A winning combination

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A slice of Long Island to go

Morning

Prepare yourself for a full day of exploring the diversity of the North Shore. Meet your Long Island tour guide and head to the quaint village of Cold Spring Harbor. Once considered a rowdy whaling port, CSH is now an enchanting upscale village. Cold Spring Harbor is also home to the cutting-edge neuroscience and genetic research of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, founded in 1890 by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and site of the first public lecture on the structure of DNA, research into hybrid corn, and discovery of RNA splicing. Enjoy the striking Victorian architecture and picturesque shops along Main Street and gaze out to the shoreline. Pay a visit to the charming Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum, featuring authentic whaling tools and scrimshaw. During your tour, learn about whaling aboard New York state's only genuine 19th-century, fully equipped whaling boat.

Continue your exploration of Long Island with a visit to the boyhood home of one of America's greatest poets, Walt Whitman. The “good grey poet” and his family lived in this historic two-story home, built c.1819 and now listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Discover the 19th-century furnishings and remarkable architecture featured in the home with a narrated tour. Continue to the Interpretive Center to browse the more than 100 portraits of Whitman and other special exhibits. Hear the voice of Walt Whitman on tape, read original manuscripts and letters, and try your hand at creating your own poem in his unique style.

On your way to the village of Huntington, once voted one of America’s Top Cities, listen to the thrilling stories of the Culper spy ring, formed by George Washington during the American Revolutionary War. Once in Huntington, visit the location where the famous patriot Nathan Hale, hanged by the British as America’s first spy, was captured and charged.

Afternoon

After a quick lunch at a local restaurant of your choice, continue on to the Gold Coast mansion of “Willie” Vanderbilt, constructed in stages from 1910 until 1936. The Spanish Revival mansion features 24 elegant rooms filled with personal collections and original antiques imported from Europe. Impressive artifacts from Vanderbilt’s worldwide explorations are presented in the Natural History Museum. Other components of the 43-acre museum complex include a 60-foot sky theater and planetarium, marine museum, seaplane hangar, boathouse, Education Center, gift shop, and Memorial Wing, where the 1928 Lincoln touring car custom built for Vanderbilt is now on display.

Evening

Unwind after your exploration of the North Shore with a relaxing dinner at one of many local restaurants.

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Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States, lived at Sagamore Hill from 1885 until his death in 1919. His estate on Long Island is now a National Historic Site operated by the National Park Service.

TR vacationed on Oyster Bay as a teenager; when he grew older and was thinking about starting his family, he purchased land in Cove Neck, a peninsula just east of Oyster Bay village. Plans for the house were nearly halted when his wife, Alice, died two days after giving birth to a daughter also named Alice. Family members convinced the future president to continue with the project. He later remarried; Roosevelt and his wife Edith took up full-time residency at Sagamore Hill in 1887. They raised six children in the house and made 30 years of memories there.

After Roosevelt’s death at Sagamore Hill on Jan. 6, 1919, his widow Edith remained in the house. The eldest son, Ted, was given a few acres of land, on which he built a home that became known as the Old Orchard House. Edith died in 1948 at the age of 87.

Reservations are available for groups between 15 and 55 on a first-come, first-served basis. Group leaders can visit the Web site to download a handbook of background information. Tour planners should note that the number of visitors to the home is limited based on safety and space considerations. As a general rule, one motorcoach load of less than 50 people can be accommodated at one time. The historic site is unable to accommodate groups on weekend afternoons.

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Guided tours reveal the interior of President Theodore Roosevelt’s home on Long Island.

holidays, or holiday weekends because the public visitation is so high. During the week, early afternoons are the best time to visit.

The first building visitors find when entering the park is the Visitor Center, where groups can find out about offerings of the day and shop for books, postcards, and related items at the Eastern National gift shop.

President Theodore Roosevelt’s house looks much as it did in 1910, the year after he left the presidency and returned from an African safari. The guided tour takes groups through 23 rooms of the house, which is filled with information about the lifestyle of Roosevelt and his family.

The historic site also includes The Roosevelt Museum at Old Orchard, which houses exhibits and movies that tell the story of the president’s early and public life. Groups can enjoy the museum at their own pace.

They also can walk on the same path Theodore Roosevelt and his family took on their many trips for swimming and camping at Cold Spring Harbor with the Sagamore Hill Nature Trail, an easy walk through an oak and tulip-tree forest and over the Eel Creek boardwalk to the beachfront. This area is a federally protected wildlife refuge.

In the fall and winter, the park is closed on Monday and Tuesday and holidays, with the exception of President’s Day, Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Park is open seven days per week, including Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. The Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. The grounds of Sagamore Hill are open year-round from dawn to dusk without charge.

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site
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