



# HAPPY TIMES TOURS & EXPERIENCES

## HAPPY TIMES IN THE HUDSON VALLEY (POUGHKEEPSIE, NY)

### Trip Includes:

- Home pickup in Dane, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha, WI Counties and Lake County, IL
- Tour West Point
- Locally Guided Tour of Historic Kingston
- Carriage Ride thru the Forest to the 'Sky Top' of an unbelievable Castle deep in the Catskill Mountains
- Cruise the Upper Hudson River
- Visit a local Stockade or a Cocktail Experience
- Walk the Walkway over the Hudson
- Visit Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site
- Locally Guided Historic Huguenot Street Tour
- Visit FDR Home, Library & Cemetery
- Tour the Vanderbilt Mansion
- Lunch at the Culinary Institute
- Tour Val-Kill
- Walking Tour of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery
- Visit the Old Dutch Church
- Tour Kykuit
- Visit Philipsburg Manor
- Visit The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze
- 5 Nights at the Hyatt Place in Poughkeepsie, NY
- 2 Nights at the Hampton Inn in Beachwood, Ohio
- Motorcoach Transportation and the Services of a Happy Times Tour Director
- 15 Meals

### PER PERSON RATES:

Double Occupancy \$3249

Single Occupancy \$3889

Triple Occupancy: \$3209

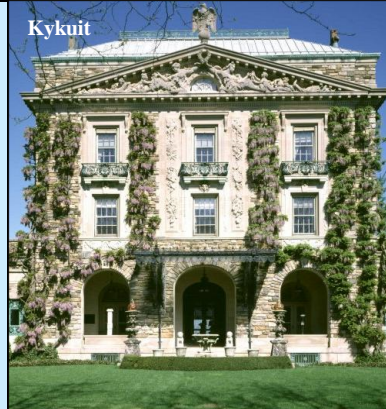
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Optional Travel Protection Plan

Per Person Rates:

Double or Triple Occupancy: \$236

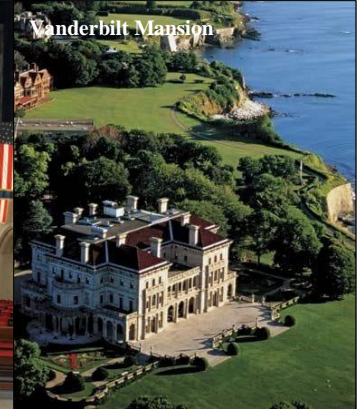
Single Occupancy: \$265



Kykuit



West Point



Vanderbilt Mansion

**We'll explore all the Legends of the Hudson Valley! Presidents - Past, Present and Future - with one extra legend added!**

**8 Days: October 8 - 15, 2023**

### Day 1 B, D

Enjoy your boxed breakfast as we make our way to our first overnight at the Hampton Inn in Beachwood, Ohio. Dinner is included at a nearby restaurant.

### Day 2 B, D

Welcome to the **Hudson River Valley**! The Hudson River begins high in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. It starts at Lake Tear of the Clouds located on the southwest slope of Mount Marcy, in the town of Keene, the state's highest point. The river's journey is 315 miles long and ends in New York City. Our first stop is at **West Point**. The visit today is a combined bus and walking tour which tells the story of West Point, its role in the Revolution, its famous history, and includes stories about graduates who shaped our nation. We'll check-in to the Hyatt Place in Poughkeepsie for a 5-night stay and enjoy an included dinner.

### Day 3 B, L

A local guide will join us today and we will begin with a **tour of historic Kingston**. Did you know Kingston was the first Capital of New York State? The streets of the original village, planned by Peter Stuyvesant, remain laid out just as they were in 1658. If the stones could talk, they would tell you how they witnessed the birth of New York State in this neighborhood in 1777. Today, you can still stand in the room in the Wessel Ten Broeck House where the first elected Senate met, and at the site of the county courthouse where the New York State Constitution was written, adopted and read into the public on April 22, 1777. We'll take a **carriage ride thru the forest to the "Sky Top" of an unbelievable castle deep in the Catskill Mountains to enjoy a buffet lunch**. This gem was founded in 1869; a Victorian castle resort nestled in the Hudson Valley, surrounded by 40,000 acres of pristine forest and is a National Historic Landmark. Then, we will sit back and relax on a **cruise of the Upper Hudson River**. Enjoy the views of lighthouses, monasteries, sprawling lawns and mansions of the wealthy, and local wildlife all while learning the fascinating history of the Hudson River and its importance to our country. Our final stop today will bring you back to the days gone by, when after a hard day of labor, people would gather at the **local stockade** for a beverage (or two). This historic building, one of the few that remained standing after the 1777 fire, will give you a **'taste' of cocktails past and present. A cocktails demo by a master will be followed by three 1 ounce tries** (non-alcoholic beverages available). You will then have time to enjoy dinner in the Stockade area (at your own expense).

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### Day 4 B, D

We'll start our morning at the **Walkway over the Hudson** which is located 212 feet above the Hudson River and is a 1.28 mile linear park which boasts scenic views north to the Catskills and south to the Hudson Highlands. Then we will **walk in the same footsteps of President George Washington as we visit Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site**, also called Hasbrouck House. It is the first property acquired and preserved by any U.S. State for historic reasons. We'll continue on to **historic Huguenot Street** which was founded in 1678 and is the oldest street in America. The original homes are still standing as are the original cemetery and church. Join Presidents and people of all walks of life who have placed their feet on these hallowed streets. **Our local guide will bring to life over 300 years of history across seven historic stone-house museums; a reconstructed 1717 French Church, the Huguenot community's original burying ground and a replica Espous Munseewigwam.**

### Day 5 B, L

Today you will walk in the famous footsteps of America's 32<sup>nd</sup> President, Franklin D. Roosevelt and those of his first lady, Eleanor. Your first stop will take you to the **FDR Home, Library and Cemetery**. A park ranger will guide the tour of the President's home. Next we will visit the **Vanderbilt Mansion**, home of the grandson of "The Commodore" Cornelius Vanderbilt. Tour here will give you a sense of the wealth and opulence found in the area during the time. Lunch is included at the Culinary Institute, known as one of the top culinary schools in the world as well as in our nation. Our final visit of the day is **Val-Kill**, home of Eleanor Roosevelt, the only National Historic Site dedicated to a First Lady. Here, Franklin and Eleanor entertained friends, state visitors, the press and their associates in the tranquil and relaxed atmosphere of Val-Kill.

### Day 6 B, D

Today we venture to the legendary Sleepy Hollow! We will begin the day with a walking tour of the **Sleepy Hollow Cemetery**. Hear about Washington Irving, the author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," the Revolutionary War veterans, the wealthy industrialists, and step into the cemetery's 113-year-old underground receiving vault. We will make a stop at the **Old Dutch Church**, considered the oldest functioning church and cemetery in the state. This afternoon we will make a stop at **Kykuit**, the magnificent 40-room Rockefeller Estate overlooking the Hudson River in Pocantico Hills. Kykuit was home to four generations of the Rockefeller family. Our final stop of the day is at **Philipsburg Manor**. Visit the Manor where the Legend of Sleepy Hollow resurfaces every year in the Fall. Get ready to see the very place where Washington Irving's 1820 tale of a headless horseman was said to be living and who terrorizes the real-life village of Sleepy Hollow, which is considered one of America's first ghost stories-and one of its scariest. Dinner is included this evening in Sleepy Hollow. On our way back to the hotel, we will see **Van Cortland's Manor and The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze**. Meander through breathtaking displays of more than 7,000 illuminated Jack O'Lanterns all designed and hand-carved on site by a fabulous team of artisans.

### Day 7 B, D

Today we will depart the Hudson Valley area and enjoy the scenery as we make our way back to the Hampton Inn in Beachwood, Ohio. Dinner is included at a nearby restaurant.

### Day 8 B

We will make our way back home with lots of memories of our Happy Times in the Hudson Valley!



Sleepy Hollow Cemetery



FDR Home



Great Jack O'Lantern - Blaze

\*Gratuities for the tour director and driver are not included in the price and are at the passengers discretion. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to COVID restrictions that may be enforced without notice. There are many attractions on this tour that are not handicapped accessible due to their historic nature. Tour is non-refundable on final payment date. We highly recommend purchasing the optional travel protection plan.

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