



PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

“Gardens of Tomorrow”

Sun., Mar. 2 – Mon., Mar. 3, 2025

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Sunday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Departure from the Mayflower Hotel

8:30 a.m. Pick up at DoubleTree Hilton, Laurel MD

10:30 a.m. Arrival at **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library**

Visit includes a guided garden walk, boxed lunch, self-guided mansion tour, and narrated tram tour.

Menu: *Choice of: Roasted Turkey with Applewood Smoked Bacon, Tomato, & Lettuce with Garlic Aioli on a Brioche Bun, or Smashed-Chickpea & Avocado with Feta Cheese, Tomato, Red Onion, Watercress, & Green Goddess Dressing on Seven-Grain Bread. Served With Bag of Chips, Fresh Fruit, House Baked Cookie, & Bottled Water*

2:30 p.m. Depart

3:30 p.m. Check into the Kimpton Hotel Monaco for your overnight stay

4:15 p.m. Depart for dinner

4:30 p.m. **Victor Café** – Music Lover’s Rendezvous a 3-course dinner & entertainment (approx. 2.5 hours)

Menu: *Victor Salad, Choice of Entrée: Chicken Piccata, Seared Salmon, Cannelloni, Eggplant Parmigiana, Vegetable Risotto, Dessert Sampler, Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea.*

Monday, March 3

6:30 a.m. Breakfast served at the hotel in the Copenhagen Room

Menu: *Sliced Seasonal Fruits, Assorted Croissants, Danishes, Bagels, Individual Greek Yogurt, House Made Granola, Scrambled Cage-Free Eggs, Roasted Breakfast Potatoes, Chicken Apple Sausage, Natalie’s Orange Juice Freshly Brewed Organic Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Organic Teas*

7:30 a.m. Prompt departure from the hotel

7:45 a.m. **Philadelphia Flower Show**

Enjoy a 2-hour guided tour of the show before it opens to the public

Show Information: *You have free time to explore the show on your own. A ticket for Butterflies Live! Is included with your admission, plus 1-hour “Know and Grow” lectures scheduled for 12 p.m. (“Don’t Go with the Flow of Climate Change”) and 2 p.m. (“There’s Beauty in Backyard Brambles”).*

Lunch is on your own. Please note that you may leave the show (and return) to visit nearby Reading Terminal Market or elsewhere in the city if you wish.

3:00 p.m. Depart for Washington

Rest Stop to Purchase a Meal

5:30 p.m. Approximate drop-off at the DoubleTree Hilton, Laurel MD

6:00 p.m. Return to the Mayflower Hotel

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NOTE: If you have Special Requirements (e.g. dietary or mobility), please notify Customer Service when registering for a future tour.

Driver gratuity included in fee.

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Philadelphia Shower Show
“Know to Grow” Speaker Series
Monday, March 3, 2025

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lauren McGrath - "Don't Go with the Flow of Climate Change: Planting Beautiful Green Spaces for Healthy Waterways and Climate Resilience"

Speaker: [Lauren McGrath](#)

What is the link between flowers and fish and how beautiful landscapes benefit waterways? As climate uncertainty becomes a reality in the mid-Atlantic region, explore how we can plant our landscapes to create resilient ecosystems and habitats to protect our streamside communities. Understand the connection between land and water and learn how we can strategically restore the water's edge to strengthen our ties to the landscape - from fragile headwaters all the way downstream to the powerful bays and estuaries on the coast. We all have a role to play in understanding, creating, and caring for these dynamic systems and building climate resilience in local communities. Learn more about freshwater ecosystems, riparian habitats, and what role they can play in studying, saving, and restoring this dynamic system for future generations.

2:00 - 3:00 pm: Blake Goll & Shelly Eshleman - "There's Beauty in Backyard Brambles: How Your Yard Can Provide Habitat for the Birds That You Love"

Speakers: [Blake Goll & Shelly Eshleman](#)

Our yards provide a sanctuary for us to unwind at the end of a long day, but they also represent an opportunity to provide crucial habitats for all of the species that keep our ecosystems healthy. There are many ways homeowners can employ their yards to help reverse some of the habitat loss that imperils ecosystem function and food webs today. In this presentation, we will discuss how to see your yards and gardens from a bird's eye perspective that benefits all living things. There is beauty in the brambles.