

Santa Barbara Museum of Art

# WASHINGTON, D.C.

## *Art Treasures in the Nation's Capital*

May 1 to 6, 2022

*Known as the home of politics and American history, Washington, D.C. also offers an enticing array of classical and contemporary art. This luxury tour, designed exclusively for the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, spends five days uncovering D.C.'s art treasures, going beyond the monuments and the halls of power to discover a vibrant city of world-class museums, historic estates, studios, and private collections. On-site experts will speak exclusively to our group.*

- See some of the nation's most treasured art collections on curator and docent-led tours at the **National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and the Freer Gallery of Art.**
- Dive deeper into Washington, D.C.'s art collections with visits to **The Phillips Collection, the Kreeger Museum, and Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens,** which further enrich the city's artistic charm and credentials.
- Explore one of the world's premier privately-owned collections of post-World War II artworks at the newly renovated and expanded **Glenstone museum, set on a gorgeous 300-acre estate.**
- Admire the private collection of a prominent Washingtonian during a visit to the **home of a celebrated local art connoisseur.**
- Visit the **studio of a local sculptor** who has exhibited work at the Venice Biennale.
- Enter the U.S. Department of State and visit its lavishly decorated **Diplomatic Reception Rooms,** where top U.S. officials continue to conduct the essential business of diplomacy.
- Spend five nights at the luxurious Mandarin Oriental Washington, D.C., located on the edge of the city's thriving new Wharf district.
- Dine in the exclusive setting of one of D.C.'s premier private social clubs and other top restaurants around the city.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS:

##### **Mandarin Oriental, Washington, D.C.**

Prominently situated at Washington, D.C.'s revitalized Southwest Waterfront, the *Mandarin Oriental Washington, D.C.* offers five-star luxury in a picturesque setting just a short walk from the nation's most cherished monuments and museums. Blending Oriental elegance with traditional American style, the spacious guest rooms are beautifully furnished, feature spa-inspired marble bathrooms and smart technology, and enjoy views over the city or the waterfront. (*Rooms included with the tour are deluxe cityscape view rooms. Upgrades to waterfront views and/or other categories are available upon request at an additional cost.*) Service at the Mandarin Oriental is legendary, and the facilities are grand, including a world-class spa, 50-foot indoor swimming pool, and innovative dining options. Situated nearby exciting restaurants and attractions in the new District Wharf neighborhood, the Mandarin Oriental is the perfect base from which to explore the nation's capital.



Deluxe Cityscape Room



Premiere Water View Room



### Sunday, May 1, 2022 ~ Welcome to Washington, D.C.

Upon arrival in Washington, D.C., transfer (included for those on SBMA's suggested flights, which will be shared once the group is formed) to the elegant Mandarin Oriental Washington, D.C., a stately urban retreat ideally situated between the National Mall and D.C.'s lively new Wharf District. Those who arrive early—or during leisure time throughout the tour—may wish to experience an immersive large-scale digital art installation at ARCHTEHOUSE, a pioneering space for technology-driven art that is very near to the hotel. (*Note: the exhibition schedule for May 2022 has not yet been released; admission not included in tour cost*). Celebrate the start of the tour at a **welcome dinner** at an excellent restaurant at the Wharf. (*Included Meal: Dinner*)

### Monday, May 2, 2022 ~ Art on the National Mall

Following breakfast at the hotel, depart for the **U.S. Department of State and enjoy a special tour of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms**, where high-level diplomatic gatherings are hosted. Since 1961, the Department of State and the Fine Arts Commission has amassed an outstanding American decorative arts collection and the elegant spaces of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms are the home to these furnishings and American paintings—a collection valued at over \$90 million. The architecture of the building is equally impressive. From the Thomas Jefferson State Reception Room to the Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room, each room is more spectacular than the last. An expert guide will lead a tour focusing on the rooms' fine arts. Continue to the National Mall and visit the **National Gallery of Art**. Take a docent-led tour—the theme of which will be designed for SBMA Members—of the East Building's modern art collection, with masterpieces by Matisse, Picasso, Calder, Hopper, O'Keeffe, Frankenthaler, and many others. Relax over lunch at the National Gallery of Art Garden Café. Following lunch, enjoy free time for independent exploration of the West Building, which features the American, French, and Italian Renaissance Collections, or the magnificent Sculpture Garden with public works by Joan Miró, Claes Oldenburg, Magdalena Abakanowicz, Lucas Samaras, Alexander Calder, and Roy Lichtenstein. Cross the Mall and stop at the **Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art** to view James McNeill Whistler's lovely Peacock Room, a true masterpiece of interior decorative mural art created in the

1870s. Whistler painted every inch of the ceilings and walls with a blue and gold peacock design. Return to the hotel.

Dinner is independent this evening. One option is to take a water taxi along the Potomac River from The Wharf to Georgetown and enjoy a Dutch-treat dinner on the Georgetown waterfront. (*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*)



Above: Peacock Room at the Smithsonian's **Freer Gallery of Art**

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 ~ House  
Museums & Private Collections

Begin this morning at the **Kreeger Museum**, a secluded art museum housed in a masterpiece of modern architecture designed by famed architect Philip Johnson. Take a guided tour of the outdoor sculpture garden and the interior collection of paintings, featuring works by Monet, Renoir, Sisley, Pissarro, Munch, Kandinsky, Miró, Calder, and Noguchi.



An experienced docent will unveil the Kreeger's hidden jewels and talk about its groundbreaking architecture. Continue to the **Cosmos Club**, one of D.C.'s most respected private social clubs for distinguished professionals in science, literature, the arts, and public service. Among its members have been three Presidents, two Vice Presidents, a dozen Supreme Court justices, 36 Nobel Prize winners, and 61 Pulitzer Prize winners. Take a special brief tour of the elegant mansion, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and lunch in one of the Club's beautiful private rooms.

With a member of the curatorial staff, visit **The Phillips Collection**, the first museum of modern art in the country. One of the finest house museums in America, the collection is wide-ranging and of exceptional quality, with numerous masterpieces, including Renoir's great masterpiece *Luncheon of the Boating Party*, along with other well-known Impressionist paintings by van Gogh, Monet, Degas, and Cézanne. The comfortable galleries are a perfect setting for Vuillard's intimate canvases; color-filled Bonnard's; and works by Braque, Picasso, Matisse, and Klee. American works are equally celebrated, including examples by Homer, Eakins, Ryder; the American Impressionists; modernists O'Keeffe, Marin, and Dove; and such mid-century masters such as Mark Rothko, Jacob Lawrence, and Richard Diebenkorn. Conclude the day with a visit to the **beautiful private home of a prominent Washingtonian and view his outstanding art collection** by special arrangement. Dinner is at leisure. (*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*)



*Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Pierre-Auguste Renoir at **The Phillips Collection**

Top: **Kreeger Museum**



Wednesday, May 4, 2022 ~ American Art & Historic Estates

Depart for the **Smithsonian American Art Museum** for a **special before-opening-hours visit with a curator**. Tour highlights of the expansive collection, one of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world, which serves as an unparalleled record of the American experience. Pending availability, also take a behind-the-scenes look at the Lunder Conservation Center, where Smithsonian staff treat and preserve artworks. Continue to the exquisite **Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens**, the former residence of **Marjorie Merriweather Post** (of the Post cereal empire). Hillwood houses an extensive collection of Russian imperial art and 18th-century French decorative art, and sits on twenty-five acres of serene, landscaped gardens including one of the country's finest orchid collections. Enjoy lunch onsite followed by a docent led-tour of the beautifully maintained Georgian-style mansion to see the rich art collection spread throughout. Following the tour, take time to stroll through the gardens. Later this afternoon, take a tour of the **Washington National Cathedral**, the second largest church building in the United States, and explore its Neo-Gothic architecture and stone, glass, and ironwork artisanship. Also learn about the ongoing restoration work that is taking place to repair damages caused to the building from an earthquake in 2011. *Optional: attend an evening performance at the Kennedy Center (pending performance schedule; not included in tour price).* (Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch)



**Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens**

### Thursday, May 5, 2022 ~ Glenstone & an Artist's Studio

Today is dedicated to **Glenstone**, the nearly 300-acre estate of Mitchell and Emily Rales in suburban Maryland, housing what is considered to be **one of the world's premier privately owned collections of post-World War II artworks**. With a major expansion completed in 2018, the museum provides a contemplative setting, both indoor and outdoor, for experiencing iconic works of art and architecture within a natural environment. Visitors to Glenstone are invited to explore independently and interact with the surroundings in their own personal ways. Knowledgeable guides are on hand, eager to discuss Glenstone's collection, architecture, and nature. Lunch will be arranged at the Glenstone Café. En route back to Washington, D.C., visit the **studio of a local sculptor** who has exhibited work at the Venice Biennale. After time to freshen up at the hotel, celebrate the culmination of our art-filled exploration of our nation's capital with a **farewell dinner** at a celebrated D.C. restaurant. *(Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*



### Friday, May 6, 2022 ~ Departures

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for return flights home. A group transfer to the airport is included for those on the suggested flight. *Note: As the tour itinerary is full with limited free time, participants may want to schedule a late afternoon return flight home—or stay the weekend—to have time for additional independent sightseeing in Washington, D.C. Extra nights may be reserved through SBMA. Some of the many possibilities are listed below. (Included Meal: Breakfast)*

Possibilities for those who wish to spend more time in D.C.:

- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
- National Portrait Gallery
- National Museum of Women in the Arts
- National Museum of African Art
- Renwick Gallery
- Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
- Textile Museum
- Murals at the Mexican Cultural Institute
- National Museum of African American History and Culture
- Dumbarton Oaks
- Mount Vernon
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Library of Congress Tour
- U.S. Capitol Tour

Above: The Pavilions at **Glenstone** offer 50,000 square feet of exhibition space connected by a glass-enclosed passage that looks out onto an 18,000 square foot water court.



*Tour Costs:*

- **Per person, double occupancy:** \$4,680
- **Per person, single occupancy:** \$5,830
- **Plus Museum Donation:** \$400 per person

*Included:*

- Hotel accommodations for 5 nights
- Breakfast daily at the hotel, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- 2 glasses of wine, beer, or non-alcoholic drinks included at lunches and dinners (and bottled water on motor coach)
- All entrance fees for included activities, excursions, sightseeing, tours, and special occasions as described
- All land transportation by private coach for included activities
- Airport transfers in DC for those on the suggested flights
- The services of a Tour Manager and SBMA host (with 15 participants) for the duration of the tour, plus on-site experts at various venues
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, restaurant staff, and porters for included activities and meals
- Personal listening devices for guided excursions
- Pre-tour gathering in Santa Barbara a few weeks prior to departure
- Pre-departure documentation and materials, including recommended reading list

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO  
MAKE A RESERVATION:**

**Phone:** (805) 884-6436

**Fax:** (805) 966-6840

**Email:** [travel@sbma.net](mailto:travel@sbma.net)

**Web:** [www.sbma.net/travel](http://www.sbma.net/travel)

**Not included:** Flights to Washington, D.C.; checked baggage fees and any other airline/travel fees; airport transfers in home city; airport transfers and porter tips for those not on the suggested flights; optional travel insurance (highly recommended); customary tips to Tour Manager; housekeeping tips; expenses incurred as a result of delays or deviations; admission to ARCHTEHOUSE; any activities mentioned as optional or suggested; items of a personal nature such as room service, not-included meals and beverages, telephone or internet charges; medical tests (i.e. Covid-19 tests) if required; and items not specifically mentioned as included.

**Air Arrangements:** To allow maximum flexibility for travelers, flights are not included in the cost of the tour. A suggested flight schedule will be sent to confirmed passengers once the group has been formed. Please do not book your flights until the minimum group size has been reached and you hear more from SBMA about booking flights. Round-trip airport transfers between the airport and hotel in DC are included for those on the suggested flights. Flights are subject to change. In the case of flight changes the participant is responsible for any costs for hotels, transfers, and meals required as a result. Trip Cancellation/ Interruption Insurance is strongly encouraged.

**Requirements:** For your own enjoyment and the enjoyment of the group, we must stress the following requirements. Participants must be physically fit and in active good health. Days will be busy with a moderate amount of walking and standing during tours. Sightseeing excursions may last for a few hours with distances of up to a few miles and participants must be able to keep pace with a larger group, get on and off of buses, and navigate uneven terrain, stairs, and slippery surfaces with ease and without assistance. Good health and stamina plus a sense of adventure and a positive, flexible attitude about delays and inconveniences are also essential. Participants must

enjoy being part of a group tour. The right is reserved to decline or retain any person as member of the tour, when such action is determined by SBMA to be in the best interests of the health, safety, enjoyment, or general welfare of the tour group or the individual participant. We reserve the right to ask you for health information before you travel.

**Museum Membership Requirement:** Travel is a benefit of Museum Membership. Non-members will be required to join at the general level (\$80, or \$60 for seniors) or higher and will receive full membership benefits for a year. Members at the \$500 level and above receive advance notice about SBMA-custom tours. Membership is separate from the \$400 donation, which is the portion of your tour cost that is tax deductible.

**Covid-19 requirements:** For the protection of SBMA travelers and to adhere to the requirements of tour operators, suppliers, and the destinations (i.e. countries, hotels, museums, restaurants, many of which are requiring it), tour participants must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and provide SBMA with proof of vaccination prior to departure. Other Covid-19 requirements may apply and further details will be sent prior to departure.

**Seeing the world while staying safe in the time of Covid-19:** Travel has the potential to transform people and places, to have a positive impact on those lucky enough to experience it, and to make one's life richer forever. Our goal is to make those experiences a reality while implementing science-based methods for staying healthy while traveling. At SBMA Travel we are committed to your comfort, health, and safety. Due to the ever-changing nature of the pandemic, protocols will be adjusted to fit the current health and safety guidelines at the time of travel. Information will be provided to participants before and during travel. SBMA and on-the-ground suppliers will take appropriate measures and reserve the right to make adjustments to respond to up-to-date regulations. Since guidelines change month-to-month, specific requirements for this tour will be shared closer to departure based on the requirements to operate a safe tour at that time. We ask that all travelers kindly comply with requests from tour staff in the interests of everyone's comfort and safety. Tour leaders reserve the right to enforce rules established for the tour and by any authority such as tour operator, SBMA, government, vendors, etc. Tour members who do not comply can be sent home at their own expense.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations before December 1, 2021: \$300 per person cancellation fee. On December 1, 2021 your deposit becomes fully non-refundable. An interim payment of \$1,500 per person is due by check December 1, 2021 and becomes non-refundable on January 1, 2022. Final payment is due by check January 10, 2022 and becomes non-refundable on February 10, 2022. The tour donation may be paid with either the interim or final payment and is not refundable and not insurable. **By placing a deposit on the tour, you are acknowledging acceptance of terms and cancellation penalty, and that you have read the section on Requirements.** We HIGHLY recommend a travel insurance policy with "Cancel for Any Reason" (CFAR) coverage, as SBMA will not be able to reimburse you in the event of cancellation. If SBMA and/or our operator call off the tour, we would likely postpone rather than cancel the tour and transfer monies paid to the new dates. If you are unable to participate in the future dates, we would attempt to reimburse you what



we can, but reimbursements are not guaranteed since our suppliers are not legally obliged to give refunds. We can only refund what we can recover from the vendors.

**Travel Insurance:** A confirmation letter and travel insurance information will be sent to you upon receipt of your tour deposit. While optional, due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is highly recommended to get travel insurance with the benefit to “Cancel for Any Reason” (CFAR). It is crucial to purchase travel insurance within 21 days of your deposit and that you understand all aspects of your policy. We recommend *insuring only the deposit* at first (please note, however, that it is your responsibility to insure the additional payments as soon as you make them; if you prefer not to have to think about this, please insure the total tour cost.) If you do not purchase insurance and have to cancel, there will be *no flexibility with the cancellation terms for any reason* including but not limited to fear of travel due to Covid-19, if you contract or show symptoms of Covid-19 two weeks prior to departure or during the tour, or you are exposed to someone with Covid-19 two weeks prior or during the tour, including from another tour participant. If the tour can be operated in compliance with U.S. safety guidelines and the destination’s government policies, and one makes the personal choice to cancel, all cancellation penalties apply. Insurance with the CFAR may be your only source of (partial, usually 75%) reimbursement. However, SBMA has made efforts to loosen its cancellation terms for this tour in order to offer as much flexibility as possible. In addition, travel insurance policies usually include international health insurance that is crucial coverage if you get any illness, including Covid-19. As with any other sickness or injury, we and our suppliers cannot be held responsible or liable in the event that a participant contracts Covid-19, is prevented from traveling due to a positive Covid-19 test, is denied exit from, or entry to, a country or has to isolate abroad or on their return because of health issues, including Covid-19, or due to government/border regulations. Again, travelers are strongly advised to take out personal travel insurance with CFAR to cover for such eventualities.

**Misc. notes:** Arrangements, private visits, meetings with individuals, and tour cost are all subject to change. Due to the pandemic, there is a possibility that hotels and restaurants could change; in the off chance this happens, we would find comparable substitutions. Although SBMA and its suppliers will make every effort to adhere to the printed itinerary, on occasion it may be necessary to adjust arrangements because of circumstances beyond our control. Should an itinerary adjustment be necessary, substitution will be made to the best of our ability and additional costs necessitated by such changes may have to be covered by the tour member. If due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, participants are required to spend any additional days or nights in the destination, they will be responsible for any additional expenses incurred, including hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Should participants decide not to participate in certain parts of the program, or are for any reason prevented from joining parts of the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the program. If a portion of the tour is missed due to flight delays or cancellations, no refunds will be made. Depending on the situation, trip insurance may reimburse for missed portions of the tour. If a staff member is unable to participate, SBMA will make every effort to find a replacement with similar qualifications and no refunds will be made. The tour is based on a minimum of 12 and maximum of 22. Interim and final payments are to be made by check. *SBMA’s California Seller of Travel License #: 209026*

## RESERVATION FORM ~ Washington, D.C.

**RESERVE BY PHONE:** (805) 884-6436 (office)

or **MAIL FORM TO:** SBMA Travel, 1130 State Street,  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

or **FAX FORM TO:** (805) 966-6840

or **EMAIL FORM TO:** [travel@sbma.net](mailto:travel@sbma.net)

To hold your space on the tour, a **\$800 per person deposit is required** (*refundable before December 1, 2021 minus a \$300 cancellation fee*) paid by check or credit card. An interim payment of \$1,500 per person is due by check December 1, 2021 and final payment is due by check January 10, 2022. Tour donation may be paid with either the interim or final payment by separate check.

A check made payable to SBMA is enclosed.

Please charge the deposit to my credit card:  VISA  MASTERCARD  AMEX

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Name as on card \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are not current members; please charge for SBMA membership at the "Friend" level:

\$80 **OR**  \$60 (senior)

**OR**  \$500 "Enthusiast" level, which gives you advanced notice about SBMA's most special travel programs and many other benefits. Visit [www.sbma.net/support/membership](http://www.sbma.net/support/membership) for full Membership details.

I will be sharing a room with \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  Single Supplement

One Bed **OR**  Two Beds (based on availability)

Rooms booked for the group are deluxe cityscape view rooms. Please upgrade me/us to:

deluxe water view room  premier water view room  club room on the top 2 floors of the hotel with access to the club, which has special amenities such as all-day snacks and drinks, exclusive breakfast, an evening reception, pressing service, etc.  A suite (a variety of suites are available; details will be provided upon request.)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** By placing a deposit on the tour, you are acknowledging acceptance of the terms and strict cancellation penalty, and that you have read the section on Requirements. A confirmation letter and travel insurance information will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form and deposit. While optional, travel insurance is highly recommended and can be time-sensitive depending on the benefits desired.