



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

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Mark your calendars for **September 4 - 14, 2024**, as Friends of the Chicago Botanic Garden travel to the west coast to visit the extraordinary gardens of **Portland, Seattle, Victoria, and Vancouver**. For eleven days we see some of the finest gardens in the region—a region known as the best place to grow plants in North America. We see beautiful gardens, extraordinary cities, and natural scenery that will take your breath away.

We begin our adventure in Portland, then we fly to Vancouver, travel by coach and ferry to Victoria, and then sail by ferry to Seattle.

Cost per person is \$6450

(double occupancy, land package only)

A member of the Chicago Botanic Garden staff will be hosting the tour.



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GARDENS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

September 4-14, 2024

ITINERARY

This itinerary is subject to change.

Included meals: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (T) Tea, (D) Dinner

Day One – Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Today we fly (on our own) to Portland International Airport and meet at our group hotel, near the airport in Portland.

Day Two – Thursday, September 5

Our exploration of the gardens of the Pacific Northwest



Portland Japanese Garden



Private garden in Portland

begins with a visit to the **International Rose Test Garden** where we have some time on our own to 'smell the roses' and enjoy this excellent collection of roses from all over the world. Conceived in 1915, this garden was a safe haven for European hybrid roses during World War I. Afterward, we have a guided tour of the beautiful **Portland Japanese Garden**. Begun in 1963, the garden represents the strong connection between the people of Portland and the country of Japan. Next, we make our way to see the **Columbia River Gorge** and the magnificent **Multnomah Falls**, before returning to enjoy a get-acquainted dinner at McMenimin's Edgefield Restaurant. **Lodging: Portland (B)(D)**

Day Three – Friday, September 6

We begin our day with a visit to two lovely **private gardens**. Portland has a unique network of garden enthusiasts who eagerly open their gardens for us and share the challenges of gardening in Oregon. In the afternoon, we visit **Lan Su Chinese Garden**, one of the city's great treasures. Built by craftsmen from Suzhuo, China, Lan Su is as authentic a Chinese garden as you will find anywhere. We take time for dinner before our evening flight to Vancouver. [Lodging: Vancouver \(B\)](#)

Day Four – Saturday, September 7

Our morning in Vancouver begins with a driving tour of the city to see the highlights of this intriguing city by the sea. Our tour ends at **VanDusen Botanical Garden**, an amazing 55-acre garden in the heart of the city. Afterward, we have a guided tour through the **University of British Columbia Botanical Garden** on the



Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland

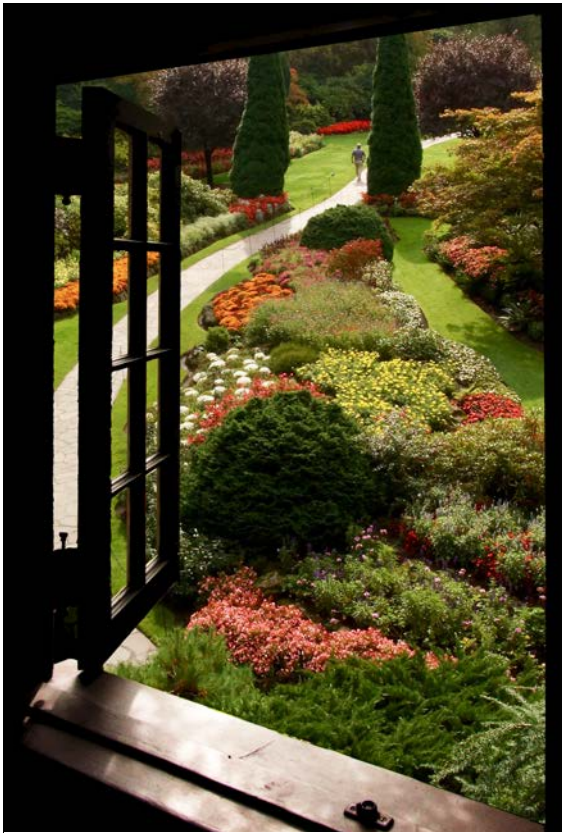
campus of UBC. We explore the new **TreeWalk**, a new addition to the garden. Afterward, we enjoy the beautiful **Nitobe Memorial Garden**, a traditional Japanese Tea and Stroll Garden, considered to be one of the most authentic Japanese gardens in North America. [Lodging: Vancouver \(B\)](#)



Private garden outside Vancouver

Day Five – Sun, September 8

Today we venture outside the city to visit two extraordinary **private gardens** located very close to the American border. Like Portland, Vancouver has a perfect climate for growing plants and therefore many garden enthusiasts create remarkable private gardens for themselves. After our return to Vancouver, the rest of the afternoon is free to explore the city on your own. [Lodging: Vancouver \(B\)\(L\)](#)



Butchart Gardens in Victoria

Day Six – Monday, September 9

Today we journey from Vancouver to Victoria by coach and ferry, all the while surrounded by exquisite scenery. We reach Victoria in time to visit the incomparable **Butchart Gardens** with 55 acres of stunning horticultural displays woven into the remains of an old rock quarry. We enjoy **high tea** at the garden before driving into Victoria proper where two marvelous **private gardens** await our arrival. **Lodging:** [Victoria \(B\)\(T\)](#)

Day Seven – Tuesday, September 10

We return to the U.S. today aboard a ferry from Victoria to **Port Angeles**, Washington. It is a 90-minute crossing of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. After disembarking the ferry, we drive to the seacoast town of **Port Townsend** for lunch and free time for shopping. On our way to Seattle, we see extraordinary scenery before catching the Bainbridge Island Ferry to Seattle where we stay for four nights. **Lodging:** [Seattle \(B\)](#)

Day Eight – Wed, September 11

We gather in the lobby this morning to meet our guide for our **walking tour of Pike Place Market**. We then drive to the base of the Space Needle to see **Chihuly Garden and Glass**, a museum and outdoor space devoted to Tacoma's world famous glass artist, Dale Chihuly. We finish the day with a short drive to Medina in east Seattle to visit a remarkable **private garden** there. **Lodging:** [Seattle \(B\)](#)



Dan Hinkley's garden, Windcliff

Day Nine - Thursday, Sept 12

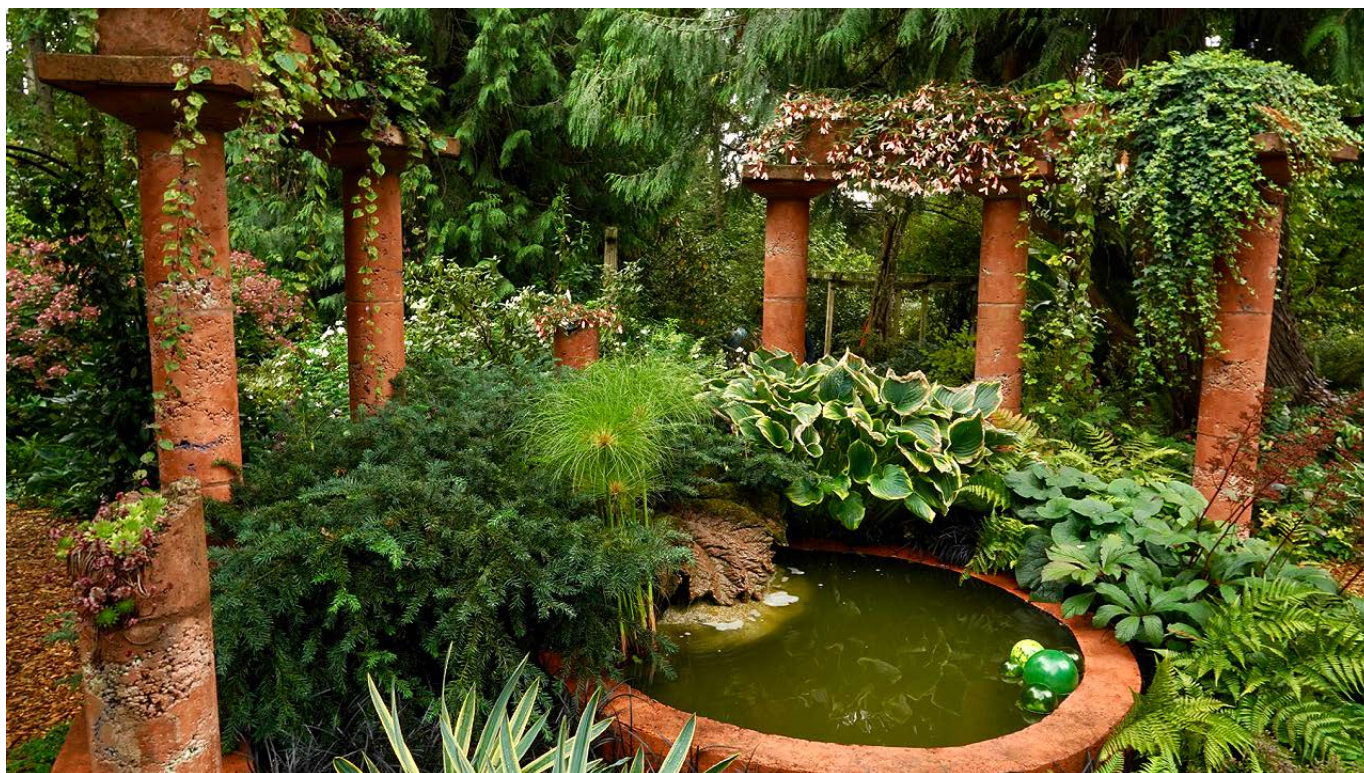
Bainbridge Island is our destination via ferry to visit **Bloedel Reserve**—150 acres of a unique blend of natural woodlands and beautifully landscaped gardens. Afterward, we have a picnic lunch at the quaint Country Store in Indianola before our special visit to Windcliff, the home and garden of Dan Hinkley. Heronswood, Dan's former garden and nursery, is our final stop for the day before the Kingston Ferry takes us back to Seattle. **Lodging:** [Seattle \(B\)\(L\)](#)

Day Ten – Friday, September 13

Today you have the entire day free to explore Seattle on your own. Our hotel is located right in the heart of the city close to interesting places and fun activities. Later on this evening we have a farewell dinner at one of Seattle's finest restaurants. Lodging: Seattle (B)(D)

Day Eleven – Saturday, September 14

Today brings to a close our journey through the gardens of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. We make our way (on our own) back to Chicago. (B)



Private garden in Seattle

MCDUFFTOURS LLC is a travel company founded by Nancy and Robert McDuffie, both former professors at Virginia Tech. Nancy is a soprano and was on faculty in the Department of Music, while Robert is a Landscape Architect and was Associate Professor in the Department of Horticulture as well as Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden. After establishing the first group Horticulture Study Abroad program 26 years ago, they now take garden lovers of all ages around the world. Over 1600 people have traveled with them to visit gardens in 27 countries on six continents.

Please note that this garden tour requires a considerable amount of walking and most of the gardens we visit are not wheelchair accessible. Guests should be sure-footed on stairs and able to walk unassisted for at least 1/2 mile.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Deposit and Final Payment information:

\$6450.00 Total cost per person (double/twin occupancy, land package only)

\$1400.00 Single room supplemental fee

While we attempt to find roommates for single participants, if a roommate is not available, the participant is subject to pay the single supplement fee. The maximum number of participants is 34.

Included in the cost is a tax-deductible donation of \$300 per person to the Garden.

Payment deadlines:

\$1000.00 **June 10, 2024** Deposit due

\$5450.00 **August 2, 2024** Final payment due

\$1400.00 **August 2, 2024** Single supplemental fee due

Method of Payment:

- **By check only (payable to: MCDUFFTOURS LLC)**

Included in the Cost

The cost of this tour includes lodging, entrance fees, ground transportation, all ferry crossings, tips for drivers and guides, all breakfasts, bottled waters, and several dinners and lunches. Also included is the mid-tour flight from Portland to Vancouver.

Not included in the Cost

Airfare into Portland and out of Seattle is not included. Costs of obtaining passports, visas, excess/overweight baggage charges, food or meals not included in the tour, items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone and optional tours are not included. Trip insurance is not included. Transportation from home to the airport, along with any connecting flights to Portland, Oregon, and from Seattle, Washington, are not included.

TRIP INSURANCE:

It is strongly recommended that you purchase Travel Insurance to protect your tour investment against covered unforeseeable circumstances. We offer trip Insurance through CSA Travel Protection. You can contact them on the web at: <http://www.csatravelpro.com/20190129> or call them at (800) 348-9505 and tell them the product number: 20190129.



Cancellation and Refund Policy: The total deposit is refundable until June 10, 2024. If you must cancel between June 10 and August 2, \$200 of the \$1000 deposit will be retained. After August 2, the \$1000 deposit plus actual expenses incurred in hotel arrangements will be retained and the remainder will be refunded. If the tour is cancelled by the Chicago Botanic Gardens or by MCDUFFTOURS LLC, all payments will be refunded.

MCDUFFTOURS LLC acts only as agents for the passengers with respect to transportation, hotels and restaurants, and exercise every care possible. MCDUFFTOURS LLC assumes no responsibility to any person or entity for liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, breakdown, disruption of advertised schedules, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any ship, ferry, airplane, train, automobile, motorcoach, carriage, or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delay, refusal of visa, or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, violent acts, quarantine, acts of God, or any other causes beyond our control. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as our tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to the itinerary or accommodations as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. The price of the program is based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on July 24, 2023, and is subject to adjustment in the event of change in tariffs, taxes or exchange rates. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely. The acceptance of any service provided as part of tour or any ticket or voucher shall be deemed to be acceptance of, and consent by the tour member to these conditions. Services are subject to the laws of the country where services are provided. For a more detailed Term and Conditions statement from MCDUFFTOURS, please click here: <https://new.mcdufftours.com/T&C.pdf>

I understand and accept these terms and conditions.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Victoria, British Columbia Harbor



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RESERVATION FORM

Please print – each participant must complete this form

Full Legal Name (as on passport) _____

First name for NAME TAG _____ Phone # _____

Birthdate _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Passport# _____ Place of issue _____

Date of issue _____ Date of expiration _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone # _____

Special food requirements or allergies _____

Name of preferred roommate _____

Please mail your completed reservation form, a signed copy of the Terms and Conditions form, and a deposit by June 10, 2024 to:

MCDUFFTOURS LLC
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