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CULINARY ADVENTURE, The Westchester Way

MOVIE LOCATION TOUR

“FOLIAGE, FARMS, AND FINE ESTATES” DRIVING TOUR

Culinary Adventure



Westchester County, New York's Golden Apple The Gateway to the Hudson River Valley

Two-Day Epicurean Experience in Westchester County, NY

This two-day culinary adventure, the Westchester Way, includes fine dining, cooking lessons, wine tasting, shopping, and an unforgettable tour of a farm where the “farm-to-table” movement means that every day, the very food served in the restaurant inside comes directly from the ground outside.

DAY ONE

Enjoy a gourmet lunch in **Equus, at the Castle on the Hudson**, Tarrytown. Equus, the recipient of the International Star Diamond Award for excellence in fine dining, is located on the crest of a hill with sweeping views of the Hudson River. Call ahead to see if Chef David Haviland is offering a seasonal “hands-on” cooking class in the art of food preparation, creation and presentation during your stay. 914.631.3646. www.castleonthehudson.com

Enjoy a tour (guided or on-your-own) at **Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture** in Pocantico Hills, 80 rolling acres of gardens, pastures and woods. A unique, not-for-profit farm, restaurant and educational center, Stone Barns promotes sustainable, community-based food production. The Center, in a restored Norman-style barn on the Rockefeller property, houses Blue Hill, a New American restaurant whose menu reflects seasonal offerings from the surrounding farm. Stone Barns also features event space, a summer farmer’s market, and a facility for frequent wine tastings, cooking demonstrations, book talks and more. The grounds include a greenhouse, gardens and walking trails. The Center is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. (Closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The Café offers a limited lunch menu; Blue Hill serves dinner and Sunday brunch. 914.366.6200. www.stonebarnscenter.org

Choose luxurious overnight accommodations in nearby Tarrytown, such as the Castle on the Hudson or the Tarrytown House Estate, or at the Crabtree's Kittle House and Inn, Chappaqua, (914.666.8044).

Set out for an evening cooking class at **Chef Works**, 115 Cedar Street, New Rochelle. 914.632.4900. www.macmenaminsgrill.com

Take a lesson, then dine on your creation in this innovative culinary center, housed in a landmark Victorian building. Choose from an entertaining selection of cooking classes for every skill level, including “Artisan Bread,” “Classic Comfort Food,” “French Pastry, Pies and Tarts,” and even “What to Do With Leftovers.”

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DAY TWO

Have Sunday brunch at **Crabtree's Kittle House and Inn**, Chappaqua

Enjoy a sumptuous meal created by Chef Jeremy Smoller, using organically and locally grown products. Pair your selections with any one of the 5,500 wine selections in the Grand Award-winning, 1,300-square foot wine cellar which houses 65,000 bottles. Your dining experience is enhanced by the beautiful surroundings of the 1790 manor home. 11 Kittle Road, Chappaqua (914.666.8044 www.kittlehouse.com).

Take an **afternoon culinary shopping trip** to satisfy your culinary yearnings down Central Avenue, from White Plains south to Hartsdale. Along the way, stop at *Yaranush* in White Plains, a grocery store offering Middle Eastern and Mediterranean specialties; *Golden Village*, an Asian supermarket with fresh, frozen, and dry grocery items from all over the Orient; and *Chef Central*, an upscale cookware and gourmet food retailer.

Stop in for a snack at **Global Gatherings** (156 South Central Avenue) in Hartsdale (914.683.1833, www.globalgatheringsrestaurant.net), a unique blend of an interior design emporium and eatery. The imported bistro set that you dine upon is for sale, as are the rest of the surrounding exotic furnishings and décor!

Before departing Westchester, take a detour to *Pleasantville* for a tour or tasting at either **Prospero Winery** for an award-winning red and white table wine made on-premise from California grapes, (914-769-6870. www.prosperowinery.com) or at **the Captain Lawrence Brewing Company** for an award-winning craft brewed beers such as ales and porters (914.741.2337; www.captainlawrencebrewing.com).

OTHER CULINARY POINTS OF INTEREST:

1) **MYOWine, Westchester's School of Winemaking**, Elmsford.

A unique new attraction in Elmsford, the MYOWine School of Winemaking is celebrating its first anniversary. The state-of-the-art school offers winemaking courses (hands-on from crushing, pressing, and bottling), wine appreciation seminars and other culinary events. This year, MYOWine will begin importing wine grapes from Italy as well as from California. 914.741.5425. www.myowine.com

2) **Dining in Downtown Port Chester.**

Explore downtown Port Chester's downtown international dining district, and choose a venue for a special meal. The restaurants and cafes reflect the village's diversity, with Ethiopian, Italian, Indian, Irish, Chinese, South American, and South African cuisines. Try Café Mirage for French Caribbean/ Asian Fusion, Hostaria Mazzei for Italian, Pantanal for Brazilian, Sonora for "Nuevo Latino" cuisine, or the Willett House for the classic steakhouse experience.

3) **Outhouse Orchards**, North Salem

Up in the more rural northeast corner of Westchester is this family owned and operated "pick-your-own" farm stand and food store, open every day from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. In addition to the homegrown produce, Outhouse produces pies and other baked goods, jams, honey, salsas and relishes. The fresh cider donuts, made daily, are a popular item. Hardscrabble Road, North Salem. 914.277.3188

4) **Whole Foods Market**, White Plains.

This centrally-located link in the national chain of food markets offers natural and organic products, including produce, pantry items, prepared foods, and many private label products, such as Allegro Handcrafted Coffee. 110 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains. 914.288.1300

5) **Walter's Famous Hot Dog Stand**, Mamaroneck.

Rated the nation's "Top Dog" by Gourmet magazine, the sole item on the menu at Walter's is a hot dog, split, grilled and served on a toasted bun. Walter Warrington opened the stand in 1919. The funky, oriental pagoda-style shack is easily recognizable for its architecture, and the line of hungry customers along the sidewalk. 937 Palmer Avenue, Mamaroneck.

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Movie Location Tour



Sample Two-Day Itinerary
(Season - January through December)

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Explore Westchester County, the busiest movie production center outside of New York City. Here you can visit the locations of nearly 30 box office successes that were filmed in Westchester County over the past twenty years. Begin your tour of Westchester's movie locations in the southern half of the county, visiting Rye, Yonkers, and Tarrytown. Day two brings you northward to locations in Somers, Cross River, and Croton-on-Hudson.

DAY ONE

10:00 AM

Enjoy a visit to **Playland Amusement Park** in Rye

Movies filmed here include: *Big (1987)*, *Working Girl (1987)*, *Fatal Attraction (1986)* and *Radio Days (1986)*, *Sweet and Lowdown* and *In God's Hands*.

You Are Here! -- Playland's quarter mile boardwalk was where Josh finds the Zoltar machine that grants his wish to be "big" in 1988's ***Big***.

Playland, the first planned amusement park in America, is located on the shores of the Long Island Sound in Rye. During the summer season, there are 50 major and Kiddyland rides, miniature golf, midway amusements and live entertainment. The boardwalk is open every day, year-round. Playland Parkway, Rye. (914) 813-7000. www.ryeplayland.org

12:00 PM

Explore **downtown Yonkers**, filming location for over 30 movies, including ***The Manchurian Candidate (2004)***, ***Catch Me if You Can (2002)***, ***A Beautiful Mind (2001)***, ***Rear Window (1998)***, and ***The Preacher's Wife (1995)***.

You Are Here! -- Running scenes from ***Catch Me If You Can*** with Leonardo DiCaprio were shot along Buena Vista Avenue in Yonkers, past the Trolley Barn and down to the Yonkers train station.

You Are Here! -- Production of the 1998 version of ***Rear Window*** (starring the late Christopher Reeve, then a Westchester County resident) took place in the Industrial Park on the Yonkers Waterfront. All interior scenes were shot in the building that is currently being used by the Yonkers Library. At the time, the building was industrial/commercial and was used to facilitate Mr. Reeve's ambulette. The film's driving scenes were shot on the picturesque Bronx River Parkway between the Westchester County Center in White Plains and Fisher Lane.

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2:00 PM

After lunch along the Yonkers riverfront, visit nearby Alder Manor, location for *A Beautiful Mind (2001)* with Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly; *Mona Lisa Smile (2003)* with Julia Roberts; and *The Royal Tenenbaums (2001)* which featured a star-studded cast including Gene Hackman, Anjelica Houston, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller, and others.

You Are Here! – In *A Beautiful Mind*, Russell Crowe's character, John Nash, drops mail off in front of Alder manor in Yonkers. The Renaissance Revival mansion was built in 1912 for millionaire William Boyce Thompson. It currently serves as headquarters of The Tara Circle, Inc., an Irish cultural organization. (914) 964-8272. www.aldermanor.com

4:00 PM

Spend an early evening strolling the charming [village of Tarrytown](#) (particularly Main Street and Broadway), filming location for several movies, including *The Good Shepherd (2005)*, *Lord of War (2004)*, *Mona Lisa Smile (2003)*, and *The Preacher's Wife (1995)*.

You Are Here! -- The [Tarrytown Music Hall](#) on Main Street was used for scenes in *The Good Shepherd*, (The 2005 film directed by Robert DeNiro, starring Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie), *Mona Lisa Smile* (The 2003 film starring Julia Roberts), and *The Preacher's Wife* (The 1995 film directed by Penny Marshall, starring Whitney Houston and Denzel Washington), as well as *The Impostors*, *The Secret Lives of Dentists*, and *Game 6*.

Overnight at your choice of first class hotels in the Tarrytown area to include; Courtyard by Marriott, Doubletree, Hampton Inn, Marriott, Tarrytown House Estates, SpringHill Suites, Sheraton. For a complete list, visit www.westchestertourism.com.

DAY TWO

10:00 AM

Take a morning stroll through [Rockefeller State Park Preserve](#) in Pocantico Hills, location for the *Thomas Crown Affair*, the 1998 film starring Pierce Brosnan and Rene Russo.

You Are Here! – Areas of the park along Route 9 were used to land the glider in the opening scene of the movie.

The Preserve is an idyllic spot for strolling, jogging, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The most notable feature is the system of carriage roads built by John D. Rockefeller Sr. and John D. Rockefeller Jr. Designed to complement the landscape, the roads allow visitors to experience the natural wonders of the area. Route 117, Pocantico Hills. (914) 631-1470.

www.nysparks.state.ny.us/parks

12:00 PM

More scenic outdoor beauty awaits you within the [Ward Pound Ridge Reservation](#) in Cross River, location for *Pollock*, the acclaimed 2001 film with Ed Harris and Marcia Gay Harden.

You Are Here! -- The last eight minutes of ***Pollock*** were shot on the roads within the reservation. The administration building was dressed to be a doctor's office. The car crash took place at the end of Michigan Road.

Over 4,700-acres makes Ward Pound Ridge Reservation the county's largest park. Its varied terrain and landscapes and miles of wooded trails provides a variety of activities in all seasons, including picnicking, lean-to camping, fishing and cross-country skiing. Route 35 & 121 South, Cross River. (914) 864-7317. <http://www.westchestergov.com/parks>

2:00 PM

Complete your tour at **Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial** in Somers, used in 1987's ***The Secret of My Success*** with Michael J. Fox.

You Are Here! – The exterior of the Lasdon estate home was used in the film. This three-story Colonial style mansion was built in 1933 and was modeled after George Washington's Virginia home, Mount Vernon.

Lasdon Park is a magnificent 234 acre property consisting of woodlands, open grass meadow and formal gardens with flower and shrub specimens from all over the world. Route 35, Somers. (914) 864-7268. <http://www.westchestergov.com/parks>

NOTE: Overnight packages can be created to include passes for the ***Westchester County Film Festival*** in White Plains (March) and the ***Jacob Burns Film Center*** in Pleasantville.

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Foliage, Farms and Fine Estates

Description: A three-hour (approximate) drive through the Northeast corner of Westchester County, covering backroads, rural routes, and village centers. Several agricultural and horse farms characterize the drive. For dreamers or lovers of architecture, many fine estate homes, historic houses and mansions punctuate the landscape.

Photo opportunities and scenic lookout points, shopping stops and rest areas are noted.

Start your tour following a picnic lunch and garden walk at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Road in Katonah. To get there from I-684, take exit 6 (Route 35) east to first traffic light at Route 22. Make a right and travel south on Route 22 past the Katonah Museum of Art and the John Jay Homestead on the left. At the junction with Girdle Ridge Road (Route 137), follow signs to Caramoor.

A large Mediterranean-style palazzo, Caramoor maintains an extraordinary collection of Renaissance and Eastern Art in its House Museum. Nine specialty gardens are located throughout 90 acres. House and garden tours, live musical performances, and other special events are scheduled daily. Call (914) 232-5035 for more information, or visit www.caramoor.org

From Caramoor, make a right onto Route 137 and follow it to Route 121. Make a right onto Route 121 / Old Post Road. Proceed 4.5 miles to the junction of Route 22 in Bedford Village. Follow 22 south and veer right in front of the village square. The cemetery and Bedford Historical Hall (c. 1806) will be on the right.

The Bedford Historical Hall was erected in 1806 as a Methodist Church. The building was forced to move in 1837; twenty yoke of oxen pulled it to its present site. The Bedford village green forms a triangle: across Route 22 from the Historical Hall is the 1829 Schoolhouse, and on the other side is the 1787 Court House, which has been restored to its original interior appearance.

Continue on Route 22 past Perennial Gardens Nursery to the traffic light at the intersection of Route 172. Turn right onto Route 172 and travel west 4.4 miles towards Mt. Kisco. Sunnyfield Farm will be on your right. Continue under I-684, follow signs through S-curve as you travel under the tree canopy. At the traffic light for McLain Street, turn right.

Travel north on McLain for 2.5 miles to Springhurst Road. The left turn onto Springhurst immediately follows the "Pavement Ends" sign and the residence numbered 368 with the white gate.

Go .5 miles and make the left at the first stop sign onto Main Street; the road has a double yellow line.

Travel another .4 miles into downtown Bedford Hills, named the Bedford Hills Depot Plaza. At the end of Main, turn left onto Adams, then go only .1 mile to the firehouse intersection. Turn right onto 117 / Bedford Road, and proceed 1.9 miles into Katonah. While on 117, cross the train tracks, stay to the right and follow the bike route signs. Bedford Hills Nursery will be on the left. Proceed through the light and past the entrance for I-684.

Katonah is marked by a name sign, immediately followed by a fork in the road with St. Luke's Church in the center. Turn right at the fork and travel .2 miles down through the Katonah Avenue shopping and dining district. Choose from a variety of cafes and restaurants to have lunch: the Blue Dolphin Diner, Peppino's Restaurant, or Perks Coffee and Tea Bar, to name a few.

A century ago, the people of Katonah learned that the building of the Croton Dam would require them to abandon their home on the banks of the Croton River. Rather than accept the flooding of their beloved hamlet, they hoisted their houses and stores up on rollers and harnessed the power of great draft horses to pull their community a 1/2 mile to high ground. In all, 55 buildings were moved over a 15-year period.

At the light at the intersection of Jay Street (railroad tracks will be on the right), make a left and follow to the first intersection at Bedford Road. Make a right and travel North on Bedford Road, which becomes Woodsbridge. After .4 miles, there will be a traffic light and an intersection with Route 35. Make a left on Route 35 and travel 1.4 miles over the Croton Reservoir (photo op) to the lighted intersection of Route 100 / Somerstown Road.

Turn left onto Route 100 and travel 1.3 miles south to the entrance of Muscoot Farm on the right. Take 30 minutes to an hour to visit the 777-acre turn-of-the-century farm (no admission fee), hike or take the kids on a hayride. Public restrooms available.

Muscoot Farm is a 777-acre interpretative farm first purchased by the Hopkins family in 1880. Visitors can see cows, chickens, goats and other farm animals, and tour the barns, milk house, ice house, vegetable garden and blacksmith shop. Hayrides are offered on Sundays through October. Call (914) 232-7118 for more information.

Turn left when leaving Muscoot Farm, back onto Route 100 / Somerstown Road. Proceed 1.8 miles to the fork with Route 139 (La Fontaine Restaurant will be in center of fork). Make a left at the fork; follow Route 139 to Route 202 into the town of Somers, the "Cradle of the American Circus". Along this route, the Wright Reis Homestead (c.1867) and the D. Wayne Van Tassell

Memorial Park, both on the right, offer rest stops. After passing the Lincolndale shopping plaza at 2.5 miles, there is a light and a right turn which continues Route 202. Continue another 2.4 miles past the Somers Middle School and the Peter J. Babich Memorial Field, to the intersection of Route 100. Make a left onto Route 202 East and then a quick left into the parking lot of the old Elephant Hotel (c. 18250, now the Somers Town Hall).

Stop for a quick photo in front of the statue of "Old Bet", the elephant made famous by Hachariah Bailey. Bailey, whose nephew started the Barnum & Bailey Circus, made his fortune by exhibiting Old Bet, the second elephant imported to America. He erected the Elephant Hotel as a stopping point for travelers on the stagecoach lines of the Croton and Peekskill Turnpikes.

Leaving the town hall parking lot, go left onto 202 East, pass the cemetery on the left, then take a right at the first fork onto Route 116 / Purdys Road. Proceed 1.4 miles to the junction of Route 22. Make a left onto Route 22, which winds left quickly at a fork in front of the old Purdys Homestead building.

Proceed 1.2 miles on Route 22. Take a right at the first traffic light onto Hardscrabble Road. Follow Hardscrabble for a total of 3.5 miles. Take it straight through the traffic light at the entrance for I-684, then across the highway into Croton Falls. Hardscrabble Farms will be on the right. At 1.3 miles, Outhouse Orchards will be on the left. Stop for fresh apple cider, pick pumpkins, enjoy a hayride. (Photo op). The Outhouse family still operates the farm and orchard, which is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Continue on Hardscrabble east into North Salem. North Salem Vineyard, which is open on weekends 1:00-5:00 p.m., will be at 2.9 miles. Continue on Hardscrabble to the end. Take a right onto Route 124 / June Road. Pass Old Salem, Field View and Spring Brook Farms. Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Gardens will be on the left. After 1.4 miles, at the intersection with Route 116 / Titicus Road, turn right.

Follow Titicus Road for 5.5 miles as it meanders around the Titicus Reservoir. Past the North Salem Town Hall, stay right at the fork.

The Titicus Reservoir and Dam, constructed in the late 1800's, is part of New York City water supply system, serving nearly eight million residents of the City and one million people who live in Westchester, Putnam, Orange and Ulster Counties. The water is world-renowned for its high quality and excellent taste, and this surface water supply system is one of the largest in the world.

When Titicus Road ends, make a left onto Route 22 and another quick left onto Titicus River Road (just before the North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps building.) Travel east along the south shore of the Reservoir for 1.2 miles. Titicus River Road turns into Mill's Road. At .4 miles, there is an impressive side view of the Titicus Reservoir Dam. When the Reservoir ends, the road forks, take Bogtown Road on the right. Follow Bogtown 1.3 miles, taking care not to inadvertently turn onto other cross streets. Bogtown ends at Route 121 / Grant Road.

Make a right and proceed south for 3.1 miles on Route 121, through Waccabuc and Cross River, past Staysail Farm and John Jay High School. At the traffic light and intersection with Route 35, make a right.

Two interesting stopping points are located close to this intersection. The Yellow Monkey Village, a shopping area of antiques, gifts, and art, is located .6 miles west on the right. Or, past this, take the left for Route 121 and follow the signs for the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, where you can enjoy the Trailside Nature Museum, hike the trails, and take photos (restroom available). Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to dusk; there is a parking fee of \$7.00.

From these points, depart Westchester County by following Route 35 west to I-684.

NOTE: Westchester's resident deer population, while friendly, is prolific in this part of the county. Be cautious of potential and sudden deer crossings.

