

The Gilded Age Spring Bus Trip: The Mount & Ventfort Hall Mansion

Bus Trip to Lenox, MA

Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:30am

Depart from Russell Sage College, Troy NY

10:00am

Arrive at The Mount, Edith Wharton's Home, Lenox, MA

Explore the life of famed author Edith Wharton with a guided tour of her expansive estate The Mount. Designed by Wharton herself in 1902, The Mount is the nation's only monument to Wharton and her pioneering achievements in literature as a female author. Her works, especially *The Age of Innocence*, examine the materialism and opulence associated with the Gilded Age, acting as subtle commentaries on the excesses of the time and the pernicious class conflict it engendered. Wharton was the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature and today her home is one of only a small minority of National Historic Landmarks dedicated to a woman.



Edith Wharton's Home The Mount

12:30-1:30pm

Lunch at Haven Café and Bakery in Lenox

2:00-3:00pm

Tour at Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum

Once enjoyed as a summer "cottage" by the daughter of financier J.P. Morgan, today Ventfort Hall is an imposing Jacobean monument to the excesses enjoyed by the Gilded Age's "robber barons." Enjoy a guided tour of the first two floors of this opulent home while learning about an era of US History characterized by rapid industrialization and class polarization.



Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum

3:30pm

Depart for Troy, NY

The bus will pick up passengers to return home.

5:00pm

Arrive back at Russell Sage College, Troy, NY

Registration Deadline: March 13, 2015

Number of Tickets		RCHS Member		Non-Member	
Bus Trip 3/21/15		\$89		\$100	
Name					
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Phone		Email			
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Credit Card No.				Exp. Date	
Signature				3 Digit Security Code	