



Hudson Valley: Dia Beacon & The Culinary Institute Friday, May 8, 2026

Parking location and departure time:

7:15 am – Park and meet the bus at the South Parking lot at the Naismith Hall of Fame. Enter at the Uno’s Restaurant driveway and park at the end of the second row of parking spaces.

7:30 am sharp – Depart for the Hudson Valley with one rest stop enroute.

10:30 am - Enjoy a one-hour guided tour of Dia Beacon Museum, located on the banks of the Hudson River in Beacon, New York. Housed in a former Nabisco box-printing factory, the museum presents Dia’s renowned collection of art from the 1960s to the present, alongside special exhibitions and public programs. Founded in New York in 1974 by Philippa de Menil, Heiner Friedrich, and Helen Winkler, Dia was established to support artists in realizing visionary projects that might otherwise be impossible due to their scale or ambition. There will be free time to explore the museum and gift shop.

12:15 pm – Group lunch at the Dia Café.

1:30 pm – Board the bus and depart for the Culinary Institute of America located at the former St. Andrew-on-Hudson Jesuit seminary in Hyde Park, NY. The CIA has a rich and long tradition of offering the highest quality culinary education going back to 1946, when it was first established as the New Haven Restaurant Institute in downtown New Haven, CT. At that time, it was the first and only school of its kind in the United States to train returning World War II veterans in the culinary arts.

We’ll enjoy the “Taste, Learn & Tour” experience and go behind the scenes of the CIA for an inside look at its innovative teaching environment. Participate in an interactive demonstration that explores the science of taste, tour Roth Hall—the historic heart of the institute where the culinary arts comes to life—and step into remarkable moments in food history.

3:30 pm – Depart for the return to Springfield with an estimated return by 6 pm.

What to bring: Camera, water/snacks for the bus. Dress in layers for variable temperatures on the bus and buildings. Items may be left on the bus. Bottled water is provided for the return home.

Cost: \$154, Members, \$180, nonmembers; includes admissions, lunch, bus travel and driver tip.

Cancellation policy: A full refund, minus \$15, for cancellations received before April 24. After this date, no refunds will be issued unless you find a replacement.