A tour of world-class garden-based destinations for Reiman Gardens’ members

WORLD CLASS public gardens, EXQUISITE private gardens, UNIQUE garden centers, a COLOSSAL urban park & gardens, EXPANSIVE trial gardens and a CELEBRITY!

The Chicagoland area has some of the most outstanding horticultural destinations and businesses in the country. This bustling area is home to some of my favorite destinations; many of which are sites not open to the general public. This special tour also includes your opportunity to meet a celebrity but keep reading to find out whom…

WORLD CLASS Public Gardens

Truly one of the world’s finest public gardens, more than one million people visit Chicago Botanic Garden’s 27 themed gardens each year. Uniquely situated on 385 acres, this impressive horticultural site has matured into one of the world’s great living museums and conservation science centers. Cantigny Gardens is one of my favorites and is overlooked in the shadow of larger Chicago parks and gardens. The 29 acres of gardens surround Colonel Robert R. McCormick’s estate home and were designed by famed landscape architect Franz Lipp. They are currently in the second of a three phase multi-million dollar renovation and improvements project.

The Garfield Park Conservatory is one of the oldest, largest and most stunning Victorian-style conservatories in the nation. Often referred to as “landscape art under glass,” it occupies two acres of public greenhouse space and 10 acres of outdoor gardens. My favorite area is the fern room, come see which will be yours. The Morton Arboretum is internationally recognized as one of the largest and finest arboreta in the country. 222,000 plant specimens represent more than 4,500 different kinds of plants, along with specialty gardens, educational exhibits, the award-winning Children’s Garden, 16 miles of hiking trails on 1,700 acres. Pack good hiking shoes!

EXQUISITE Private Gardens

Chicago’s North Shore and Lake Forest, Illinois areas are home to some of the grandest estates and finest private gardens in the country. One of the nation’s most spectacular private gardens, Posy Krehbiel’s Camp Rosemary, is an expansive Lake Forest estate. Designed by Rose Standish Nichols in the 1920s and later enhanced by other prominent landscape designers, Camp Rosemary is probably the finest English garden inspired estate in America. The ivy-covered brick home was designed in 1904 by Benjamin H. Marshall, an influential Chicago architect who designed the Drake Hotel. The house was built for John T. Pirie, president of Carson, Pirie Scott & Co.

A nationally renowned landscape architect, Craig Bergmann has created stunning residential gardens for more than 25 years. His home and design offices are located at The Gardens at 900, a sensitive renovation and interpretation of the original entry building complex and gardens of Elawa Farm. Originally designed by architect David Adler in 1917 for A. Watson and Elsa Armour, the use of buildings and garden areas at 900 include formal borders, a shade garden, an orchard, a new swimming pool garden, and a motor court.

The spectacular Mettawa Manor is home to filmmaker/TV journalist Bill Kurtis (CELEBRITY) and Donna LaPietra. It features an expansive double perennial border, water features, restored prairie, cutting garden, golden garden, potager and many containers. Bill and Donna have spent 25 years refurbishing and creating new gardens around the 1927 manor house. They are excited to welcome our group in their Great Room, where they will share some incredible updates on their new conservation efforts.

COLOSSAL Urban Park & Gardens

Millennium Park Campus is more than an attraction — it’s an expression of the Chicago experience. The campus is home to Millennium Park with the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Cloud Gate (aka “The Bean”), Crown Fountain, Lurie Garden (you will LOVE!), the historic Chicago Cultural Center, renowned Art Institute of Chicago, and the fascinating Maggie Daley Park and more. Make sure you check out www.choosechicago.com/articles/parks-outdoors/millennium-park-campus/. We will
get a tour of Lurie Gardens and you will have free time to explore one of the world’s most successful urban park green space entertainment projects.

**EXPANSIVE Trial Gardens**

The world’s largest garden seed producer is Ball Seed Company. **The Gardens at Ball** have been the evaluation and testing grounds for the world’s wealth of horticultural introductions and improvements for over 80 years. With over 9 acres of display beds for annuals, perennials, cut flowers and vegetables, this location including the newest plants from the industry’s leading breeders. Feel special as you are overwhelmed by trials of the newest and latest in garden plants. There is no public access, but our group will be welcomed here.

**UNIQUE Garden Centers**

The participants of our 2019 Michigan bus tour will tell you how excited we were to discover **Hornbaker Gardens**. Their display gardens were expansive and inspirational. Not only was the plant selection and quality outstanding, but we found extremely reasonable prices and everyone agreed we must return. **Chalet Nursery** is one of Chicagoland’s finest and an excellent example of what a full service garden center should be. Shopping for plants here is both exhilarating and educational – the staff is sure to provide a truly memorable experience. We will have lunch at both sites – what could be better than lunch in lovely garden settings while shopping for plants!

**ABOUT Reiman Gardens Tours**

Whew! If you have been on my trips, you know we pack a lot into a few days but there are so many exciting places I want you to see. Keep in mind, these trips are focused on gardening-based sites, a number of which are large, so there will be a fair amount of walking and rain will not deter us.

My trips include destinations that otherwise are not open to the general public and we will get welcomes and tours from horticulturists and owners. And I’m sure you are excited to hear Bill Kurtis’ famous voice in person!

Finally, past participants will tell you we have a great time getting to know one another and sharing our garden successes and failures. I am available to answer garden questions on the bus and at the sites. Few trips have a tour leader that knows the sites AND horticulture intimately.

Come join our fun!

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**About Ed Lyon**

*Ed Lyon is the Director of Reiman Gardens. With an M.S. in Horticulture, Ed balances his love for both horticulture and education as a writer and speaker, and has held positions at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Rotary Botanical Gardens and Allen Centennial Gardens. He is passionate about all-things-garden and loves to inspire others.*

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Reiman Gardens Chicago Gardens & Parks Tour
Tour Chicagoland’s Best Horticultural Sites

Chicago is one of the greatest cities in the country but its reputation for traffic issues tends to deter many people from visiting. It is also home to amazing world-class private gardens and horticultural sites so it is a shame most gardeners avoid the trip just because of the traffic. This tour will take that stress out of a trip; you will “be chauffeured” by tour bus to exciting sites you might otherwise never see! Sit back and relax in our deluxe motor coach as we explore the beautiful gardens, parks, arboreta and more of Chicagoland without the hassles.

JUNE 11-14, 2020
4 DAYS • 7 MEALS

DAY 1–THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020–GARDENS AT BALL/CANTIGNY
This morning we make our way from Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa to Chicago, Illinois. Our first garden stop, The Gardens at Ball, which began as a row trial garden for seed varieties in 1933. This location has grown to encompass over nine acres of display beds for annuals, perennials, cut flowers and vegetables, including the newest plants from the industry’s leading breeders. Next we tour the Gardens at Cantigny, sitting on 29 scenic acres west of Chicago. The Gardens feature more than 160,000 annuals, perennials, and flowering shrubs and trees. Tonight settle in and unpack once at the comfortable DoubleTree Chicago Oak Brook Hotel.

DAY 2–FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020–CHICAGO BOTANIC/LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDIO/METTAWA MANOR
Today we visit the expansive and impressive Chicago Botanic Gardens. This morning you’ll have time to stroll through the many specialty gardens such as the Japanese, formal English, Heritage or Native gardens – there are 27 gardens in all! For those who wish, we will conclude our visit with a tram tour of the gardens. Next we visit Chalet Nursery for a tasty lunch and shopping.

After lunch, we have a rare opportunity to visit one of the most exceptional English-style gardens outside of Great Britain at Posy Krehbiel’s Camp Rosemary. We will spend an extraordinary afternoon with the head gardener in one of the nation’s most spectacular private gardens. This expansive estate, designed by Rose Standish Nichols in the 1920s, includes an array of captivating garden rooms, a lush wooded ravine garden, and so much more.

Next, we tour the Craig Bergmann Landscape Design Studio. For over three decades, Craig Bergmann Landscape Design has won critical acclaim for mixing design, horticulture and architecture in a way that is unique to Northern Illinois. The firm is known for its attention to detail and establishes a true dialogue between the living garden and the architectural site. Our final stop of the day is a visit to Mettawa Manor, where celebrities Donna LaPietra and Bill Kurtis have been working since 1990 to refurbish historic gardens. Here we have the pleasure of Bill and Donna greeting us and listening to them discuss their new restoration projects. At Mettawa Manor, we’ll also have time to see the walled English-style garden with twin perennial borders framing a sunken lawn. Outside the east gate also sits the golden garden and an orchard bordered by the fenced...
potager, cutting garden, and circular herb garden – there’s so much to see! We return to our hotel for the night after a full day of amazing gardens. B, L, D

**DAY 3–SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020–GARFIELD PARK/MILLENIUM PARK**

After a delicious breakfast we visit Garfield Park, located on Chicago’s west side, and the oldest of the three original parks in this neighborhood. Here we’ll visit Garfield Park Conservatory, the third-largest conservatory under glass in the world. Often referred as “landscape art under glass”, here we’ll enjoy an informative guided tour of both the indoor greenhouses and outdoor garden. Lunch today is on your own as we explore one of Chicago’s trendy food markets, offering an array of different options from some of Chicago’s favorite restaurants. Next, we head to Millennium Park to discover the state-of-the-art collection of architecture, landscape design and art which provides the backdrop for hundreds of cultural programs such as concerts and family activities. This park is nestled in between the skyscrapers of downtown Chicago and Lake Michigan and is home to many unique sculpture and landscapes, including Cloud Gate, also known as “The Bean”, a Chicago landmark. Tonight we enjoy a Chicago-style farewell dinner at a local restaurant. B, D

**DAY 4–SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020–MORTON ARBORETUM/HORNBAKER GARDENS/FAREWELL**

As we leave the DoubleTree Chicago Oak Brook to head back home, we’ll visit our last two amazing gardens. First up is the expansive Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois. This garden features an outdoor museum and herbarium, as well as a collection and study of trees, shrubs, and other plants from around the world. After lunch on your own at Morton Arboretum’s restaurant, we head to Princeton, Illinois to tour the gorgeous Hornbaker Gardens. This family owned-and-operated nursery has a large collection of hostas, daylilies, trees and shrubs, grasses, aquatics, annuals, and other perennials. Finally, we relive our favorite memories from this spectacular tour as we return back to Reiman Gardens. B ♬
Chicago Gardens & Parks Tour
June 11-14, 2020

$ 1,097 per person based on double occupancy
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Tour Includes the following:

- Modern transportation from Reiman Gardens to/from Chicago as specified in your itinerary
- Quality hotel accommodations
- Entrance fees for attractions described in the itinerary
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Luggage handling of one suitcase per person at hotels
- Hotel service charges for included items
- Bottled water on motor coach

*Not included: Gratuities to Tour Director and Motorcoach driver.

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