Lancaster Downtowners *and* Elite Coach CHARTER BUS SERVICE

Baltimore Art Museum & Ladew Topiary Gardens - Wed., May 1, 2019

Our day begins with a visit to the Baltimore Art Museum. The group will have a guided tour upon arrival of the special exhibit, **Monsters & Myths: Surrealism and War in the 1930s and 1940s.** Nearly 90 Surrealist masterworks of the 1930sand 1940s by artists such as Salvador Dali, Pablo Picasso, Max Ernst, and Andre Masson are presented through a timely lens – that of war, violence, and exile. Despite the political and personal turmoil brought on by the Spanish Civil War and World War II, avant-garde artists in Europe and those who sought refuge in the US pushed themselves to create some of the most potent and striking images of the Surrealist movement. Monstrosities in the real world bred monsters in paintings and sculpture, on film, and in the pages of journals and artists' books, resulting in a period of searing creativity. These artists' interpretations of war and violence in war is both difficult to behold and extraordinary to witness.

After the tour, we will have time to explore the outstanding collection including more than 1,000 works by Henri Matisse anchored by the famed Cone Collection of modern art, The galleries also showcase an exceptional collection of art from Africa. Enjoy lunch on your own at Gertrude's Restaurant in the museum before departing.

This afternoon we'll visit the Ladew Topiary Gardens. As we stroll through the gardens, it's hard to believe that one man, with no formal training and very little outside help, created such a magnificent, living masterpiece. Just as astonishing is that he created the gardens as well as transforming the old white farmhouse into the stately Manor House we have the chance to see during our guided tour.

Departing at 8:30 AM from the Lancaster Shopping Center, (park beside AC Moore) and returning approximately 6:30 PM
Price per person: $93.

Package includes: Motorcoach transportation, admission to Baltimore Art Museum, guided tour of exhibit, Ladew Gardens admission, house tour, and driver's gratuity, coffee, beverages and snacks.

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