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ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF THE USA

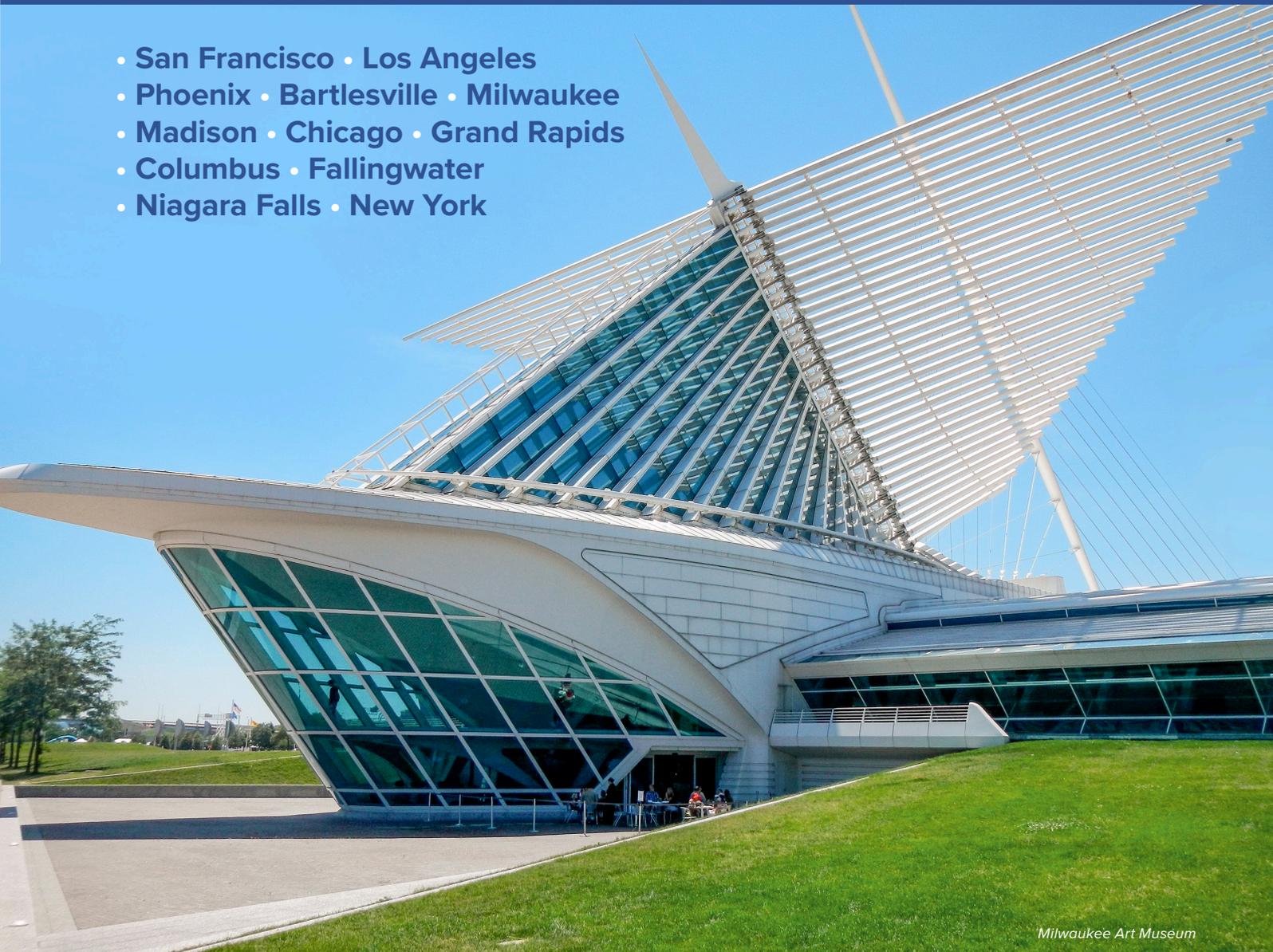
TRAVELRITE'S 19th
ARCHITECTURE TOUR

19 NIGHT TOUR

2 to 21 May 2024

**Frank Lloyd Wright, Gehry, Studio Gang,
Diller Scofidio + Renfro, Moneo, Calatrava,
van der Rohe, Hadid, Saarinen, Mori,
Johnson, Piano, BIG**

- San Francisco • Los Angeles
- Phoenix • Bartlesville • Milwaukee
- Madison • Chicago • Grand Rapids
- Columbus • Fallingwater
- Niagara Falls • New York



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THE TOUR AT A GLANCE...

Our tour travels west to east after beginning in vibrant San Francisco to see the very latest in contemporary architecture; we then travel south to Los Angeles and then east to Phoenix, Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago, Columbus, Niagara Falls and New York.

We pride ourselves in achieving a high percentage of return guests and whilst some are architects, most just enjoy the variety of buildings, urban spaces and people, which all help to create the camaraderie and fun on all of our renowned architecture tours. We have included exceptional buildings, many with guided tours, providing a balance of new and old classics. We have also allowed additional time for participants to individually enjoy personal interests, or time to enjoy galleries, visit museums and share the sheer pleasures these beautiful places have to offer.

At the time the brochure was prepared, a few places on the itinerary have still not opened post-COVID. If they have not opened by the time of the tour, where possible they will be replaced by buildings of comparable architecture quality.



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Thursday 2 May 2024

San Francisco, USA

Arrival day in San Francisco. Check in is available after 3:00pm (Flight and pre tour accommodation options are available). This evening join Malcolm for welcome drinks.

DAY 2 Friday 3 May 2024

San Francisco

Enjoy an exciting start to the tour as we visit Apple Park Visitor Centre in Cupertino. Followed by Hanna House, Stanford a Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece subject to its re-opening post-COVID. 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.



DAY 3 Saturday 4 May 2024

Los Angeles

We fly from San Francisco to Los Angeles and 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 subject to its re-opening post-COVID.

DAY 4 Sunday 5 May 2024

Los Angeles

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.

DAY 5 Monday 6 May 2024

Phoenix

We fly to Phoenix this morning. We begin with a visit to Wright's First Christian Church, followed by 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. Finally, we will visit the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, which uses Wright's textile block technology.

DAY 6 Tuesday 7 May 2024

Bartlesville

We fly to Oklahoma City and travel by coach 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. All available accommodation has been booked at Price Tower. They will be allotted to those who book first. All others will be located in a nearby hotel or motel in Bartlesville.

DAY 7 Wednesday 8 May 2024

Milwaukee

This morning we travel to Tulsa Airport for our flight to Chicago and onto 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.

DAY 8 Thursday 9 May 2024

Milwaukee

Firstly, we 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 is 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 workshop' 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.

DAY 9 Friday 10 May 2024

West Madison

Subject to the agreement of the private owner, we then visit Wright's delightful Jacobs1 house in Madison. 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.





TOUR LEADER MALCOLM CARVER

Malcolm Carver (AIA AIA) is an Architect and former Principal of Scott Carver Architects, a highly successful Sydney based practice which has won numerous awards for their work including the RIAA National Environment Award.

Over the past 40 years Malcolm has travelled extensively in Europe, Asia and the Americas having led over 14 Travelrite Tours. His passion for architecture is only matched by a keen interest in sketching and painting and he has many solo exhibitions of his work. His sketches appear online at www.carverstudio.com



Walt Disney Concert Hall

DAY 10 Saturday 11 May 2024

Chicago

This morning we visit Petit Mortuary, Belvedere and Wrights Laurent House. 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.

DAY 11 Sunday 12 May 2024

Chicago

A morning visit to the 1904 Unity Temple, the 'first significant American architectural statement in poured concrete'. Followed by Coonley House, Riverside (subject to owner's permission). After free time for lunch we visit Chicago's Millennium Park, the Art Institute of Chicago's Modern wing and FLW collection.



Meyer May House

DAY 12 Monday 13 May 2024

Chicago

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

DAY 13 Tuesday 14 May 2024

Grand Rapids

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"

DAY 14 Wednesday 15 May 2024

Columbus

We travel to Lansing and visit Broad Gallery MSU (Hadid), a contemporary art museum on the Michigan State University campus. We continue onto Columbus and see Zaherako's Ice Cream Parlour, a wonderful olde world experience.

DAY 15 Thursday 16 May 2024

Wheeling

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. We continue onto Wheeling.

DAY 16 Friday 17 May 2024

Fallingwater

An early start by coach takes us 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 returning to Uniontown.



Fallingwater

DAY 17 Saturday 18 May 2024

Niagara Falls

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.

DAY 18 Sunday 19 May 2024

New York

We travel to Buffalo for a flight to New York. 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.

DAY 19 Monday 20 May 2024

New York

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.

DAY 20 Tuesday 21 May 2024

Departure

We transfer to the airport for our flights back to Australia and New Zealand.



World Trade Centre Transportation Hub

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**The price for the 19-night tour
per person twin-share (land only) \$ 12,990**
Single supplement \$ 3,900

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- Travel in first-class chartered coaches
- Accommodation in first-class and moderate first-class, centrally located hotels with private facilities throughout the tour. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Buffet breakfasts daily,
- Welcome drinks in San Francisco on Thursday 2 May
- Entry to buildings, museums and attractions as detailed in the itinerary
- A farewell dinner on Monday 20 May 2024
- Tour leadership by well-known architect Malcolm Carver
- Fully escorted by Travelrite professional tour manager

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- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary will be quoted for separately

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- *Many thanks to you (and Travelrite) for a fantastic US tour! A very memorable experience indeed...and nice to meet all the Tour group as well!*
- *What a delight and privilege it was for me to spend that time soaking in amazing architecture with such a lovely, interesting group of people. I enjoyed meeting all of you.*
- *As non-architects, but with a passion for great buildings and a long standing curious fascination in all things Frank Lloyd Wright, we decided to embark on this trip and must say it has exceeded our expectations. It was a great way to tour these parts of the USA and explore not only great architectural buildings with informative tour guides at each location, but also venture into new cities.*
- *As one of the "non architects" I was impressed how you made every building interesting for me and simultaneously brought humour and bonhomie to each and every day. I learnt a lot from you, the guides and from many of our fellow travellers also along the way and for this I am grateful. A terrific, eclectic group of people and a well oiled touring machine; a credit to you and your colleagues.*
- *Thank you for a very well organized and most enjoyable USA Architecture Tour.*
- *Thank you for your efforts to enable us to see such exciting places in USA.*
- *For me the experience was invaluable, one that I will always remember.*