DAY 1 – OLBRICH/TIPPECANOE PLACE/TOLEDO
Depart Olbrich Botanical Gardens for our unique tour of Ohio’s best gardens. En route, our luxury motorcoach will take us to Tippecanoe Place mansion for a memorable lunch. Built by Clem Studebaker in the late 1880s, the Tippecanoe Place mansion has a rich and colorful history. Today, its restaurant provides an atmosphere of unparalleled ambiance in the heart of the South Bend. This evening we arrive in Toledo, Ohio, where we overnight at our comfortable hotel.

DAY 2– TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDENS/STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS
After a scrumptious breakfast at our hotel, tour the Toledo Botanical Gardens. Showcasing 60 acres of display gardens and relevant plant collections, visitors come to see the beauty and tranquility of the gardens and to incorporate new ideas into their home landscapes. A short two-hour motorcoach ride brings us to Akron, where lunch is served under the hay bins at the impressive Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. The grounds feature a 65-room Tudor Revival Manor House, Gothic Revival Conservatory, Gate Lodge and approximately 70 acres of artistically landscaped grounds and formal gardens. Next, depart for Mansfield, where we settle in for the night.

DAY 3– KINGWOOD CENTER GARDENS/COVERED BRIDGE/CONSERVATORY/PRIVATE GARDEN RECEPTION
Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before we visit the fascinating Kingwood Center Gardens. The King home was designed by prominent Cleveland architect Clarence Mack, who made a career of building fashionable homes in Lakewood and Shaker Heights, Ohio and in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Today the King home is used, as Mr. King directed, to house a horticultural library and the administrative offices of Kingwood Center. After our visit, it’s a quick drive to the Pottersburg Covered Bridge and lunch. The Bridge is one of five surviving Partridge truss covered bridges in Ohio.

Ohio Garden Getaway
Olbrich Botanical Garden Director of Horticulture Jeff Epping Leads this Extraordinary Exploration

Extend your summer by visiting the best of the Buckeye state’s gardens, manors, and private nurseries. Join Olbrich Botanical Garden Director of Horticulture Jeff Epping as we travel from Olbrich to Ohio’s spectacular sites and back to Wisconsin via luxury motorcoach. We’ll visit iconic sites such as Toledo’s Botanical Gardens, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, the Butterfly Gardens at the Cox Arboretum and so many more. We’ll even stop at the Gardens at Newfields located at Indiana’s Museum of Art and the Gardens at Cantigny Park outside of Chicago. This tour visits many of the Midwest’s most impressive gardens – and only runs once, so now is the time to reserve!
bridges in the U.S. Depart for the Franklin Park Conservatory located in the capital city of Ohio, Columbus. The Conservatory’s extensive gardens and art collections pulse with life and showcase the truly exotic wonders of nature. Explore over 400 species of plants from around the world in the Conservatory’s biomes, take in the beauty of James Turrell’s Light Raiment II, or simply marvel at the intricate glasswork of Dale Chihuly. This evening mix and mingle at a wine and cheese reception for us, hosted at a private garden. B, L, Reception

DAY 4–PRIVATE GARDENS AND NURSERY/COX ARBORETUM
This morning’s breakfast will prepare us for today’s adventures. We meet a renowned local garden expert, who will lead us to several gardens that are not normally open to public as well as his own private nursery. After a scrumptious lunch, board the motorcoach for the short drive to the birthplace of Orville Wright, Dayton. Here visit the specialty gardens at Cox Arboretum and learn to make sustainable plant choices. The Butterfly House at the Arboretum features native pollinator plants that naturally attract butterflies and moths. From the stonewall perennials to the rock and water gardens, there is inspiration for every gardener to discover. This evening travel to the Queen City, Cincinnati, where we overnight. B, L

DAY 5–SPRING GROVE ARBORETUM/CINCINNATI ZOO AND GARDENS/ COLUMBUS, IN ARCHITECTURE
After this morning’s breakfast, tour Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum. One of the true gems of the Greater Cincinnati region, the 733-acre garden serves as an incredibly beautiful horticultural educational facility for the Cincinnati community. Its heritage is tied to a strong, continuing tradition of horticulturists embedded in Spring Grove’s leadership. Next, it’s time to get a little ‘wild’ and visit the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. The immense grounds offer a community, endangered species, conifer, pollinator and rain gardens, among many others. Savor lunch at the Zoo before we board the motorcoach. We say ‘good-bye’ to Ohio and ‘hello’ to the neighboring Hoosiers in Indiana. Our main stop for today is the architecturally-significant small town of Columbus, Indiana. After a bus tour of all the historic sites, featuring thirty bridges in the U.S. Depart for the Franklin Park Conservatory located in the capital city of Ohio, Columbus. The Conservatory’s extensive gardens and art collections pulse with life and showcase the truly exotic wonders of nature. Explore over 400 species of plants from around the world in the Conservatory’s biomes, take in the beauty of James Turrell’s Light Raiment II, or simply marvel at the intricate glasswork of Dale Chihuly. This evening mix and mingle at a wine and cheese reception for us, hosted at a private garden. B, L, Reception

DAY 6–GARDENS AT NEWFIELDS/CANTIGNY PARK/OLBRICH
Depart Columbus after a hearty breakfast and arrive in Indianapolis. Here we visit the Gardens at Newfields, where we take a guided tour of the gardens located on the campus of the Indiana Museum of Art. Learn about special exhibitions, enjoy over 100 acres at the Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park. After a wonderful lunch and a short drive, we stop just west of Chicago at the famous Gardens at Cantigny Park. Nestled among 29 acres are beautiful landscapes that showcase the life cycles of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals in stunning displays. We board the motorcoach to return to Olbrich Botanical Gardens this evening, filled with all the beauty and inspiration we experienced on tour. B, L