October 18 through October 24, 2019

Steel & Magnolias
Tour the Arts and Gardens of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh PA

Heinz and Frick and Phipps and Mellon. And Carnegie. Especially Carnegie. These were the titans of western Pennsylvania. These were the pirates of Pittsburgh. They took this lonely 'burg — cleaved by three rivers — and created new industries. And built a new America.

They also left a legacy in their hilly hometown ensuring that after steel's collapse and the city’s “Renaissance,” Pittsburgh would retain its art and beauty and history and culture.

The magnates’ homes, gardens, museums and estates abound throughout these hills. Their philanthropy forever allows us a glimpse into our past.

Join Peter Olin and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in October and explore the legacy of these giants: the Arts and Gardens of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Friday & Saturday

Phipps Conservatory
Duquesne Incline
Fort Pitt Museum
Octopus Garden
Luncheon & River Cruise

Gateway Clipper Cruise
Step onboard for a delightful afternoon dining on the beautiful Three Rivers. A narrated tour of the city from the deck of a riverboat may be your best way to see Pittsburgh.

Phipps Conservatory
Founded in 1893 by steel magnate Henry Phipps, Jr. as a gift to the city, a magnificent glasshouse dominates these old grounds. Elaborate gardens, including renowned orchid and bonsai collections, make visiting this greenhouse a gas.
Carrie Furnaces

Built more than 100 years ago, the Carrie Furnaces are abandoned blast furnaces located along the Monongahela River. Bought by Andrew Carnegie’s US Steel after the Homestead Steel strike, they are among the only pre-World War II blast furnaces to survive.

What also survives is a dense variety of ecological growth. The 35 acre post-industrial landscape of wild gardens is carefully edited through an “addition by reduction” approach.

The Frick

Henry Clay Frick was one of the wealthy, western Pennsylvania industrialists who made Pittsburgh what it is today. Chairman of Carnegie Steel, founder of US Steel and lifelong friend of Andrew Mellon, Frick was also a major collector. Clayton, his estate in Pittsburgh’s East End, is surrounded by six lush acres of gardens and is home to one of the great public greenhouses.

The mansion itself showcases a variety of objects dotted with Renaissance and late-Medieval paintings, as well as 13th century furniture, tapestries and porcelain. The Car and Carriage collection includes an 1881 Brougham and Howard Heinz’s 1898 Panhard, maybe the first car in Pittsburgh.
Chatham Arboretum

The Chatham University Arboretum is one of the most idyllic locations in all of Pittsburgh. The 32 emerald acres include more than one hundred varieties of plants, including Japanese flowering crabapple, Kentucky coffee trees and river birches. The Olmsted-designed Arboretum — on the old Andrew Mellon estate — is a wonderful place to stroll, relax and refresh.

Monday

Carnegie Museum of Art
Carnegie Museum of Natural History
Cathedral of Learning
Chatham University Arboretum
Heinz Memorial Chapel

Carnegie’s Museums

Andrew Carnegie, one of the richest men in American history and one of the world’s great philanthropists, wanted to “preserve a record of the progress and development of pictorial art in America.” The Carnegie Museum of Art, founded in 1895 in Pittsburgh’s Oakland neighborhood, includes Fine Art, Decorative Art, Architecture and Photography collections.

Next door, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History houses (along with 22 million other specimens) the world’s largest collection of Jurassic dinosaurs.

The Cathedral of Learning (left) is the tallest educational structure in the western hemisphere. Inside, a collection of thirty classrooms — known as the Nationality Rooms — details the national and ethnic groups that helped build the city. The Heinz Chapel is pictured above.
Nestled on the western-most ridge of the Allegheny Mountains, Kentuck Knob — one of Frank Lloyd Wright’s last homes — offers sweeping views of the nearby hills, valleys and farms.

No house should ever be on a hill or on anything. It should be of the hill. Belonging to it. Hill and house should live together each the happier for the other.

— Frank Lloyd Wright

**Tuesday**

Fallingwater
Kentuck Knob
Polymath Park

Touted as one of the best all-time works of American architecture, Fallingwater (above) is certainly one of Frank Lloyd Wright’s greatest masterpieces. It is listed among *Smithsonian*’s “28 Places to Visit Before You Die.”

Legend has it Wright drew the initial plans from memory in less than two hours. He was paid an architect’s fee of $8,000.
Pittsburgh Botanic Garden

Opened in 2015 on 460 acres once used for mining and logging, about sixty acres have been transformed back into pristine nature. Stroll between the Garden of the Five Senses, the Lotus Pond & Japanese Garden, through the Heritage Homestead and more. The themed areas change fairly rapidly, so there’s always something new around the next mulberry bush.

National Aviary

Built in 1952 on the site of the original Phipps Conservatory, the National is the largest aviary in the United States. In the air and on the ground around you, this is home to one of the most diverse collections of birds in North America, including the:

- green-backed trogon
- spectacled owl
- scarlet-headed blackbird
- blue-winged mountain tanager

Wednesday

National Aviary
Pittsburgh Botanic Garden
Private Garden Tour
Farewell Dinner

Distinguished Host
Peter J. Olin
DIRECTOR EMERITUS
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Peter J. Olin served as director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum between 1985-2008. He focused on expanding research and educational programs, including the Therapeutic Horticulture Program, the Irvine Sensory Garden and the Nelson Shrub Rose Garden. THE PETER J. OLIN DIRECTORSHIP ENDOWMENT was created in his honor to endow the director’s position.
Tour Inclusions
- Custom-designed tour for the MLA with host Peter Olin
- Accommodation for six nights in the Drury Plaza Hotel Pittsburgh Downtown
- Hot buffet breakfast every morning and Drury Plaza Hotel’s “Kick-Back” menu each night, Wine & Cheese Party in a private garden, Farewell Dinner
- Docent-led tours
- Full-service tour director from Destinations And Tours
- Private transportation and driver gratuities
- Taxes and service charges while on tour
- $200 tax-deductible donation to the MLA

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

Name of Traveler (please print clearly)  M/F

Sharing room with or Single Occupancy

Your Address

Phone  Email

Special Requests

Credit Card #  Expires  Code

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Item  Amt.

☐ Tour Cost (per person)  $2,295  Airfare not included
☐ Single Supplement  $595
☐ Non-MLA Member  $100
☐ Deposit Due  $250  July 15, 2019

Balance Due  September 9, 2019

Authorization Signature (required)

One form per traveler please. To secure a tour reservation, a deposit of $250 must accompany each form. Unfortunately, there are no refunds after September 9, 2019 ($125 is refunded if cancelled prior to that date). Airfare is not included. Non-stops from MSP to PIT in January 2019 were $450 per person, round-trip. Contact Destinations And Tours to discuss flight recommendations. Make check payable to Destinations And Tours.

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