

# ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF THE USA

with Malcolm Carver 02 to 21 May 2024

# ITINERARY

# **USA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

All travellers must possess an ESTA Travel Authorization; otherwise you will be denied boarding. Please keep a copy of this with your travel documents. This must be completed at least 72 hours prior to flight departure.

DAY 1

THURSDAY 02 MAY 2024

SAN FRANCISCO

Tour members arrival day in San Francisco – check in will be available from 3.00pm.

#### Hotel Zoe Fisherman's Wharf

425 North Point Street, San Francisco, CA 94133 Ph: +1 415-561-1100

The four star Hotel Zoe is located in the heart of San Francisco, just steps from the waterfront, Ghirardelli Square, Pier 39's sea lion colony, and the best of Fisherman's Wharf. Decorated with red accents, rooms provide free WiFi, an iPod dock and a TV. Guest rooms

also have a safe and a work desk along with a refrigerator. Room service is available. Pescatore, the hotel's on-site restaurant, offers outdoor dining and features fresh seafood and Italian favorites. Guest can enjoy coffee and tea in the lobby from 06:00 until 10:00 every day and a daily s'mores service in the lobby from 5:00 – 7:00pm.

The Travelrite tour managers are Malcolm Carver and Tony Allen. Throughout the tour, you can contact Malcolm on his mobile: +61 412 329 987 and Tony on his mobile: +61 408 586 182.

Please wear your Travelrite International NAME TAGS for easy identification throughout the tour. This helps tour members identify each other and contributes to the smooth running of the tour.

This evening Malcolm and Tony will welcome the group to the US, inviting you for drinks and a chat. Please meet in the hotel restaurant at **6:00pm**.

DAY 2

FRIDAY 03 MAY 2024

SAN FRANCISCO

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 9.00am.

Enjoy an exciting start to the tour as we visit Apple Park Visitor Centre in Cupertino. After time for lunch we continue our tour and see the Twisting MIRA Tower in Mission Bay, San Francisco (Studio Gang) and a photo stop at Wright's V C Morris Gift Shop.

There will be free time late afternoon.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

DAY 3

SATURDAY 04 MAY 2024

LOS ANGELES

Breakfast

Please check out of your room and meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at **7.30am.** 

This morning we fly from San Francisco to Los Angeles. <u>Your tour managers have the e-tickets for today's flight.</u> Please note that you will only be able to travel with 1 large suitcase – 23kg.

Depart

San Francisco Airport

10.55

DL1364

Arrive

Los Angeles Airport

12.30

Flight time San Francisco to Los Angeles

1 hour 35 mins

Flight distance San Francisco to Los Angeles

339 miles

On arrival into Los Angeles, we first visit Wright's recently-restored Hollyhock House—Frank Lloyd Wright's first Los Angeles commission and an ode to California—its freedom and natural beauty. Followed by Stahl House a modernist-styled house designed by architect Pierre Koenig in the Hollywood Hills.

# Marina Del Rey Marriott

4100 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, California 90292

Ph: +1 310 301 3000

The four-star Marina Del Rey Marriott is located across the street from Marina Beach and is approximately three and a half miles from Santa Monica Pier. The hotel offers guests a distinctly modern, yet sophisticated hotel experience, with 370 guest rooms offering breathtaking water views of Marina Del Rey. Room amenities include: coffee and tea making facilities, in-room safe, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. Guests can enjoy the use of an outdoor heated pool, fitness centre, restaurant and lounge.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

DAY 4

**SUNDAY 05 MAY 2024** 

LOS ANGELES

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 9.00am.

This morning we visit Frank Gehry's 2003 Walt Disney Concert Hall – the project was completed after the famous Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain. The similarity of curved titanium clad, free form roof and walls, makes a striking vista in its downtown LA context. The concert hall seats 2,265 people and the acoustics have been highly acclaimed by the LA Philharmonic Orchestra. We follow this with a visit to The Broad Gallery (Diller Scofidio + Renfro) and the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angles (Moneao) a dynamic, contemporary Cathedral with virtually no right angles.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

DAY 5

**MONDAY 06 MAY 2024** 

PHOENIX

Breakfast

Please check out of your room and meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at **7.30am**.

This morning we fly from Los Angeles to Phoenix. <u>Your tour managers have the e-tickets for today's</u> flight. Please note that you will only be able to travel with 1 large suitcase – 23kg.

Depart

Los Angeles Airport

10.23

AA1683

Arrive

Phoenix Airport

11.46

Flight time Los Angeles to Phoenix Flight distance Los Angeles to Phoenix 2 hours 24 mins 370 miles

On arrival into Phoenix, we will be met by our private coach. We begin with a visit to Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Wright's winter home and school and now home to the Taliesin Fellowship, for the comprehensive 'Behind the Scenes' tour. Taliesin reads as part of the surrounding desert and mountain landscape. We continue to Wright's First Christian Church. Finally, we will visit the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, which uses Wright's textile block technology.

# Sentral Old Town

4735 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Ph: +1 888-701-5409

The four star Sentral Old Town offers quaint, walkable neighborhoods full of quirky shops, independent restaurants, and exciting nightlife in charming Scottsdale, less than 15 miles from downtown Phoenix. From the refreshing outdoor pool and hot tub to our clubhouse

with a chef's kitchen and wine lounge, take time to indulge your senses and savor the good life. The accommodation comes with a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom with a bath or shower and a hair dryer plus Wi-Fi throughout.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

DAY 6

#### **TUESDAY 07 MAY 2024**

**BARTLESVILLE** 

Breakfast - Offsite

Please check out of your room and meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at **8.30am.** We will transfer into town for breakfast at leisure.

This morning we fly from Phoenix to Tulsa. <u>Your tour managers have the e-tickets for today's flight.</u> Please note that you will only be able to travel with 1 large suitcase – 23kg.

Depart

Phoenix Airport

12.45

AA4960

Arrive

Tulsa Airport

17.09

Flight time Phoenix to Tulsa Flight distance Phoenix to Tulsa 2 hours 24 mins 934 miles

On arrival into Tulsa, we will be met by our private coach. We travel to Bartlesville, the home of Wrights Price Tower, the only fully realized skyscraper designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, a 19-storey landmark completed in 1956.

## Inn @ Price Tower

510 Dewey Ave #3560, Bartlesville, OK 74003

Phone: +1 918-336-1000

Imaginatively conceived and elegantly constructed within the top floors of Frank Lloyd Wright's only skyscraper, the three star high-design Inn at Price Tower welcomed its first guests in April 2003. Since then, it has become one of America's outstanding travel destinations. Created by Price Tower Arts Center as both an amenity for the museum and an attraction in its own right, Inn at Price Tower was designed by the acclaimed New York architect Wendy Evans Joseph. Working in dialogue with Frank Lloyd Wright's distinctive spaces, she created gracious and ample interiors that speak to his aesthetic while establishing a distinctly contemporary identity of their own.

# DAY 7

# WEDNESDAY 08 MAY 2024

MILWAUKEE

Breakfast

Please check out of your room and store your luggage with concierge by 9.00am.

This morning we enjoy a tour of the Price Tower including the historic 17th, 18th, and 19th floors. We are then transferred to the airport in Tulsa for our flight to Chicago.

Your tour managers have the e-tickets for today's flight. Please note that you will only be able to travel with 1 large suitcase – 23kg.

Depart	Tulsa Airport	14.35	UA5296
Arrive	Chicago O'Hare Airport	16.41	
Flight time Tulsa to Chicago Flight distance Tulsa to Chicago			2 hours 6 mins 584 miles

On arrival into Chicago, we will be met by our private coach and travel to Milwaukee. On route we visit the Greek Annunciation Church for an evening photo. Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1956, and completed in 1961, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The church is one of Wright's last works with construction completed after his death.

#### **Doubletree Downtown Milwaukee**

611 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Phone: +1 414-273-2950

The four star Doubletree Downtown in the heart of downtown Milwaukee, around the corner from the Baird Convention Centre. Marquette University and the Harley-Davidson Museum. Room amenities include air conditioning, TV, coffee maker and mini fridge. Guests can workout in the fitness center at the Milwaukee Doubletree. The on-site Avenue Bar & Grill serves American bistro-style dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For appetizers, local beers and 2 plasma TVs, guests can stop by the hotel's Avenue Bar. Enjoy the seasonal sun deck and a warm DoubleTree cookie on arrival.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at 6.30pm.

DAY 8	THURSDAY 09 MAY 2024	MILWAUKEE
Breakfast		

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 9.45am.

This morning we will visit Santiago Calatrava's 2001 Quadracci Pavilion at the Milwaukee Art Museum — Calatrava's buildings located over the lake reflects his early training in structural engineering and study of skeletal forms in fine art. This art museum is a triumph with striking shapes reaching above the gallery making iconic forms on the skyline. The wings of the brise soleil can move and, when open, the structure appears, from the city side, to be a giant gull about to take flight above the lake.

In the afternoon we visit Wright's Wingspread, the 1936 HJ Johnson house that nestles in 16 hectares on Wind Point, a peninsula on the western shore of Lake Michigan near Racine. (The house in now used as a conference centre and the visit is subject to there being no conferences on this day).

We continue onto Wright's exquisite 1936 SC Johnson Administration Building (often termed the Johnson Wax Building) in Racine. The 'great workroom' has been called one of Wright's 'most astonishing places'. We can now visit the recently-opened Research Tower; Wright's first cantilevered high rise structure. This will be followed by a visit to Fortaleza Hall by Norman Foster.

Our last stop of the day is a guided visit of the Milwaukee Art Museum.

Dinner is at leisure.

Breakfast

Please check out of your room and meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 9.30am.

Should we not be able to view the roof opening at the Milwaukee Art Museum on Thursday 09 May, this morning we will make a stop at the museum to view the roof opening (subject to wind). We depart Milwaukee and travel to Madison to view Wrights delightful Jacobs House (external view only).

We then move through the Wisconsin countryside to Spring Green to visit Wright's 1911 Taliesin residence, later the summer home of the Taliesin Fellowship. Taliesin, which rests on the brow of a hill overlooking the Wisconsin River, has been described as Wright's autobiography in wood and stone.

#### **Comfort Suites West Madison**

1253 John Q Hammons Dr, Madison, WI 53717

Phone: +1 608-820-2370

The three star Comfort Suites is located in the university district of Madison. All rooms feature premium bedding and flat-screen TVs, mini fridge, air conditioning and a coffee maker. Guests can enjoy the fitness center and heated indoor pool. Make sure to check out the hotel's social hour between 5-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday with free drinks at our Duffy Bar.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

DAY 10 SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024 CHICAGO

Breakfast

Please check out of your room and meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 8.00am.

This morning we visit Wrights Laurent House, Petit Mortuary and Belvedere. The single-story Usonian home is a rare mid-century design featuring a solar hemicycle footprint, and is considered one of the most well-preserved Wright homes in existence. We travel to Plano to visit Mies van der Rohe's 1951 Farnsworth House, one of the most famous examples of modernist domestic architecture.

On arrival into Chicago, we check into our hotel.

# theWit Chicago, a Hilton Hotel

201 N State St, Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: +1 312-467-0200

The four star theWit Chicago is located in Chicago's theater district, around the corner from the Riverwalk and Blue Line transit links. Within blocks, reach Magnificent Mile, 'The Bean' at Millennium Park, and the Art Institute of Chicago. The hotel offers a spa, restaurant, and an award-winning Rooftop Lounge and nightclub home to skyline views and spectacular entertainment. Room amenities include a TV, SmartFridge with two adjustable shelves and LED control panel, Keurig® Coffee maker, Coffee Bean Tea Leaf brand brews, Ultra high-tech and eco-friendly climate control system, Five Wit luxury bath toiletries.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

**DAY 11** 

#### **SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024**

CHICAGO

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 8.30am.

This morning we have an in depth visit to Wright's 1906 Robie House which is considered his masterpiece of the Prairie Style.

After free time for lunch we visit Chicago's Millennium Park, the Art Institute of Chicago's Modern wing and FLW collection.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at 6.30pm.

**DAY 12** 

#### **MONDAY 13 MAY 2024**

CHICAGO

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 9.15am.

We travel by coach to spend the day in suburban Chicago, starting with Frank Lloyd Wright's 1889-1909 Home & Studio. Wright constructed the house for himself and his family while working for the Chicago firm of Adler and Sullivan. It is the oldest extant building attributed wholly to Wright. This will be followed by a tour of the area surrounding the Home & Studio which contains the world's largest concentration of Wright-designed structures. We also visit the 1904 Unity Temple, the 'first significant American architectural statement in poured concrete'.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at 6.30pm.

# DAY 13

#### TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024

**GRAND RAPIDS** 

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 8.30am.

Departing Chicago we head towards Grand Rapids stopping at Meyer May House for a tour. It is considered a fine example of Wright's Prairie School era, and "Michigan's Prairie masterpiece"

On arrival into Grand Rapids, we check into our hotel.

# **Radisson Grand Rapids Riverfront**

270 Ann St NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Phone: +1 616-317-6874

The three star Radisson Hotel Grand Rapids Riverfront is a boutique hotel located a short drive from downtown. The property is entirely non-smoking and offers complimentary WiFi to all guests. Guest rooms feature a 42-inch flat-screen TV, microwave, coffee maker and refrigerator. Guest laundry services are also available at additional cost.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 9.00am.

We travel to Lansing and visit Broad Gallery MSU (Hadid), a contemporary art museum on the Michigan State University campus. On arrival into Columbus, we enjoy a visit to the Zakorakos Ice Cream Parlor & Museum.

#### Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

12210 N Executive Drive, Edinburgh, IN 46124

Phone: +1 812-526-8600

The three star Hilton Garden Inn is located next door to the Indiana Premium Outlets and just a short walk from several restaurants. The hotel features guest an indoor pool, hot tub and rooms with flat-screen TVs. Hilton Garden Inn Columbus Edinburgh rooms include a microwave and refrigerator. The rooms also have a seating area and work desk. The Hilton Garden Inn Edinburgh guests can work out in the gym. The hotel also offers a snack store.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

**DAY 15** 

#### THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024

WHEELING

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 9.00am.

This morning we visit Eero Saarinen's delightful 1957 Miller House for a tour of the house and 5 hectare garden. The house is one of the most significant examples of modern domestic architecture in the world.

Continue to Wheeling, arriving around late afternoon for hotel check in.

# Holiday Inn Express Moundsville

225 Teletech Dr Moundsville, WV 26041

Phone: +1 304-845-845

The two star (9.5 Booking.com rating) Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Moundsville provides accommodation with a fitness centre, free private parking, a garden and a shared lounge. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the property. The hotel offers an indoor pool, hot tub and a 24-hour front desk. Each room has air conditioning, a desk, a flat-screen TV, a private bathroom, bed linen and towels.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

**DAY 16** 

## FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024

UNIONTOWN

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 8.00am.

Today we travel to Bear Run to see one of the tour highlights, Wright's 1935 Fallingwater, which was built as a weekend retreat for Edgar J Kaufmann. The house, considered Wright's masterwork, is his

greatest expression of organic architecture – the union of the structure and the land upon which it was built.

We then tour Wright's nearby 1956 Kentuck Knob, before checking into the hotel.

#### Hilton Garden Inn

555 Synergy Dr Uniontown PA 15401

Phone: +1 724-434-7200

The three star Hilton Garden Inn Uniontown boasts a hot tub and fitness centre. Guests can also enjoy the on-site bar. Every room at this hotel is air conditioned and comes with a flat-screen TV. Hilton Garden Inn Uniontown features free Wi-Fi throughout the property.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

**DAY 17** 

#### SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024

NIAGARA FALLS

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 9.00am.

We travel to Niagara Falls via Wrights Darwin D Martin House Complex and the Greatbatch Pavilion Visitors Centre, Buffalo. Wright designed the complex as an integrated composition of connecting buildings, consisting of the primary building, the Martin House, a long pergola connecting with a conservatory, a carriage house-stable, and a smaller residence. The Visitor Centre was completed in 2009 by Toshiko Mori.

Before arriving at the Hotel, there will be photo stops to view the Niagara Falls.

# The Giacomo, Ascend Hotel Collection Niagara Falls

222 1st St #7, Niagara Falls, NY 14303, United States

Phone: +1 716-299-0200

The Giacomo is a four star boutique hotel located just a short walk from the inconic Niagara Falls. The Giacomo features a 19th floor Skye View Room, full lounge, gym and modern rooms with free Wi-Fi. Guest rooms at the Giacomo are equipped with a walk-in shower and plush bedding. Each room provides a desk and 32-inch flat-screen cable TV. Select rooms also offer a stonework covered electric fireplace or spa bath.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at 6.30pm.

<u>DAY 18</u>

#### **SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024**

**NEW YORK** 

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 7.00am.

We travel to Buffalo for a flight to New York.

Your tour managers have the e-tickets for today's flight. Please note that you will only be able to travel with 1 large suitcase – 23kg.

Depart

**Buffalo Airport** 

11.09

AA4738

Arrive

New York La Guardia Airport

12.30

Flight time Buffalo to New York Flight distance Buffalo to New York 1 hour 21 mins 297 miles

Upon arrival we visit the Chrysler building lobby, followed by Wright's 1956 Guggenheim Museum, described as one of the great architectural spaces of the 20th century.

## **Lexington Hotel**

511 Lexington Avenue At, E 48th St, New York, NY 10017

Phone: +1 212-755-4400

The four-star Lexington Hotel, Autograph Collection, is located just blocks from Grand Central Terminal, the Chrysler Building, Rockefeller Centre, Times Square and the United Nations Headquarters. Rooms with décor inspired by the hotel's 1929 Jazz Age roots, are furnished with Smart TVs that stream Netflix, Hulu, Crackle and Pandora, bathrobes made from modal cotton, intricate marble bathrooms, complimentary WiFi and Pure bath amenities.

For those wishing to dine as a group, please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.30pm**.

**DAY 19** 

MONDAY 20 MAY 2024

**NEW YORK** 

Breakfast

Please meet in the hotel lobby ready to depart at 8.30am.

This morning we visit Philip Johnson's iconic 1949 Glass House in New Canaan – iconic because of its innovative use of materials and its seamless integration into the landscape. Returning to the city we enjoy a tour of NYC architecture including the stunning World Trade Centre Transportation Hub (Santiago Calatrava) and sections of the High Line lineal park, where we will see The Shed (DS + RN), the 11th Twisting Towers (BIG) and the New Whitney Museum of American Art (Renzo Piano). We also see the New MoMA and the Metropolitan Museum of Art (Frank Lloyd Wright room). The extent of this tour will be dependent on New York traffic. All will be photo stops.

We enjoy a Farewell Dinner in the evening. Please meet Malcolm or Tony in the hotel lobby at **6.45pm** for the short walk to the restaurant.

DAY 20

TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024

DEPARTURE

Breakfast

Tour arrangements conclude after breakfast.

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#### THE TOUR MANAGER WILL ANNOUNCE ANY CHANGES ON THE COACH EACH DAY

#### INDEPENDENT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travellers who have arranged tour extensions and special arrangements at the end of the tour should consult their specially prepared itineraries for travel arrangements from the end of the tour.

#### IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

#### Baggage Allowance.

Due to coach and internal flight restrictions, tour members can only bring one piece of luggage, no more than 23kg. Any additional or overweight luggage will be at your own expense.

#### Travel Documentation

All travellers must be in possession of a valid ID. An ESTA is required for Australian passport holders and must be applied for more than 72 hours prior to departure.

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#### Coach Departures.

Please note that because of strict rules relating to coach parking in the towns and cities visited and the hotels used in the tour program and the full touring program on many days, the coach must depart at the advised departure time. No guarantee can be given that the coach will wait for latecomers.

#### Tour Programme

The tour programme timing is subject to scheduling changes requested by local guides and other operators.

# 9. Problems and Complaints

We do our best to make your holiday a success. However in the event that you should wish to complain about any aspect of your holiday, you must notify the tour manager who will do everything possible to put things right. It is a condition that you communicate any problem to the tour manager during the tour.

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