a monumental, ninety-three feet tall musical instrument holding

forty wind chimes, representing the forty passengers and crew members. The tower serves as both a visual and audible reminder of the heroism of the forty passengers and crew of United Flight 93. We will then complete our travels homeward with fond memories of our Wright Experience in the beautiful Laurel Highlands!

PRICE PER PERSON:

SINGLE \$790.00 (PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation, **DOUBLE** lodging, luggage handling, 2 lunches, \$50 resort \$600.00 gift card, guided tours, & admissions) **TRIPLE** \$540.00

A DEPOSIT OF \$150 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY JULY 17, 2023. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at above address. Luggage tags and final itineraries are mailed about 2 weeks prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due, however, courtesy calls as a reminder will be made in case payment is not received by due date. Bus driver & tour director gratuities are not included in tour cost.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for package inclusions such as reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Due to Nemacolin's stringent cancellation policy, payments will not be refundable if cancellations are received after July 24th. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer. In the event where travel companions sharing the same room should need to cancel one or more persons in that room, the remaining passengers will be responsible for paying the supplemental charge to change occupancy.

We strongly suggest purchasing trip cancellation insurance which 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.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets. Smoking of any kind is strictly prohibited onboard the motorcoach. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is also strictly prohibited. While every reasonable effort will be made to handle your luggage carefully, Rill's Bus Service will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage, due to breakage, theft, hotel or carrier handling, fair wear and tear, etc.

*PLEASE NOTE: Casual clothing is appropriate for the majority of the tour. Some restaurants at Nemacolin may have special dress policies and require dinner reservations. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended as there is considerable walking involved on this tour.

Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations at their discretion, with or without notice, if in the best interest of the customer and to improve the quality of the tour, which could be necessary for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, local weather conditions, cancellations/substitutions for trip inclusions made by outside vendors, and/or any other circumstances beyond their control. Rill's Bus Service acts only as an agent on behalf of tour patrons in all matters relating to tour package inclusions, except transportation by their own vehicles, and is not responsible for any damage, delay, loss, injury, or accident to person or personal property when passenger is participating in tour activities and/or traveling by other transportation means while on tour prepared by Rills. Furthermore, Rill's is not responsible for any additional expenses incurred as a result of sickness, injury, weather, or any other unforeseen circumstances that are beyond their control.



