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Delaware Debutantes, Mansions & Gardens

**Tour the mansions of the DuPonts, the first family of the First State! Plus, see the oldest cities in Delaware and visit the University of Delaware, home of the Fightin' Blue Hens!
June 5-9, 2018**

Since Delaware is such a small state, it is often one of the last states people have left to visit. But despite its small size, the First State has so much going for it, including **Winterthur**, the 5th largest home ever built in the United States! As a graduate of the University of Delaware (alums of which are known as Blue Hens), Declan has always spoken highly of his time in Delaware, of the history and the people that call it home. On this tour, we focus on the homes of the **DuPont family**, who made their fortune manufacturing gun powder during the revolutionary war and the famous chemicals and materials that changed America in the 1900s, such as *Teflon*, *Nylon* and *Styrofoam*. They were also civically invested in their home state, creating benefits programs for the residents of Delaware such as the first state pension fund for seniors, a free clinic for children, and opening their beautiful mansions and collections to the public for touring, including paintings and china once owned by George Washington! We stayed at the **Hotel DuPont**, the most luxurious of hotels in Delaware located in the base of the DuPont Headquarters, where they would host their important clients. After spending a week touring the state to create this tour, we were pleasantly surprised to find we had more things to do than possible in just a 5 day tour. This tour showcases the best of Delaware and gets you out on the water, experiencing the glitz and glamour of great wealth, and enjoying the luxurious Hotel DuPont in the heart of Wilmington for all four nights.

The cost of the tour reflects the cost of living on the Eastern Seaboard, but we have taken care of so many things so that you too can be pampered and enjoy this tour.

Tues, June 5th – The First State Awaits!

Meet Dea and Declan at the St Louis Airport as we fly non-stop to the Philadelphia Airport, located south of the city and less than a half-hour away from Delaware! Our first stop is **Historic New Castle**, one of two cities that claim the title of “Oldest City in Delaware.” New Castle is unique as it was conquered by various European forces such as the Dutch and English, but each time they let the civilians remain in the settlement, only forcing the soldiers out. As a result, it is the oldest continuous settlement in Delaware. After lunch on own at a choice of small restaurants, we enjoy a walking tour of the historic district, visiting the **Colonial Courthouse** and the **George Read House**, the latter of which has



enjoyed spectacular views of the river since 1804, when the family bought both the lot on which the home is built as well as the lot across the street, to prevent anyone from blocking their view.

We then head to **Wilmington**, most famously known as the place most people send their credit card payments! Delaware has the most thorough corporate case law in the country, which, combined with favorable tax laws, makes it a popular state for companies to incorporate. Plus, no sales tax for us consumers! It's like everything has a 6-8% discount, especially with prices reflecting the price of living on the heavily populated east coast. It is also home to the headquarters of **DuPont**, the chemical company that is responsible for many of the chemical breakthroughs of the 20th century, including Teflon and Nylon. Our home for all four nights is the **Hotel DuPont**, located in this historic headquarters. With luxurious décor and amazing rooms, you will see why it is the place to stay, whether for business or for fun!



Wed, June 6th, 2018 – South to the Cape and the Capital



We depart the hotel and head south, towards the cape of Delaware and the second city to claim the title of “Oldest City in Delaware.” **Lewes** (pronounced ‘Louis’) was settled earlier than New Castle, but had some periods of bad luck, such as fire and raids from both land and sea. These attacks continued even after the Revolutionary War – one building still has a cannonball embedded in the outer wall! We will explore the city by land and sea, taking a **walking tour** of the historic district by an incredible interpreter. We follow that by a **boat cruise** after lunch at your choice of restaurants. Our cruise will head out to where the bay meets the Atlantic Ocean, as we visit a lighthouse that has guided shipping traffic into the mouth of the Delaware River on their way to Philadelphia.

Then it's time to head to **Dover**, the capital of Delaware. After a tour of the Statehouse where representatives were the first to ratify the **US Constitution** in 1787, we step outside and into the past as a **historic costumed interpreter** regales us with the stories of the days of independence.

After our trip through time, we journey northbound again, stopping at **Cantwell's Bridge Hotel and Tavern**. Built by prominent businessman William Polk in 1822, it has been lovingly restored to its former glory in 2012. **Cantwell's Tavern** features local items prepared in a relaxing setting. Enjoy plated meal service in a historic colonial setting. We return to the hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

Thurs, June 7th, 2018 – Hagley - The du Pont Family's Explosive Start

The du Pont family story begins at **Hagley**, where the family home and manufacturing facilities were located. With access to running water to power the mills, the family was able to create a number of products, including gunpowder! Fortunately for the Continental Army, the du Pont family was sympathetic to their cause, and provided much of the gunpowder used by Washington's troops. In addition to touring the grounds, we will have a special (and explosive) treat – a gunpowder testing and mortar firing demonstration! We will have time to explore the home and grounds, where you can watch a water turbine bring an eight-ton iron roll mills to life. We will enjoy delightful lunch at the property, featuring Caesar Salad, Chicken Breast Francese, Penne Pomodoro, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Salad as well as an Assortment of Miniature Desserts.



This afternoon, we head to Newark (Pronounced NEW-ark), DE, home to Declan's Alma Mater, the **University of Delaware**. Thanks in part to generations of generous donations by the du Pont family and corporation, UD is a leading institution in the sciences; when Declan was taking classes in Chemistry and Biology, they used to say that



UD stood for University of DuPont! Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the campus, where classical architecture meets high-tech designs. We will also visit **UDairy**, an ice cream shop that opened in 2011. Produced by UD agriculture students, this premium ice cream has taken the campus by storm. They also sell other products such as wool blankets and even honey from animals raised by agriculture students! This evening, we will provide a

shuttle for those who wish to spend more time on Main Street in Newark, home to numerous restaurants, including a tavern where Edgar Allen Poe once stayed. **(B,L)**

Fri, June 8th, 2018 – Nemours - An American Versailles

When Alfred I. duPont married his second wife Alicia in 1907, he showered her with gifts, including a spectacular new house and garden that he named **Nemours**, after the French town where his family had lived. He hired



Carrere and Hastings, a prestigious New York architectural firm best known for their work on the NYC Public Library, to design the mansion in the late-18th-century French style that Alicia adored, while incorporating the latest modern technology and even some of Alfred's own inventions. The home contains an amazing collection of artwork, from 16th-century religious works, paintings by the European masters, and even early works by Americans Frederic Remington and Sidney Lawrence. Of particular interest is a rare **Louis XVI musical clock**, circa 1785, by David Roentgen and Peter Kinzing, which plays four tunes on a dulcimer and pipe organ. Another clock at the mansion was created for Marie Antoinette, which she never received. The mansion also has a chair from the 1937 coronation of King George VI and a chair from Independence Hall.

The house is only outshined by the incredible gardens. At 300 acres, the estate has the most developed and largest *jardin à la française* (French formal garden)-style landscape in North America. The design is patterned after the gardens of Versailles, extending on third of a mile from the mansion facade, paralleling the main avenue leading to the house. The grounds are beautifully landscaped with plantings, fountains, pools, a carillon tower, statuary, and a pavilion surrounded by naturalized woodlands. The centerpiece is the magnificent *Achievement*, designed by French sculptor Henri Crenier, which looms over the maze garden on an elevated marble “vase” pedestal. Gilded with 23-karat gold leaf, *Achievement* is ringed by western arborvitae and pygmy crimson barberry planted in a fleur-de-lis design. Carrara marble fountain-statues of Triton face each other across the pool. *The Sunken Gardens*, which were built between 1928 and 1932, feature Italian travertine walls and steps, while the statuary is Carrara marble. The main statuary group at the top and the side statues in the fountains are by French sculptor Charles Sarrabezolles (1888–1971). The bronzes in the pool and the wall fountains along the side are the work of Claude Grange (1890–1971). The grotto areas in the side fountain at the Colonnade end of the gardens have a mosaic background, and are reminiscent of many Italian grottoes.



We then head to lunch at a charming restaurant, **Krazy Kat's**, where we dine in the exclusive Crow's Nest, reserved for private parties. Located within the ground of the Inn at Montchanin Village, it was once the village blacksmith shop, with authentic hooks on the walls as well as the forge, which is now a fireplace. The whimsical decor features tiger print chairs & portraits of military-garbed felines. Offering modern American Cuisine with seasonal & regional products, Krazy Kat's is known for their freshness & creativity, and you can even stroll through the grounds & gardens that are all meticulously kept by the horticulturist & his team. We then return to our hotel, with the evening free for you to enjoy. **(B, L)**

Sat, June 9th, 2018 – Winterthur - A Large Collection of American Art, in the 5th Largest American Home

Founded by Henry Francis du Pont, Winterthur (pronounced “winter-tour”) features some of the most rare and important examples of American decorative arts, including an original painting of George Washington as well as George and Martha's China set. (The ones in Mount Vernon are reproductions). The original structure was built in the European country house style, but as his collection grew to nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America between 1640 and 1860, H. F. du Pont kept



adding onto the home, eventually increasing the number of rooms to 175, and spanning 96,582 sq ft, making it the 5th largest home built in the United States of America. He opened his home to the public as a museum in 1951, moving with his wife to a small cottage of 21,345 sq ft. The Winterthur Library includes more than 87,000 volumes and approximately 500,000 manuscripts and images, mostly related to American history, decorative arts, and architecture.

In addition to the museums, Winterthur boasts **60-acres of naturalistic garden**, which is ranked among the country's best. He selected the choicest plants from around the world to enhance the natural setting, arranging them in lyrical color combinations and carefully orchestrating a succession of bloom from late January to November. du Pont translated his love of the land into a unified work of art that embodies a romantic vision of nature's beauty. In addition to the gardens, H. F. du Pont built himself a golf course, now part of the country club, and mounted speakers on the cooling house so that he could play golf while listening to the opera on Saturday afternoons. After an amazing lunch on your own at the Winterthur café, it is time for us to head back to Saint Louis, with fond memories and to tell all your friends about the “Small Wonder” of Delaware! **(B)**

Tour includes:

- Round trip flights on Southwest Airlines non-stop to Philadelphia
- Stay 4 nights at the luxurious Hotel du Pont– only unpack once!
- All transfers to and from Philadelphia airport
- Round – trip transportation to all venues with narration
- Tour the historic cities of New Castle and Lewes, learning about Delaware’s role in American history
- Lighthouse cruise in the Delaware Bay
- Explore Hagley, the original homestead of the du Pont family, with a mortar firing demo!
- Tour the opulent Nemours home and garden, with its 23 karat gold leaf statue!
- Visit Winterthur, the 5th largest home ever built in America, and explore the amazing collection of art
- Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the University of Delaware, plus enjoy ice cream at UDairy!
- 7 meals (4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 1 dinner), many of which are in historic buildings
- All other Activities as indicated
- Baggage Handling
- Professional Tour Directors Dea Hoover and Declan Rutan
- All gratuities including step-on guides, included meals, driver and director

Please note: Any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure.

Price:

\$ 1,855 pp dbl	\$ 2,359 pp single	\$1,701 pp tpl	\$1,607 pp quad
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Make your reservation with a \$500 deposit per person. This is an Are We There Yet? SELECT tour which means we will travel with a minimum of 20 but only a maximum of 30. Smaller group size means access to more places and shorter lines.

Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed. Please send a check or call with a credit card along with your legal name, address, phone number, and all roommates’ names if you are sharing a room and any dietary or walking restrictions. Additionally, this will be a 4 Sneaker tour. If you have any questions about your ability to enjoy the tour, please refer to our blue pamphlet with the sneaker rankings. Remember, that is the highest level of activity. You may choose to sit out any events that may incur too much walking.

We encourage all travelers to purchase travel protection with initial deposit. Include Travel Protection payment with deposit if purchasing. Please remember that certain benefits are time sensitive. Plans help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances and help protect your trip and your investment.

Balance on base tour price is due March 28, 2018, and no refunds will be given after that time. If you purchase Travel Protection and need to cancel after March 28, 2018, you must file a claim.