

# 2019 Philadelphia Flower Show, March 6-8, 2019

**(Please note: a \$200 deposit must be paid by November 29.)**

Escape the winter doldrums and luxuriate in the beauty of spring at the world's largest indoor flower show. Hop aboard the Fun Bus and join your OAGC friends on a Wild and Wonderful trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show, March 6-8, 2019.

We will depart Cambridge, Ohio, the morning of March 6 so nap in comfort to arrive rested for an afternoon guided tour of Longwood Gardens, with its beautiful Conservatory featuring a fabulous orchid display. After an included dinner at a local favorite restaurant, enjoy the comfort of your room at the Springhill Suites in Exton, PA.

Next morning enjoy an included breakfast before we head to downtown Philadelphia, where you will receive your included ticket to the flower show and your key to your room at the Hilton Garden Inn, where the luggage fairy will whisk your luggage, so you can head on over to the amazing 674,000 square foot show at the Convention Center across the street.

The theme of the show will be "Flower Power" focusing on the contributions of flowers to our lives, as they convey emotions that transcend language, cultures and borders. Themes focus on community, healing, peace, hope, color, scent and more in the 7 halls, large ballroom, vendor center and food sources.

Another highlight of the show will be the judging of the Florists Transworld Delivery (FTD) World Cup of Floral Design. This prestigious floral design competition is being held in the United States for the first time since 1985. Each entrant must exhibit 4 designs each, and exhibitors will be participating from 20 countries.

As you enjoy the large-scale gardens, designs, classes by clubs and individuals, and prize horticulture entries, judged in many categories, you can buy food and beverages, stop to watch demonstrations and informative mini-programs. Also see (and purchase) myriad wares offered by the many vendors.

If you accumulate a lot of packages or find yourself longing to rest your feet, just cross the street and relax in your hotel room. Go next door to visit the shops and food sellers at the Reading Terminal Marketplace, where you can get nice produce bargains, fudge, gift items and yummy Amish-made pecan sticky buns to take home.

After you are refreshed, late afternoon or early evening is a wonderful time to return to the flower show, as many of the bus groups have departed and the show is no longer as busy. You can explore with less crowded spaces until closing at 9 p.m. If you are up to exploring a little, various restaurants and Chinatown are around the corner.

The next morning, enjoy your included breakfast in the top-of-the-Hilton restaurant with panoramic views of the city, before loading up to depart for a guided tour at the Liberty Bell

and Independence Center, an important site in the birth of our freedom. Early afternoon we stop at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord for an included expansive buffet. They have beautiful hand carved murals along their walls, featuring rural scenes, and downstairs is a large gift shop of many types of treasures and collectibles.

Then relax and catch a nap on your comfortable coach for return to Cambridge early evening. There are many reasonable motels in the area for spending the night before or after the trip. You can make reservations online now while more choices remain available, with free cancellation near trip date if your plans change. It pays to search several different sites for prices, availability, ratings and reviews.

The bus occupancy is limited to 50, so get your registration in early before the seats are filled. Come join your OAGC friends, make new ones, experience a unique flower show that will never be seen again, revel in the beauty and power of flowers, and cherish the birth of American Liberty. Friends and family are welcome to join us!

Your 3 day adventure includes hotels for March 6 and 7, Fun Bus deluxe motor coach transportation and transfers, baggage handling, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 1 midday buffet, tickets for Longwood Gardens, the Philadelphia Flower Show, the Liberty Bell Independence Center, Fun Bus escort, taxes and gratuity (except bus driver gratuity).

Prices per person: Double occupancy \$475 each; triple \$425 each; Quad \$400 each; Single \$640. **Deposit of \$200 must be received by November 29, check made payable to OAGC** along with the registration form, and mailed to: Suzy Parker, Box 802, Syracuse, Ohio 45779.

Because of the short time to our deposit deadline, we cannot offer a refund of your deposit unless the trip is cancelled by the travel company. You may want to go online and purchase trip cancellation insurance which will cover the cost of your trip for reasons stated in the policy, which may include personal or family illness or other covered reasons preventing you from traveling. There are many companies that offer such insurance.

**Also, when you send your check and registration form, please send an email to [sparker@oagc.org](mailto:sparker@oagc.org), stating you have sent your check, the amount, type of room (double, triple, quad, single), names of travelers in each room, so I can start the materials to be submitted to the travel company. Also email me with any questions. I will check emails several times each day, but may be away from my home phone for several days at a time.**

Also, if you wish to come to Cambridge the night before, there are several reasonable motels nearby, including Baymont Inn and Suites, and a new Microtel, that you can see online and reserve. I will send you more details about time and place of departure after I receive your check. Looking forward to our adventure together!

Suzy Parker, President

OAGC Philadelphia Flower Show Trip <March 6-8, 2019  
Registration Form: Deadline, to be received by November 29, 2019  
Please complete a form per person. Non-Member Guests welcome.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

Check one \_\_\_\_\_ Double @ \$475 \_\_\_\_\_ Triple @\$425

\_\_\_\_\_ Quad @\$400 \_\_\_\_\_ Single at \$640

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: OAGC

Roommate(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list names of all sharing a room and send ALL registration forms and payments together, if possible, to:

Suzy Parker, Box 802, Syracuse, OH 45779

Email: [sparker@oagc.org](mailto:sparker@oagc.org) Home:740-992-5555 Cell: 740-508-2494

You will receive a confirmation and other details upon receipt. Checks will be returned if trip is cancelled due to insufficient registration.