

# FABULOUS INTERIORS & EXTERIORS

## Architecture, Home Décor & Gardens

### Day 1

Rediscover 250 years of history with a walking tour of **Basking Ridge**. Buildings span a variety of periods and styles, including Vernacular, Mission/ Eclectic Revival and Second Empire styles. Overall, this village reflects the stylistic changes in American architecture that took place over two centuries and convey the feeling of a historic village.



Have lunch and check in at **Olde Mill Inn and Grain House Restaurant**. Another highly rated, nearby hotel is the **Inn at Somerset Hills** and **The Dead River Pub**.

Head to **Leonard J. Buck Gardens**, just 15 minutes away and one of the premier rock gardens in the eastern United States, with something in bloom almost every week of the year. Mr. Buck, the gentleman whom the garden is named for, worked with a well-known landscape architect to develop a naturalistic garden – a garden that would be ecologically correct and not recognizable as being man made. Several large rock outcroppings are found on the property, each one created with slightly different exposure enabling a variety of plants to thrive.

Dine in one of these nearby restaurants

**Red Oak Grille, Dead River Pub** or **The Store Restaurant**.

### Day 2

Located on Old Jockey Hollow road and part of the Morristown National Historic Park is **Cross Estates Garden**. The early twentieth-century landscape of the Cross Estates is characteristic of the Arts and Crafts period. The grounds provide hiking trails and formal gardens including a two-level walled formal perennial garden, a wisteria-covered pergola, and a garden of native plants. A self guided walking tour provides visitors with the opportunity to view historic trees

**The Historical Society of Somerset Hills** 908-221-1770

**Olde Mill Inn and Grain House Restaurant**  
908-221-1150 www.oldemillinn.com

**Leonard J. Buck Garden**  
11 Layton Road, Far Hills, NJ 07931  
908-234-2677  
www.somersetcountyparks.org  
Mon.-Fri. 10 am-4 pm Sat. 10 am-5 pm  
Sun. 12 pm - 5 pm

**Red Oak Grille** 908-781-9400  
**The Store Restaurant** 908-766-9853  
**Dead River Pub** 908-580-1300

**Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms**  
2352 Route 10 West at Manor Lane  
Morris Plains NJ 07950  
973-540-1165  
www.stickleymuseum.org  
Open April to November 15,  
Wed.-Fri. 12 noon- 3pm,  
Sat. 11 am-4 pm, Sun. 11 am-4 pm

**Museum of Early Trades & Crafts**  
Tues.-Sat. 10 am-4 pm  
Sun. 12 noon-5 pm  
Closed Mondays

**Acorn Hall**  
68 Morris Avenue  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
973-267-3465  
www.acornhall.org  
Mon. & Thurs. 10 am-4 pm, Sun. 1-4 pm

and learn about the importance to Native Americans and colonists.

A short 25 minute drive and you arrive at the home of one of the leaders in the American Arts and Crafts Movement. **Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms** is the home of Gustov Stickley, furniture manufacturer, architect and publisher. Many of the examples of Gustov's work were original to the home, and some were acquired by the museum over the years. Both the grounds and home exemplifies the Simple Life that Stickley advocated.

Head to **Madison**, 25 minutes away, for lunch at the Main Streets Cafe.

On the corner of Main Street and Green Village Road, in the center of downtown Madison is situated a most breathtaking examples of architecture in the Skylands. In the Richardsonian Romanesque Revival style you will find a most appropriate use of the building – the **Museum of Early Trades and Crafts**. This building was originally the James Library, donated by philanthropist Dr. Willis James and his wife in 1900. James felt that a library should be a place that would inspire learning.

Once you are done marveling at the building itself you can enjoy the collection of over 8800 artifacts related to 21 different trades.

Spend some time shopping downtown Madisons' many boutiques & shops.

### Day 3

Start the day by getting your chores out of the way at **Fosterfields Living Historical Farm**. Churn butter, crack corn and feed it to the chickens, and tend the garden. On the farm are two dwellings that visitors may tour to compare and contrast architectural style and contents. One home is the elegant Gothic Revival mansion, **The Willows**, built in 1854 by Gen. Joseph W. Revere, the grandson of the famous American patriot Paul Revere and home for Caroline Foster from 1881 – 1979. The other dwelling is the farmhouse, the

first floor of which was restored to the period of 1918 – 1927 when Mr. Edward Woods, the farm manager, lived in it.

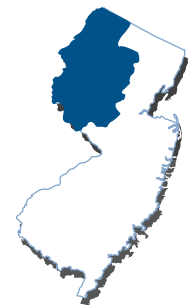
Just 10 minutes away and you arrive at **Acorn Hall**. Tour this Victorian home of the Morris County Historical Society and view its collection for furniture and decorative arts. You will also find lovely landscaped Victorian gardens that features 19th century flowers and shrubs.

Another 10 minutes away and 44 years earlier is **Macculloch Hall**. This 20-room Federal-style mansion was built in 1810 by George Macculloch, known as the father of the Morris Canal. Walk through 10 period rooms of 18th and 19th century furnishing. The collection includes English china, Oriental carpets and furniture by Chippendale, Hepplewhite and Sheraton.

Enjoy one of the changing exhibits in their 4 galleries. *Going Places*, an exhibit on 18th and 19th century travel will be on exhibit through August 19, 2007.

You will also find a two acre restored garden which is the oldest in Morris County.

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**Macculloch Hall**  
45 Macculloch Ave.  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
973-538-2404  
www.maccullochhall.org  
Sun., Wed. & Thurs. 1 - 4 pm

**Morris Co. Visitors Center**  
973-631-5151  
www.morristourism.org

**Somerset Co. Visitors Center**  
908-218-4300  
www.VisitSomersetNJ.org

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