



## Philip Johnson Glass House & Garden Tour

Thursday, August 13, 2020

**6:45 am** – Arrive at the Museums' State Street parking lot located directly across the street from the Springfield City Library. Park in the lot and board the bus at the curbside. **Depart at 7 am sharp.**

**9:45 am – Estimated arrival at the Philip Johnson Glass House.**

Philip Johnson designed some of America's greatest modern architectural landmarks--Most notable his private residence the Glass House – a 47-acre property in New Canaan, Connecticut. We'll have a private guided tour of the glass house and galleries complete with a world-class art collection, original furnishings, décor and stunning views of the country landscape from the interior. *This private tour of the Glass House and garden will last 2 hours and includes approximately ¾ mile walk across uneven and hilly terrain.* The site is ADA accessible and on-site transport is available with advance notice.

An associate of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe in the 1950s, Johnson worked with the modern master on the design of the Seagram Building and its famed Four Seasons Restaurant. Other works include: the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden at The Museum of Modern Art, numerous homes, New York's AT&T Building (now Sony Plaza), Houston's Transco (now Williams) Tower and Pennzoil Place, the Fort Worth Water Garden, and the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

Before practicing architecture, Johnson was the founding Director of the Department of Architecture at The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York. His landmark 1932 exhibition, The International Style, introduced modern architecture to the American public. Johnson continued a relationship with MoMA throughout his life as a curator, architect, trustee, and patron. He donated more than 2,000 works of art to the Museum including works by Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns, and Robert Rauschenberg. Johnson was also a singular tastemaker, influencing architecture, art, and design during the second-half of the twentieth century. He referred to the Glass House site as his "fifty-year diary." There will be time to visit the Glass House visitor's center and gift shop before or after the tour.

**Lunch** – Following the tour, enjoy a private group lunch at a nearby restaurant. Menu TBA.

**3:15 pm – Departure for Springfield** with estimated return by 5:30 pm.

**What to bring:** Dress in layers for variable temperatures on the bus and outside. Wear proper shoes for walking in the gardens. Bottled water is provided for the return home.