The FDR Home and Library
& Val-Kill Eleanor’s Cottage
Saturday, June 8, 2024

7:00 am – Please park and meet the bus at the State Street parking lot located directly across from the Springfield Main Library.

7:15 am sharp – Departure for Hyde Park with one rest stop.

10:00 am – Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site – we’ll enjoy a guided tour of “Springwood,” the lifelong home of America’s only 4-term President (1880-1945) complete with personal furnishings and artifacts. Immediately following this tour, we will visit the FDR Library and Museum next door which houses a vast quantity of Eleanor and Franklin’s historical papers, books, and memorabilia. The museum contains many interactive exhibits including touch screen experiences at the Oval Office desk and FDR’s Ford Phaeton. New galleries feature two immersive Fireside Chat environments.

12:20 pm – Meet the bus and depart for a group lunch at a nearby restaurant. Menu to be announced.

1:45 pm – Board the bus for the tour of Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt’s personal cottage – her retreat while her husband was alive, and her permanent home after his death. The Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site consists of 180 acres approximately two miles east of Springwood, the Roosevelt family home.

3:30 pm – Depart for Springfield with an estimated return between 5:30 – 6 pm. Time permitting, we will make one rest stop on the return.

What to bring: Snack and beverage for the bus; camera; dress in layers as the temperatures can vary on the bus and at the sites. Bottled water is provided on the return to Springfield.

Cost: $154, Members; $180, nonmembers; includes guided tours, admissions, lunch, bus travel and driver gratuity.