



Smithsonian Associates

## **SPRING IN THE BRANDYWINE RIVER VALLEY**

Sunday, April 24 – Monday, April 25, 2022

Your virtual tour packet includes:

- ❖ **Link to Microsoft Form to complete your Participant Information Form & Acknowledgement of Responsibility Statement**
- ❖ **Tour Bulletin**  
Please read this carefully. It contains essential information and useful advice for your tour.
- ❖ **Tentative Itinerary**
- ❖ **Map and directions for The Mayflower Hotel and fringe pick up at the I-495, exit 27 park & ride.**

**If you are traveling with a guest, please share this information packet with them.**

Nametags will be provided at the start of the tour. Please wear them throughout the tour. Doing so helps everyone get acquainted and assists the tour staff in carrying out their responsibilities. If you have an alternative name you prefer for your nametag, please indicate this on the Participant Information Form



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### Tour Bulletin

The following information has been compiled to help you prepare for your trip and to serve as reconfirmation of your registration. Unless there are changes or additional information you need to be apprised of, no further mailings will be done. If you still have questions or concerns after reading this information, please email the Study Tours department at [ConnollyL@si.edu](mailto:ConnollyL@si.edu).

As you read on, you will see that there are a few items that we will need from you prior to the start of the tour. Please complete these items ASAP. They are as follows:

- [Link to Participant Information Form \(PIF\) & Electronic Responsibility Statement](#) (completed via Microsoft Forms)

**Please be sure to complete this information promptly.** Our ability to facilitate your enjoyment of the tour, and to assure your comfort and well-being during the tour, depends on your accurate representation of your needs and preferences and our receipt of that information in a timely manner. The Electronically Acknowledged Signed Responsibility statement is required before you can be admitted to the tour. It is particularly important that you advise us of the extent of any physical limitations that affect your ability to walk, stand, climb stairs, or otherwise participate in tour activities and to provide precise information on serious food allergies.

## **General Information**

### **Departure Locations and Times**

Although we do everything we can to notify you in the event of a change, we always recommend you call our tour information hotline the evening prior to your tour to confirm departure time & location. **Tour Information HOTLINE: (202) 633-TOUR.**

The tour bus departs **at 7:30am** from the DeSales Street entrance of the Mayflower Hotel. DeSales is a one-block street, one-way going east from Connecticut to 17th Street and is between L St. (also one-way going east) and M St. (one-way going west). A PMI 24-hour parking garage is available on DeSales St. across from the Mayflower. The cost of parking is approximately \$35/day. Call PMI at 202.296.1319 for further information or to confirm rates. The bus will return to the DeSales St. side of the Mayflower Hotel at 7:00pm on Monday evening. There is a taxi stand at the Mayflower Hotel's Connecticut Ave. entrance and Metro entrance at L Street and Connecticut.

A fringe pickup stop is made at **approximately 7:55am** at the **I-95, Exit 27 Carpool Lot**. See the directions and map included. The drop-off stop here will be about 6:30 p.m. on Monday, for those picked up on the way out or upon request.

Please remember tours are not delayed for missing participants or anyone not ready to board at the scheduled time, so please be kind to others, and be prompt!

## Bus & Seating

The bus is a luxury coach bus and is equipped with a restroom. Please advise the Smithsonian Representative or Driver if something on the bus needs attention or the temperature is not comfortable. The tour staff normally occupies the front seats on both sides of the aisle. Seat selection is otherwise open when the bus is first boarded each day. Once everyone has selected his/her seat, please continue throughout the day to use that same seat or any seat that was not selected after all had boarded.

Please note that if participants with certain disabilities or conditions need special seating, *tour staff may reserve seats or request participants to move who boarded prior to the tour staff*. If the disabilities requiring special seating are not apparent, participants requesting such seating are asked to provide a statement from their physician confirming the situation and what is needed. This must be done prior to the tour by contacting our office at [ConnollyL@si.edu](mailto:ConnollyL@si.edu).

## Smoking

Is not permitted on the bus, including in the restroom, or at any time when the group is gathered together in a limited space for a tour activity. If you are a smoker, and have requested to share a room, please be sure to note this on your participant information form. PLEASE NOTE: All rooms at the Mendenhall Inn are non-smoking.

## Tour Staff

Study Leader - **Hayden Mathews** has been exploring the Mid-Atlantic region for over 40 years and providing interpretive environmental history tours since 1997. He draws material from many disciplines and sources to weave stories that entertain and enlighten by showing how this region became as we find it today. Blending interesting background material, metaphor, local lore and personal insights, Hayden's interpretation radiates his abiding love and respect for this region and the people who call it home. Through his programs, he hopes to encourage others to get outside to explore, learn, and relax and to see the Mid-Atlantic region through new eyes.

Smithsonian Representative – **Marilyn Jacanin** will be handling all logistics and assisting you with any problem or question that you may have concerning the tour schedule or operation. Marilyn is a seasoned Smithsonian tour representative who has traveled with Associates on numerous tours.

## Clothing

Casual clothing is appropriate for all group activities. Please wear comfortable, sturdy shoes for walking and standing at sites.

## Departure Times & Schedules

You will be given a final version of the Itinerary and Participant List when the tour departs. We recommend that you keep it with you at all times as it can help you follow the activities more closely. Itineraries are always subject to change, however, so it is important to stay alert to announcements concerning changes throughout the tour. Also, you will notice a cell phone number on your final itinerary. Please feel free to use this for any urgent matters, but during the tour only please.

Adhering to the schedule is essential to completing all tour components and fulfilling our obligations to those who arrive on time. Tours may depart without latecomers. In such circumstances, latecomers are responsible for arrangements and expenses associated with their rejoining the tour or returning to their home. Don't let this happen to you!

## Accommodations

You will be staying at the **Mendenhall Inn** located at 323 Kennett Pike, Mendenhall, PA 19357. The telephone number is (610) 388-1181. We recommend that you leave this number with anyone who would need to reach you in an emergency.

You may be required upon check-in to provide a credit card to the hotel for any incidentals charged to your room outside of group activities.

## Check-out Procedures

No special check out procedures are necessary, however, please remember to pay any incidental charges you may have made to your room prior to departure time.

## Meals

The following meals are included in your tour package. Be sure to indicate dietary restrictions on your Personal Information Form. Please email us at ConnollyL@si.edu if you have any questions.

Sunday lunch	<i>Gourmet boxed lunch featuring Sandwich, Cold-Salad Side, Fresh Fruit, Dessert, and Bottled Water. (Splendid Fare Catering)</i>
Sunday dinner	<b><i>Arcadian Mix Salad</i></b> (Romaine and arcadian blend topped with tomato, onion, sweet peppers, black olives, croutons and cucumbers served with a balsamic vinaigrette dressing); <b><i>Entrée Choice 1) Chicken Marsala</i></b> finished with a Kennett Square mushroom marsala demi sauce, <b><i>2) North Atlantic Salmon</i></b> simply broiled with our own blend of Mediterranean seasoning of fresh lemon juice, olive oil, oregano and finished with a herb compound butter, roasted leek sauce, or crab piccata sauce, or <b><i>3) Garden Vegetable Wellington</i></b> accompanied with Portabella Napoleon (Oven roasted garden vegetable wellington wrapped in a flaky crust baked to perfection accompanied with grilled vegetables layered with mozzarella cheese, served with a rich roasted red pepper sauce); <b><i>Tiramisu</i></b> (Kahlua Soaked Cake, Layered with Mascarpone Cheese and Cocoa Powder) for dessert. Served with Fresh Brewed 100% Columbian <b><i>Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Herbal Teas.</i></b> (Mendenhall Inn)
<b>*Please select dinner entrée choice in advance on your Participant Information Form</b>	
Monday breakfast	<i>Assorted Breakfast Buffet including cereal, juices, assorted muffins &amp; pastries, assorted bread, bagels, eggs, breakfast meats, waffles, fruit, coffee, tea, and more. (Mendenhall Inn)</i>
Monday lunch	<i>Menu currently being finalized (Gables at Chadds Ford)</i>

You are welcome to bring whatever snacks and/or beverages (such as a thermos of coffee, bottled water, etc.) you normally need or desire between meal times. Please review the itinerary with any personal needs or preferences of this nature in mind. If you have special concerns about your food needs or preferences, please speak with our staff at ConnollyL@si.edu as soon as possible. Note that alcoholic beverages are not included with meals and would be at your own expense.

## What is Included

Participants purchase their own snacks and beverages other than those included with meals. Your tour fee includes bus transportation, tuition, accommodations, admissions, and meals listed above.

## **Gratuities**

Gratuities have been included for all group meals and for the bus driver. Where appropriate, donations have been made on behalf of the Smithsonian. Although a housekeeping surcharge is included, additional gratuities for the chambermaid are not included, and are at your own discretion. Your Smithsonian Representative and Study Leader are professionals who do not receive tips.

## **Cancellation & Trip Insurance**

Please review the cancellation policy located on the back page of your Associate Magazine or on the web at <https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/help/refund-policy>. This information is important, as we are not able to make exceptions regardless of the reasons for cancellation. This tour is 100% non-refundable after **April 8, 2022**. Up until that time, cancellation fees apply. If you have chosen to purchase trip cancellation insurance, you would need to consult your individual policy for cancellation details, in addition to contacting us.

## **Some Additional Items to bring along**

- Additional face masks
- A photograph of your vaccination card
- Umbrella and/or fold-up lightweight rain poncho and good walking shoes
- Camera, lenses, film, batteries
- Regional area map if desired
- Handi-wipes, Wet-Naps or similar individually packaged tissues for freshening up.
- Whatever snacks and/or beverages (such as a thermos for coffee, bottled water, etc.) you normally need between meal times. Please review the itinerary with these needs in mind.
- Water bottle
- Layered clothing including jacket for variable weather

## **Post-Tour Questionnaire**

Your opinion is important in our continuing effort to provide you the best in value and educational travel. At the end of your tour, you will receive an electronic evaluation form via email on which you can express your satisfaction with, or concerns about, each aspect of the tour. Each evaluation is carefully reviewed, so candid comments are appreciated. We appreciate your time completing this evaluation. Only you can tell us we have met our goal in providing a quality educational travel experience.

*We appreciate your participation in this program and hope it meets your highest expectations!!*



## Spring in the Brandywine River Valley

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Study Leader: **Hayden Mathews**

Smithsonian Rep: **Marilyn Jacanin**

Cell Phone: **TBD**

### **Sunday, April 24**

7:30 a.m. Depart Mayflower Hotel  
7:55 a.m. Fringe pick-up at I-495, exit 27 carpool lot  
  
10:00 a.m. **Hagley Museum**  
**10:30 a.m. Guided Tour**  
12:30 p.m. Free time to explore the museum & have boxed lunch on site  
  
2:00 p.m. Depart  
  
2:15 p.m. **Nemours Mansion**  
4:45 p.m. Depart  
  
5:15 p.m. Check into the Mendenhall Inn for dinner & an overnight stay  
6:30 p.m. 3-course dinner at the hotel

### **Monday, April 25**

9:15 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel  
Depart hotel  
  
**9:30 a.m. Brandywine River Museum**  
**9:45 a.m. Guided Tour**  
Free time to explore the galleries  
11:30 a.m. Depart  
  
11:45 a.m. Lunch at **The Gables at Chadds Ford**  
  
1:15 p.m. Depart  
  
**1:30 p.m. Longwood Gardens**  
**2:00 p.m. Guided Tour**  
Free time to enjoy the grounds and gardens  
4:00 p.m. Depart  
  
6:30 p.m. Drop-off at I-495, exit 27 carpool lot  
7:00 p.m. Arrival at the Mayflower Hotel

If you enjoyed today's program, we hope you'll consider making a donation to the Smithsonian Associates. Your contribution will help ensure that we are able to continue offering the outstanding programming you've come to expect from the Smithsonian Associates. For more information go online to [SmithsonianAssociates.org/levels](https://SmithsonianAssociates.org/levels) or call 202.633.8663.

**NOTE:** If you have Special Requirements (e.g. dietary or mobility), please notify Customer Service when registering for a future tour. Also, to confirm tour departure locations and other essential information prior to each tour, call the TOUR INFORMATION LINE: 202.633.TOUR.



# MAYFLOWER HOTEL

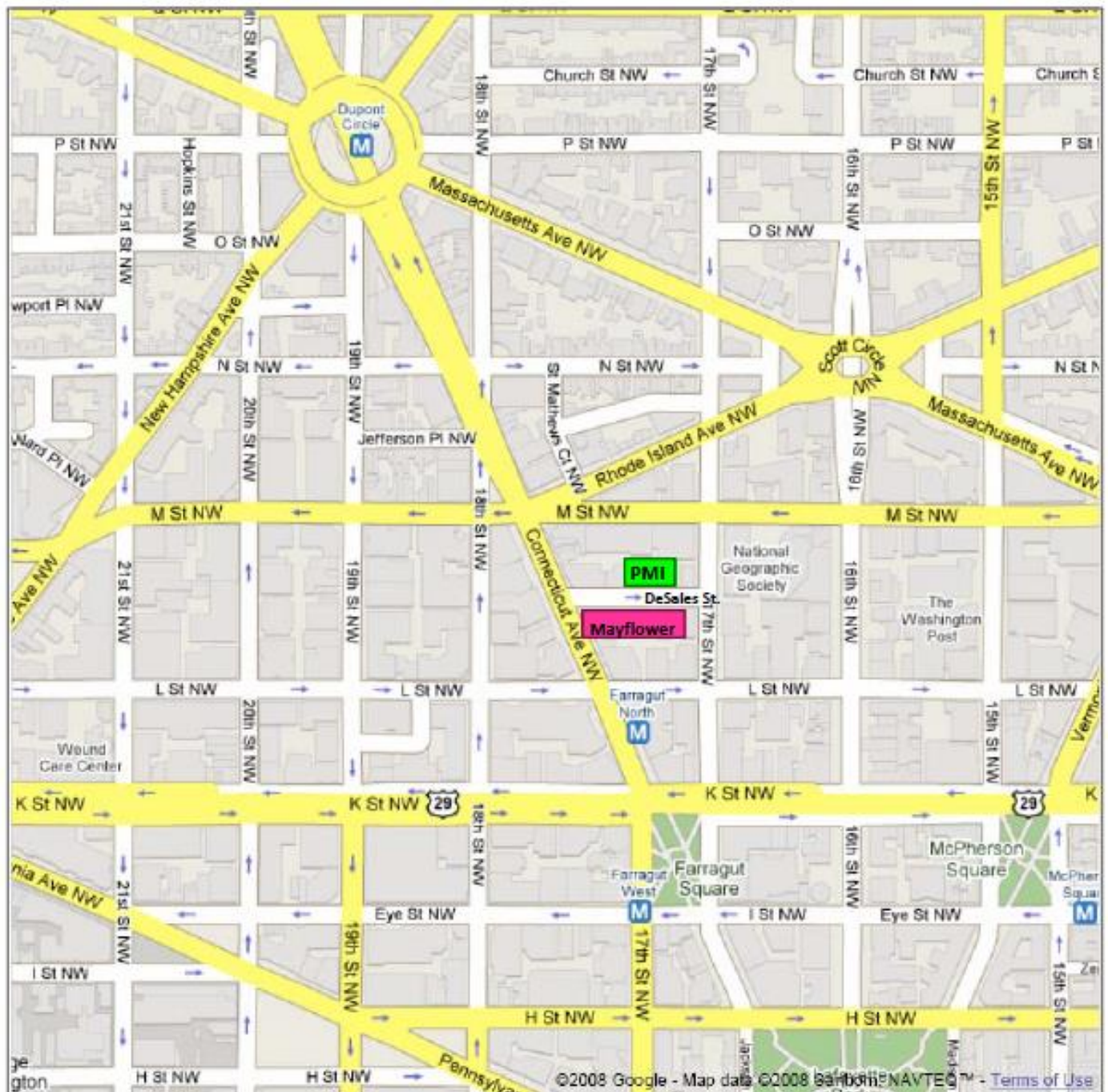
## 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC

The EYRE bus normally departs and returns from DeSales Street NW, just east of Connecticut Avenue (on the north side of the Mayflower Hotel). The bus does NOT normally wait on Connecticut Avenue.

**Metro:** Take the Red Line to the FARRAGUT NORTH station. Exit onto Connecticut Avenue and L Street. Walk a block north on Connecticut Avenue, passing the main entrance to the Mayflower Hotel, and turn right onto DeSales Street.

**Car:** DeSales Street is one-way eastbound between Connecticut Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Parking:** Use the 24-hour PMI parking garage at 1725 DeSales Street. PMI information: 202-785-9191.



# Beltway/I-95, Exit-27 Carpool Parking

(The Carpool Lot can only be accessed from I-95 or the Beltway)

**GPS:** [Adelphi Park and Ride](#) (google maps) also called [Beltway Park and Ride](#) (apple maps)

## DIRECTIONS:

**From SOUTHBOUND I-95:** Take Exit 27 for I-495 West towards Silver Spring. Stay in the left lane of this 2-lane exit ramp. Take a left exit from this ramp for CARPOOL/WEIGH STATION.

**From NORTHBOUND I-95/I-495 (Beltway Outer Loop):** After passing Exit 25, the Beltway widens and the right 3 lanes are marked for I-95 NORTH. Stay in the left lane of this 3-lane ramp as it separates from the Beltway. Take an immediate left exit from this 3-lane ramp for CARPOOL PARKING.

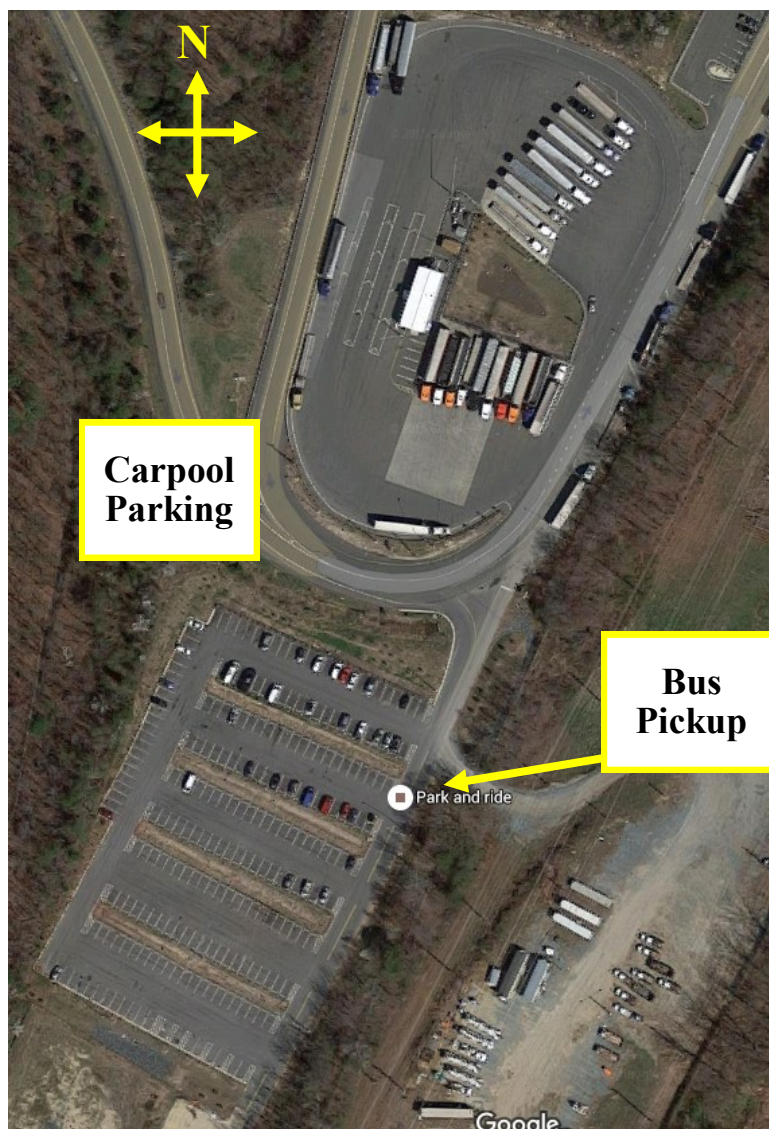
**From EASTBOUND I-495 (Beltway Inner Loop):** Take Exit 27 for I-95 NORTH towards Baltimore. Stay in the right lane of this 2-lane exit ramp. Take a right exit from this ramp for PARK & RIDE/CARPOOL PARKING.

## PARKING:

Follow the signs on RIGHT into the CARPOOL parking area adjacent to the truck inspection station. Parking is free in this lot. For more information, please visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/publicworks/Transit/ParkAndRide/Pages/default.aspx>

## BUS PICK-UP:

Wait for the bus on the grass island closest to the entrance.





## I-495, Exit 27 Carpool Parking Lot—Wide View

