



Dale Chihuly at the New York Botanical Garden

Tuesday, September 19

7:30 am - Depart from the Museums State Street lot located across the street from the Springfield Main Library. Park in the lot and meet the bus at the curbside. **Please arrive by 7:15 am.** We will make one rest stop on the way.

A breakfast box is included. Please choose one from the following: Bagel with either cream cheese or butter; a blueberry muffin; or a blueberry scone.

Choose one juice: apple, orange or cranberry.

11 am – Estimated arrival at the **New York Botanical Garden.** The Garden's dramatic vistas become living canvases for work created by glass artist Dale Chihuly specifically for NYBG, showcasing Chihuly's signature organic shapes in brilliant colors. Several examples of these graceful forms will be installed in the grand architecture of the landmark Victorian-style glass conservatory, as well as throughout NYBG's 250-acre National Historic Landmark landscape. Each unique, sculptural creation highlights the connection of artwork to the natural world.

Dale Chihuly, an American artist, has mastered the translucent and transparent qualities of ice, water, glass and neon, to create works of art that transform the everyday experience. He is globally renowned for his ambitious site-specific installations in public spaces, as well as exhibitions presented in museums and gardens worldwide.

Upon arrival, we are free to tour the Enid Haupt glass Conservatory on our own to view Dale Chihuly's sculptural pieces there, as well as the exhibition of his works on paper at the Mertz Library's Art Gallery.

Lunch is on our own at one of the cafes at the Botanical Gardens – or bring your own lunch to picnic in the designated picnic areas.

Pine Tree Café – A family-friendly menu ranges from artisanal panini, Neapolitan-style pizza, and signature salads to sweet treats and snacks.

The Hudson Garden Grill – Provides an intimate sit-down dining space in a picturesque garden setting. Full dining menu. Reservations recommended. Telephone: 646-627-7711 or email: HUDSON.GARDENGRILL@STARRCATERINGGROUP.COM.

1:30-2:30 pm - Enjoy a private guided and narrated tram tour through the garden grounds to view Dale Chihuly's site-specific installations.

3:15 pm – Meet the bus and depart for Springfield with an estimated return at 6 pm.

What to bring: Snacks, beverages for the bus and/or lunch, if desired; comfortable walking shoes; sunscreen, hat, camera. The Garden does not have coat-check facilities, so plan accordingly. Items may be left on the bus, but will not be accessible while touring. Bottled water is provided for the return home.