

# Tarrytown, NY: Chagal at Union Church & Classic Holidays at Lyndhurst Mansion Thursday, December 5

**7:30 am** – Meet the bus at the Springfield Museums State Street parking lot. Park and board the bus.

**7:45 am** – Departure for Sleepy Hollow, NY with a rest stop on the way.

**10:30 am** – Tour the Union Church of Pocantico Hills to view the light, color and art in the nine stained glass windows by Marc Chagall and Henri Matisse's last commissioned work - the Rose Window.

Commissioned as memorials by members of the Rockefeller family. Henri Matisse's rose window, in shades of vivid yellow, light green, and blue, was the artist's last work. He finished its design—including the selection of its colors and the exact type of glass—just two days before his death in 1954. It was fabricated under the supervision of his daughter and is dedicated to Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, a patron of modern art. Nine years later, Marc Chagall's huge "The Good Samaritan," saturated with a deep blue, was installed in the church's nave as a memorial to John D. Rockefeller Jr. Chagall went on to design eight smaller windows, seven on Old Testament themes and one inspired by the New Testament, within the sanctuary. The church still houses an active congregation.

We'll have a group lunch at nearby Philips Manor – menu to be announced.

**1:15 pm** – Board the bus and head to Lyndhurst Mansion for a guided tour of one of America's finest Gothic Mansions. Transformed into an extravagant wonderland of holiday splendor, the mansion is filled with elaborate tableaus of décor throughout. Dozens of Christmas trees are expertly decorated and designed to complement the elegant period furnishings within the rooms of the house. Designed in 1838, by Alexander Jackson Davis, Lyndhurst was owned in succession by New York City Mayor, William Paulding, Jr., merchant George Merritt and by Gilded Age railroad tycoon, Jay Gould. The 67 park-like surrounding grounds are an outstanding example of 19th century English landscape design.

**3 pm** - Depart for Springfield with estimated return by 6 pm.

**What to bring:** Water, snacks for the bus. Dress in layers as temperatures can vary on the bus and at the sites. Water is provided for the return to Springfield.

**Cost:** \$159, Members, \$189, nonmembers; includes admission, lunch, bus travel and driver tip.



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