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PARKSCAPES



FALL FOLIAGE ON THE HUDSON RIVER

October 19-26, 2006

Discover the storied Hudson River, explored by Henry Hudson in 1609 with the hope of finding a North American passage to the Far East. The river valley's serene landscape soon became home to many Dutch settlements while its breathtaking beauty emerged as the setting for the tales of Washington Irving and the inspiration for the Hudson River School of Painting. Autumn is the optimal season to cruise the river when the beauty of the landscape resembles a Thomas Cole masterpiece. Along the way, a host of optional excursions -- from an outing exploring the epicurean delights of the "Big Apple" to a visit to one of the nation's oldest wineries and a tour of the Thomas Cole Historic Site -- have been carefully planned to highlight the myriad of culinary, cultural, and historical attractions of the region. Join us for this voyage that is bound to be a sensory-rich experience from start to finish.

PARKSCAPES HIGHLIGHTS

New York As one of the most exciting and cultural cities in the world, New York offers an astonishing variety of historic landmarks, tours, world-class entertainment, fine dining, shopping and sporting events. As the starting and ending point for your Hudson River cruise, you'll get plenty of opportunities to see the sights and experience the Big Apple. Must sees include the Statue of Liberty National Monument, Ellis Island, and Times Square.

Kingston First settled in 1658 by Dutch traders in the shadow of the Scenic Catskill Mountains, historic Kingston served as the first capital of New York in 1777. NPCA travelers will enjoy a full day excursion to Hyde Park including lunch at the Culinary Institute of America as well as visits to two National Historic sites: the long life home of Franklin D. Roosevelt and the final home of Eleanor Roosevelt.

Albany Serving as the Empire State's Capital since 1797, Albany celebrates its 382 years of existence with walking and trolley tours that introduce you to the city's history and attractions. Whether visiting the State museum, the Henry Hudson Planetarium, the state assembly's Million-dollar staircase, or the exciting entertainment district, Albany's mix of storied history and contemporary charm will captivate first-time or seasoned visitors alike.

To join, call the NPCA ParkScapes Travel Desk at 800-488-4080 or visit www.npca.org/travel

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October 19: New York City

Upon your arrival in New York City transfer to the New York cruise terminal and board the *Nantucket Clipper*. (D)

October 20: New York City

From The Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Times Square, Grand Central Station, ride on the Staten Island Ferry, Ellis Island National Monument, the Brooklyn Bridge, the United Nations Building, Central Park, to Chinatown; there is much to see. The day is yours to do that which interests you most. *Nantucket Clipper* (B,L,D)

October 21: Cruising the Hudson River/Kingston.

As you cruise the beautiful Hudson River on our way to Kingston, savor the passing scenery and enjoy a peaceful view of the waterfowl and wildlife, colonial settlements, legendary estates, and quaint villas and piers. *Nantucket Clipper* (B,L,D)

October 22: Kingston

Begin your day with a visit to Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site. Val-Kill was the only home Eleanor ever called her own and her sanctuary until her death in 1962. You will have ample time to tour the cottage and grounds. Travel to the Culinary Institute of America for a lunch at one of the institute's elegant restaurants. After lunch, continue to one of the most famous homes in America, the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site. Much of the Georgian-Federal Revival house is the same as when the Roosevelts live here. The library houses the gifts, mementos, and personal items of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, as well as their personal papers and the President's private collection on the history of the Hudson Valley. *Nantucket Clipper* (B,L,D)

October 23: Troy (for Albany)

There are many options for you to explore the center of activity—and the most noticeable landmark is the Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, a huge complex of government buildings and the setting for outdoor festivals, concerts and fireworks displays. The Capital Repertory Theater and the modernist Performing Arts Center (also known as the Egg) are located at the plaza as well as the New York State Museum, which contains exhibits on state history and geology. The state capitol stands to one side of the plaza. While visiting the New York State Assembly, take a look at the Million-Dollar Staircase, which took 14 years to build at the end of the 19th century and showcases carvings of famous U.S. citizens. The Albany Institute of History and Art, established in 1791 is the state's oldest museum, with a fine collection relating to the history and culture of the Hudson River Valley. *Nantucket Clipper* (B,L,D)

October 24: Cruising the Hudson River/West Point

Relax on board enjoying the fall scenery as you cruise back towards New York City. *Nantucket Clipper* (B,L,D)

October 25: West Point/Cruising back to New York City

West Point is the home of the U.S. Military Academy, where Army officers (and more than a few politicians) received their education. You'll find an excellent military museum, several chapels and a visitors center just outside Thayer Gate in Highland Falls. *Nantucket Clipper* (B,L,D)



TRIP DETAILS

NPCA MEMBER TRIP PRICE:

- Category A \$2067.00 per person
95 square feet cabin with window, Main Deck *
- Category B \$2507.00 per person
110 square feet cabin with window, Lounge & Promenade Deck *
- Category C \$2747.00 per person
110 square feet cabin with window, Promenade Deck *
- Category D \$3043.00 per person
125 square feet cabin with window, Main Deck *
- Category E \$3243.00 per person
125 square feet cabin with window, Lounge Deck *

Single rate for Category B is \$3539.00. Please call to check availability and rates for single cabins in other categories.

*Cabin proportions are approximate
Prices are based on double occupancy

PRICE INCLUDES: All accommodations, a full-day excursion to Hyde Park, \$25 per person ship-board credit, meals as noted, Government and port taxes. RATES DO NOT INCLUDE: Airfare, gratuities for cruise staff, optional shore excursions, alcoholic beverages, or personal expenses.

PAYMENTS/CANCELLATIONS: Space is confirmed by calling the NPCA Travel Desk at 800-488-4080. A \$500 per person deposit is due at registration. Final payment will be invoiced separately and is due 60 days prior to departure. Cancellations up to 60 days prior receive a refund, less a \$200 per person handling fee. Cancellations within 60 days of departure could result in the loss of 100% of your total cost.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: To protect yourself from the loss of deposit and cancellation fees, you are encouraged to purchase travel insurance. Ask your travel advisor for more details.

ARRIVAL/DEPART: New York City, New York

LENGTH: 8 days/7 nights

PACE: Easy at your own pace.



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