

Pittsburgh

Art & Architecture in the Steel City
featuring Fallingwater

September 27–October 1, 2021





Sunset at the West End Overlook Park / Jiuguang Wang

Join Rhode Island School of Design on this dazzling exploration of Pittsburgh's outstanding art and architecture. Pittsburgh unquestionably was the steel capital of the world for most of the 20th century. The city enjoyed great prosperity, which was reflected in its urban fabric. The steel industry and its tycoons deeply influenced the city's heritage, leaving a legacy of philanthropy, magnificent art, and architecturally significant buildings dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Even as the American steel industry faded, Pittsburgh continued to celebrate and preserve its history, while reinventing itself as a young and vibrant city awash in notable new architecture and contemporary art. Only a short distance away is one of the most celebrated masterpieces of American architecture: Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic Fallingwater.

Tour Highlights:

- Visit two of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural triumphs: Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob.
- Take a curator-led tour of the Andy Warhol Museum and get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the construction of a new exhibition.
- Cruise Pittsburgh's famed three rivers on a private chartered riverboat and learn of the city's industrial heritage and dynamic revitalization.
- Be invited into a beautiful private home in one of Pittsburgh's historic neighborhoods.
- At the Mattress Factory, take a RISD-exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of this pioneering contemporary art museum, followed by a wine and cheese reception on site.
- Explore Pittsburgh's architectural highlights on walking tours of historic Grant Street and the University of Pittsburgh.
- Tour the world-class Carnegie Museum Art, focusing on both its diverse collections and the building's outstanding architecture.

Accommodations:

Omni William Penn Hotel

History defines elegance in this classic, downtown Pittsburgh hotel. Since opening its doors in 1916, the Omni William Penn Hotel has played a starring role in the city of Pittsburgh, hosting movie stars, politicians, heads of state, and other luminaries. Centrally located in downtown, the hotel prides itself on outstanding service, comfortable and spacious accommodations, and deep connections to Pittsburgh history. Designed in a Renaissance Revival style by renowned architects Benno Janssen and Franklin Abbott, the hotel was the last building venture of industrialist Henry Clay Frick and features tall interior arches, crystal chandeliers, opulent decorated ceilings and cornices, and carved or molded Classical details throughout. With award-winning dining options, traditional afternoon tea service, and top-end amenities, the Omni William Penn Hotel is a destination in itself.

Custom Itinerary

This custom travel program has been created uniquely for Rhode Island School of Design.

Monday, September 27, 2021

Arrival & Architectural Walking Tour of Downtown Pittsburgh

Arrive in Pittsburgh and transfer independently to the Omni William Penn Hotel, ideally located in Pittsburgh's Central Downtown Historic District. At 3:30 pm, meet your expert local guide and fellow travelers in the hotel lobby. Set out on a walking tour of the architectural highlights of historic Grant Street and the area surrounding the hotel, stopping at: Henry Hobson Richardson's Allegheny County Courthouse and Bridge of Sighs, designed with the classic symmetry of the Renaissance; the Frick Building, where the lobby features John LaFarge's masterful stained-glass work "Fortune and Her Wheel"; the Pittsburgh City-County Building, featuring intricate tile work by Rafael Guastavino; the Union Trust Building, with its dramatic stained-glass dome skylight; and several other architecturally important sites. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a historic private social club.

Included meals: Dinner

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museum of Art & Private River Cruise

Begin the day with a stroll through the University of Pittsburgh's urban campus and visit the graceful Heinz Chapel and the soaring Cathedral of Learning, both grand examples of the Gothic Revival architectural style with which Pittsburgh is strongly associated. Tour the Cathedral of Learning's distinctive Nationality Rooms, each designed to represent an 18th-century classroom in a different country in honor of the diverse immigrant communities that settled in Pittsburgh. Enjoy lunch at a historic property. At the Carnegie Museum of Art, take a highlights tour of the Hall of Sculpture, Hall of Architecture, and selected works by artists such as Andy Warhol, Louis C. Tiffany, Claude Monet, Edward Hopper, David Gilmour Blythe, and Lenka Clayton. End the day with a leisurely late afternoon private cruise on a specially chartered riverboat along Pittsburgh's famed three rivers. Hear about the city's fascinating industrial heritage and its dynamic revitalization, while enjoying the beauty of the shorelines and skylines from the water. The evening and dinner are at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Contemporary Art

The day begins with a curator-led tour of the Andy Warhol Museum, the world's largest collection of Warhol's artworks and archival materials. See many of its celebrated pieces and also get a sneak peek into the construction of a new exhibition. This afternoon, be welcomed into one of the Pittsburgh area's most gracious private historic homes, opened exclusively for RISD (pending confirmation). Enjoy a catered lunch with the owners, who will discuss the house's history and the extensive renovations they have made to return it to its original grandeur. Continue to the Mattress Factory, a pioneer in the development of alternative art forms through site-specific installations, video, and performance art. Take a RISD-exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and see permanent installations by James Turrell, Yayoi Kusama, and Greer Lankton. The in-depth visit concludes with a wine and cheese reception at the museum. The evening and dinner are at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Reception

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Kentuck Knob & Fallingwater

Take a day trip into the beautiful Laurel Highlands of western Pennsylvania to explore two brilliant creations of Frank Lloyd Wright. Begin at Kentuck Knob, a Usonian home built in 1953 using native sandstone and red cypress to blend harmoniously into the surrounding hills. Tour the house and then explore the grounds, which feature a collection of sculptures by Andy Goldsworthy, Anthony Caro, Claes Oldenburg, and Wendy Taylor, among others. Continue to Wright's breathtaking Fallingwater, an icon of 20th-century architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy time for an independent lunch at the Fallingwater Café before taking a docent-led tour of Fallingwater, a timeless monument to organic architecture, featuring a bold system of cantilevered terraces built directly over a cascading waterfall. Wright also custom-designed all of the house's furniture, which is still intact. En route back to Pittsburgh, stop for a picturesque ride on the Duquesne Incline, which began operations in 1877. Disembark atop Mount Washington for stunning panoramic views of Pittsburgh's dramatic skyline and the convergence of the three rivers below. Return to the hotel for time to freshen up before reconvening in the evening for a festive farewell dinner at an award-winning local restaurant.

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Friday, October 1, 2021

Departures

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer independently to the airport for return flights home.

Included meals: Breakfast



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Tour Information

TOUR COST

Land Package \$2,995
Single Supplement \$595

Tour Price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate, good overall mobility required

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$500 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour. This deposit is a registration and planning fee and is non-refundable unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa or MasterCard. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on June 18, 2021 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

FLIGHTS: Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

TOUR INCLUSIONS: 4 nights at the Omni William Penn Hotel; breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 1 reception, 2 dinners, 2 glasses of wine or beer at included dinners; land transportation by private coach; entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; services of an ISDI Tour Manager; expert local guides; gratuities for local guides and drivers and at included meals; bottled water on coach; service charges and taxes.

TOUR EXCLUSIONS: Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portage; airport transfers; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before June 18, 2021: refund of payments made minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between June 19 and August 13, 2021: refund of payments made minus \$1,500 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after August 14, 2021: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or Rhode Island School of Design due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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Registration Form

Name (Participant 1)

Name (Participant 2)

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Telephone

Mobile Telephone

E-mail Address (Participant 1)

E-mail Address (Participant 2)

ROOMING OPTIONS: *(please select)*

- Double Occupancy; I will share a room with _____
 We prefer separate beds
- Single Occupancy (\$595 single supplement)
 I would like a roommate but will pay the single supplement if one cannot be found

TOUR DOCUMENTS:

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address(es) listed above.

- If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle.
Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.

DEPOSIT (\$500 PER PERSON):

- Visa MasterCard Check *(Make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.)*

Card Number

Exp. (mm/yy)

Name as it appears on credit card

Billing Zip Code

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN *(registration invalid without signature)*

By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.

Signature Participant 1 / Date

Signature Participant 2 / Date

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