

# The Glass House & Garden: Philip Johnson

## New Canaan, CT

### Monday, September 11



**7:45 am** - Park and board the bus in the State Street parking lot located directly across from the Springfield Main Library. **8 am** - Departure from the State Street parking lot.

**9:45 am** – Estimated arrival at the 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 extraordinary gardens and glass house 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 include approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile walk across uneven and hilly terrain. Following the tour, enjoy a private, group lunch in New Canaan with free time to visit the Glass House Visitor's Center and gift shop.

Johnson spent three years designing the structure. The Glass House resulted in recognition for Johnson, not just in architectural circles, but also among the public at large. The house was featured in Life magazine, and the New York Times Magazine published a set of cartoons about it. The Glass House "established Johnson as the titular leader" of Modernist style in 1949. In an instant, he became the austere apostle for modern architecture—or rather the modern apostle for austere architecture." As Life magazine put it in 1949: "Except when entertaining, Johnson lives alone, servant-less and accompanied only by weather, paintings and books."

Enjoy a group lunch in a nearby restaurant in New Canaan. Menu to be announced.

**2:30 pm** – Meet the bus at our drop off point and depart for Springfield with an estimated return by **4:30 pm**.

**What to bring:** Camera, comfortable walking shoes, water, and snacks for the bus. Water provided for the return home.

**Cost: \$145, Members; \$170, nonmembers; includes guided tour; lunch; bus transportation and driver tip**