

A Great Gatsby Adventure

GOLD COAST MANSIONS
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

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Just a short ride from New York City, on Long Island's North Shore is the place of wealth and opulence immortalized in F. Scott Fitzgerald's book, *The Great Gatsby*. At one time there were more than 500 mansions along this Gold Coast. Most of them are now gone, but the ones that remain are open to the public, and some offer overnight accommodations so you can live like Gatsby, if only for a weekend.

Glen Cove Mansion became one of the first conference center/hotels in the United States in 1967. Guests can book a Roaring 20s Great Decadence Bed and Breakfast package with 1920s style food and drinks, and a private screening of "The Great Gatsby" in their room.

The setting for *Royal Pains* on USA Network, Oheka Castle may look familiar to visitors. The second largest home in the United States was built by Otto Hermann Kahn and finished in 1919. Oheka is open for tours, getaways, corporate retreats and social events.

William Coe wanted his 409-acre estate, The Planting Fields — Coe Hall to be preserved for the public. So in 1949 he sold the estate, located in Oyster Bay, to the State of New York for \$1. The 400-acre Planting Fields Arboretum contains 1920s-era greenhouses; and Coe Hall is open for tours.

Old Westbury Gardens provides a quiet escape in Nassau County. The former home of John S. and Margarita Grace Phipps was built in 1906, and is filled with English furnishings and objets d'art. Tours and public events take place throughout the year, with a special Holiday Celebration in December.

The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum is a unique combination of mansion, marine and natural history museum, planetarium and park. William K. Vanderbilt II wanted his marine, ethnographic and natural history collections preserved for visitors' understanding of life and scientific knowledge.

— BETTY O'NEILL-RODERICK



The stunning Oheka Castle Hotel & Estate's picturesque surroundings makes it a popular place for visitors and those filming on location. It currently is the setting for USA Network's *Royal Pains*.

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THE CLABBER GIRL MUSEUM
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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Like Betty Crocker and Mrs. Butterworth, the Clabber Girl is more than a brand name. The pretty girl on the white baking powder can is one of the oldest, most enduring images in American culinary culture. She was "born" in 1899 in Terre Haute, Indiana, where Hulman & Company manufactured baking powder. So many shoppers asked grocers for "the can with the

girl on it" that in 1923, the name permanently changed to Clabber Girl Baking Powder, and a "modern" girl holding biscuits replaced the old-fashioned butter churner.

Today Clabber Girl is the nation's best-selling baking powder, and it's still made in Terre Haute by a division of Hulman & Company, which also owns another great American institution — the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. At the Clabber Girl factory complex in downtown Terre Haute, the Clabber Girl Museum is inside the original 1892 headquarters building and tells

the story of how the Hulman family arrived from Germany in 1850 and began a wholesale grocery business. Exhibits range from a 1905 sales wagon to an entire 1940s grocery store, and the adjacent Clabber Girl Bake Shop serves breakfast, lunch and bakery items made with Clabber Girl ingredients. Although the menu changes seasonally, two customer favorites are always available: homemade biscuits and chocolatey Rex-rageous cookies flavored with the Rex brand of coffee the Hulmans first started roasting in 1879.

— DAMAINE VONADA