

2025 USA Art Tour

Chicago
Falling Water
Washington DC
& Boston





with Sue Gardiner





DAY 1. Saturday 18 October 2025

Welcome to Chicago.

It is likley you will arrive mid evening if you are coming all the way from New Zealand today. If enough are flying together a transfer will be provided.

Your home for the next 4 nights is the **21C Museum Hotel.** We are in the Magnificent Mile district, close to everything.

Relax at leisure for what is left of your evening.

DAY 2. Sunday 19 October 2025

It is Frank Lloyd Wright day today!

We start our tour by taking the bus to Oak Park and doing both the Frank Lloyd Wright home and studio tour, then the Neighbourhood Guided Walk. This will really embed FLW into our senses for the rest of our tour.

We will stop at one other gallery location on the way back into town. Welcome drinks will be hosted tonight at the hotel.

DAY 3. Monday 20 October 2025

This morning we do the famous Chicago Architecture Tour by boat, then spend time around the **Chicago Art Institute**, **Millenium Park**, and meet the '**Chicago Bean**' before heading back to our hotel.

Tonight we enjoy a meal locally.



DAY 4. Tuesday 21 October 2025

We spend today visiting galleries around the hotel and outside of downtown such as the **Institute of Contemporary Art**, the **Zhou B Art Center** and the **Chicago Arts District**.

DAY 5. Wednesday 22 October 2025

Farewell Chicago, Hello Boston

Today is a travel day. We depart Chicago and fly to Boston and transfer to our hotel, **The Colonade** for the next 4 nights.

DAY 6. Thursday 23 October 2025

Today it is the first of two big ones - the **Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum.** This afternoon we will head along the famous **Boston Freedom Trail**.

DAY 7. Friday 24 October 2025

Today we visit the **Boston Museum of Fine Arts** and spend the afternoon on the coach visiting some of Boston's historical sights.

DAY 8. Saturday 25 October 2025

Today we head out of town a short distance to visit a local collector before spending the last part of the afternoon along the many galleries around Newbury St in Back Bay.



DAY 9. Sunday 26 October 2025

Check out this morning and fly to Pittsburgh where board our bus for the 1.5 hour drive to Farmington PA. Our home for the next for the next three nights is the **Historic Summit Inn**.

Relax on arrival and enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel.

DAY 10. Monday 27 October 2025

It is a big day today.

We spend half a day at Frank LLoyd Wright's famous **Fallingwater**. In the afternoon we visit nearby another FLW property at **Kentuck Knob**.

Fallingwater is a house designed in 1935 by renowned American architect <u>Frank Lloyd Wright</u> (1867-1959) for the Kaufmann family, owners of Pittsburgh's largest department store. Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater is one of his most widely acclaimed works and best exemplifies his philosophy of organic architecture: the harmonious union of art and nature.

Kentuck Knob is both dramatic and serene...the house, situated just below the crest of the hill, appears almost part of the mountain itself and stands 2,050 feet above sea level. Cantilevered overhangs and great expanses of glass effortlessly integrate the inside with the outside. Wright adapted his philosophy of organic architecture to a modern world and called this style 'Usonian'. Designed on a hexagonal module, Kentuck Knob is a 2,200 sq. ft. Grand Usonian home.

DAY 11. Tuesday 28 October 2025

It is not over yet - today we travel to **Polymath Park**, the last of the three FLW locations in the area.

Your afternoon will be free to relax. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.



DAY 12. Wednesday 29 October 2025

Farewell Fallingwater and welcome to Washington DC, home of the Smithsonian Museums, The Glenstone, Rubell, and others.

Enjoy a welcome drink and orientation this afternoon.

Our hotel for the last three nights is The Darcy

DAY 13. Thursday 30 October 2025

Today we are off to visit **The Glenstone Museum** outside of DC, and, fingers crossed a local collector on the way home.

DAY 14. Friday 31 October 2025

Happy Halloween!

Today we tick the boxes on the National Mall including: Maya Lin's Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Renwick Museum of American Craft, The Hirshhorn Museum The Rubell Museum

You can choose which ever of the great museums you wish to finish off your day.

Farewell dinner tonight

DAY 15. Saturday 1 November 2025

We head to the airport for flights home, or your onward destination. Thanks for travelling with us.