

## DAY 1

- Start your tour at the **Hagley Museum & Library** and learn where the duPont family first settled in America and began their legacy. Appreciate the holiday décor and the French traditions they enjoyed including celebrating the Twelfth Night. **The Magic of Miniatures** exhibit features a dollhouse inhabited by miniature teddy bears!
- Add-on lunch with Hagley Horticulturist, Paul Orpello, who can share rich history and perhaps tips for your holiday centerpiece.
- Travel five minutes to **Nemours Estate's "Holidays at the Estate."** Set on 300-acres and built to resemble a French chateau, discovering this mansion in its Christmas splendor may tempt you to stow away in one of the 77 decorated rooms. At dusk the lighted Christmas trees await you. Tours run till 7 p.m. Thursdays and 5 p.m. on weekends.
- Chester County beckons with tantalizing dining options including **30 Main Bistro, in Berwyn** which features delectable steak and seafood specials by chef/owner Michael DiDomenico. **Brandywine Prime Seafood & Chops at Chadds Ford Inn** is equally enticing and won a 2018 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence.

**Contact Courtney for help planning your next itinerary and hotel options.**

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## DAY 2

- Try one of the locally owned cafes near your hotel for a taste of something fresh.
- Enjoy the beautiful ride through Brandywine Valley to the fabulous **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library**. And they pull out all the stops for **Yuletide at Winterthur!** Each room is inspired by different ways America celebrated Christmas from the 1800s to today. Groups can make lunch reservations at the Pavilion Restaurant. Choices include specialty grilled cheese sandwiches, soups, braised short ribs, garden salad bar, and much more.
- A fabulous after lunch option is available on the first Saturday of December at **The Chadds Ford Historical Society's annual Candlelight Christmas Tour**. Offering exclusive access to historic homes from the 1700's starting with the **Barn Visitor Center**, the **Springhouse** next door, and the **John Chads House** done up for the holidays. And it's just a short drive to the **Barns-Brinton House** for a glass of wine and beautiful Christmas décor.
- Head to West Chester for dinner and enjoy the town decorated for the holidays and weekend carolers strolling along. **Teca**, known first for their small plates, features entrees inspired by all regions of Italy. A more casual option, **Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant**, offers elevated American comfort fare.
- A possible addition – the **QVC West Chester Christmas Parade** is held the first Friday of December. QVC films the Parade and airs it to 100 million households on Christmas Eve and Day! See why *USA Today* named this parade in its "Top 10 Places to Experience the Arrival of Santa Claus."

## DAY 3

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before starting an unforgettable day.
- **A Brandywine Christmas** at the **Brandywine River Museum of Art** brings out the kid in all of us. With 2,000 feet of O-gauge model trains, decorated Christmas trees, and antique dolls, your group's senses will be stimulated and their smiles won't be suppressed.
- **A Longwood Christmas** is pure magic and a late afternoon arrival will have your group strolling in as a half million lights come aglow. Inside the Conservancy, you'll be immersed in the season through organized holiday sing-alongs and 4.5 acres of seasonal decoration. The lights, sounds and smells of Christmas will fill you with delight.
- The 100 national and international award winning wines of husband and wife duo at **Galer Estate Vineyard and Winery**, just five minutes from Longwood Gardens, are ready to help your group toast to a wonderful trip. Open until 8 p.m., don't forget to purchase some bottles for holiday hostess gifts.
- For dinner the **Marshallton Inn**, just 6 miles from Galer Estate is an American Brassiere featuring French country cooking. Chef owner, David Cox has serious chops having perfected his craft in five-star hotels from Hawaii to Puerto Rico earning his way to becoming Executive Sous Chef at the famed Waldorf Astoria in New York.

Brandywine Valley is home to upscale hotels and inviting inns that will become your group's home away from home.