

2 Week-Stay at a Private Home in Holland

Bidding starts at \$2,500

Pack your bags and book your flight to Mensingeweer!

Stay at the home of Alexander and Jo-Anne van den Berg-Ohms and explore all the Netherlands has to offer. The home sleeps 6 and is fully furnished and updated. Stocked with everything you need, including bicycles and modern amenities, this is a great way to spend 2 weeks exploring. Mensingeweer is a quintessential Dutch village in the province of Groningen. Use your frequent flyer miles to fly into Amsterdam, rent a car to start your adventure, unpack and enjoy!

For me, being in the northeast province of Groningen is like being in the biggest sky country ever. The land is flat and open and the sky stretches forever. White puffy clouds can fill the incredibly blue sky so that you imagine that you could reach up and grab one. The land is different shades of green and gold, depending on when they hay the fields. There are huge fields of cows, or sheep or beautiful horses, all crossed and accented with narrow canals of water. Birds and water fowl are everywhere. The area is home to numerous historic villages with 12th century churches, restored windmills, charming houses, incredible restaurants, little take-your-breath away sights that can only be enjoyed in Holland.-Jo-Anne van den Berg-Ohms



Relax and unwind in this serene setting after a busy day exploring.



Spend your Sunday sipping coffee at the the windmill.



Enjoy the delicious pastries from a local bakery.



More photos of Mensingeweer and the surrounding area

*Included in the package is
a 100 euro gift certificate to
Restaurant Garnwerd aan Zee*



Historic Mensingeweer Church



Dine with the Demings at the home of Frank Fontana and Andrew Becker



Saturday, December 8, 2018
snow date: Sunday, December 9, 2018

Lunch-noon

Tickets: \$75 per person

Limit: 18 seats

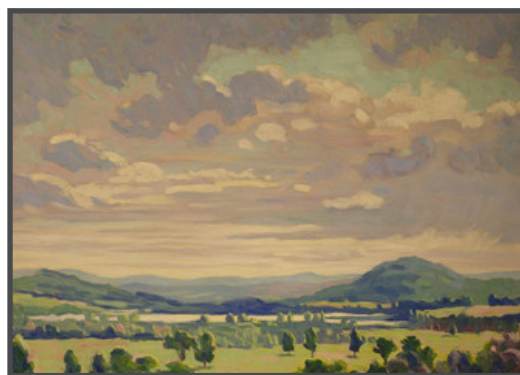
Dine with the paintings of Litchfield resident Adelaide Deming!

Enjoy a lunch and talk about this interesting artist at the home of Frank Fontana and Andrew Becker.

Adelaide Deming (1864-1956) was an artist and educator whose interest in her town's past provided subjects for many of her paintings. She was a descendant of a prominent Litchfield family of the post-Revolutionary War period, and a nationally known impressionist landscape painter. Much of Deming's training and career was in New York City, although she kept also kept a home in Litchfield. Deming was widely traveled, painting and studying in Europe, the Virgin Islands, Greece, and Egypt. She was best known, however, for her New England landscapes. The artist frequently depicted Litchfield scenes, both as they appeared during her own time, and how they might have once looked. Her career spanned a period of renewed enthusiasm for the nation's colonial and early republic past. This movement was particularly strong in Litchfield, and Deming was proud of her ancestors' place in the community's history.



Colonial House, Litchfield



View from Chestnut Hill



Afternoon in October

In addition to her art, Deming was involved in the issues of the day and in local affairs. She was president of the Litchfield Women's Suffrage League. (Her "Votes For Women" pin is in the historical society's collections.) She was also one of the first presidents of the Women's Forum, a group still in existence. As a member of the town's board of education, she was credited with helping to bring a hot lunch program to the schools. She also pushed to get a new school built in the 1920s. Her paintings are in private collections and museums. The Litchfield Historical Society received a number of Deming's paintings at the bequest of her sister, Charlotte Deming.

Enjoy a delicious lunch and informal discussion about Adelaide Deming, while her work is on display for one day only at the home of Frank Fontana and Andrew Becker. Come see these works before they are put back into storage!

Cocktails at the Benjamin Tallmadge House to celebrate his 265th Birthday hosted by Teno West

Saturday, February 23, 2019

5:00-7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$75 per person

Limit: 50 seats

Explore the life of one of Litchfield's most famous residents!

Learn from a Benjamin Tallmadge scholar about the intricate story of George Washington's most trusted spymaster. He organized the Culper Spy Ring, which was instrumental in winning the Revolutionary War. In 1782, Tallmadge settled in Litchfield and dedicated his life to serving the town. He became a prominent business man, was a U.S. Representative from Connecticut, and was heavily involved with the settlement of the Western Reserve.

Rachel Smith, from the Office of the Connecticut State Historian at the University of Connecticut, as well as historical consultant and scholar will be at the event discussing Tallmadge's spy network. Rachel operates the TURN to a Historian tumblr page, which documents the facts and fictions from the AMC hit series *TURN: Washington's Spies*. Hear from her about Tallmadge's life and the truths and fabricated facts about his character on the show.



3 Col. Benjamin Tallmadge Homestead-1775, Litchfield, Conn.

Celebrate Benjamin Tallmadge's birthday in his beautifully restored home while learning the story of his life, both factual and fictional from a Tallmadge history expert.

Silent Auction Item

Painting by Ella Crampton Knox
The Children's Garden at the Tapping Reeve Meadow

Bidding starts at \$350



About the Artist

Ella Crampton Knox is a graduate of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, NY, class of 1980. There she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Since graduating she has owned and operated an art gallery and framing shop, Ella's Limited and the Ella Knox Fine Art, located in Bantam, Connecticut for over thirty years. Ella is happy to have grown up in this beautiful area of New England, which provides her with endless subjects for her work.

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Take home this one-of-a-kind
painting by talented artist
Ella Crampton Knox!
Enjoy spring and the Tapping
Reeve Meadow all year long.

Painting by Curt Hanson

Water Lilies

Bidding starts at \$350



About the Artist

Curt Hanson passed away on October 13, 2017. His studio was out of an old Church in Cornwall Hollow, CT. Most of his inspiration came from the view outside his window. He painted landscapes of New England, the Desert, the Shore Line, and Asia. His painting style is considered Tonalist. He was greatly inspired by Realism and Impressionism as well. Mr. Hanson considered George Inness the most important influence on his work.

In his own words: *The ever-changing seasons along with a large vegetable garden and a lovely Thai wife, Onwarin, provide me with all I need to live in harmony with nature. The paintings are a visual prayer that goes out to all sentient beings.*

This painting has been generously donated for the Silent Auction.

Take home and treasure this one-of-a-kind miniature painting by Curt Hanson.

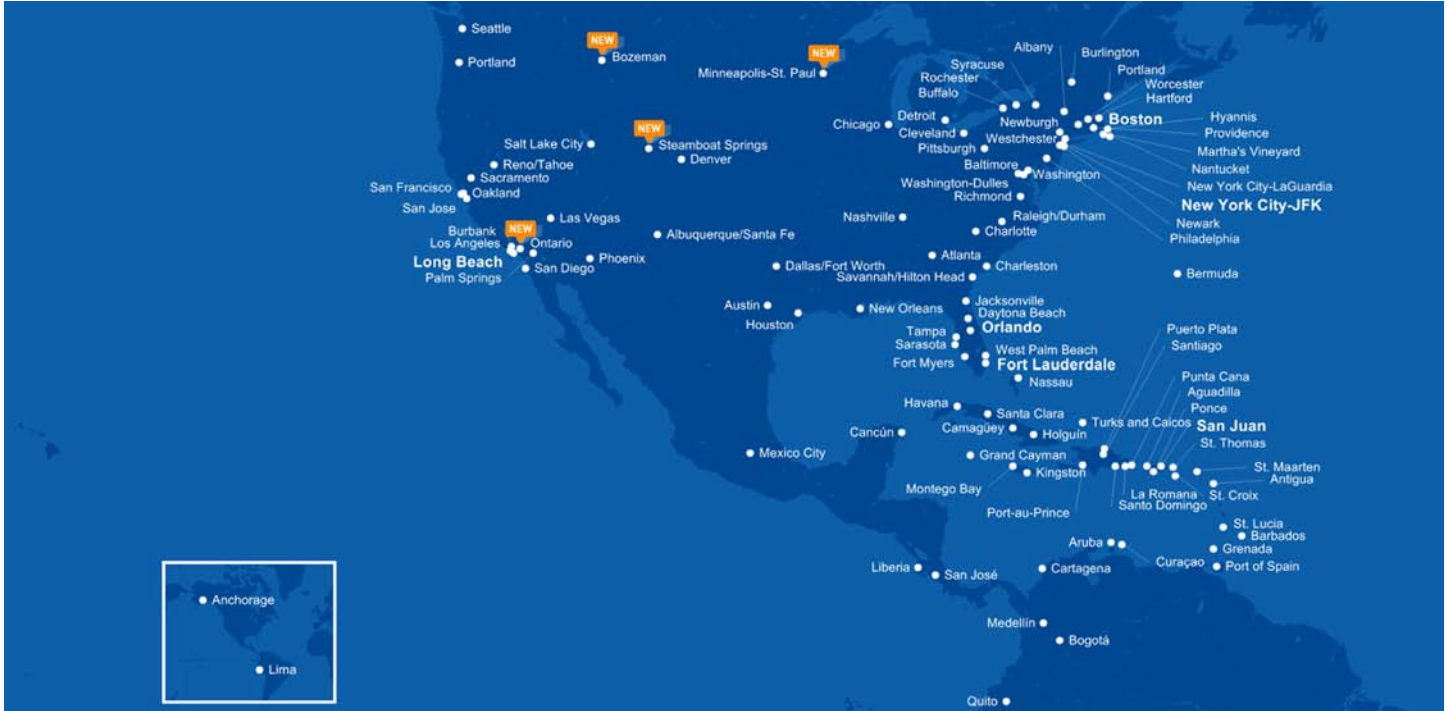
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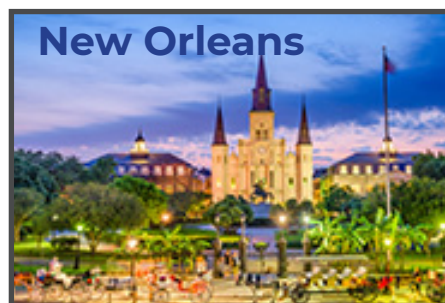


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Experience Fly Fishing A CT Trout Stream with these 2 Cool Dudes

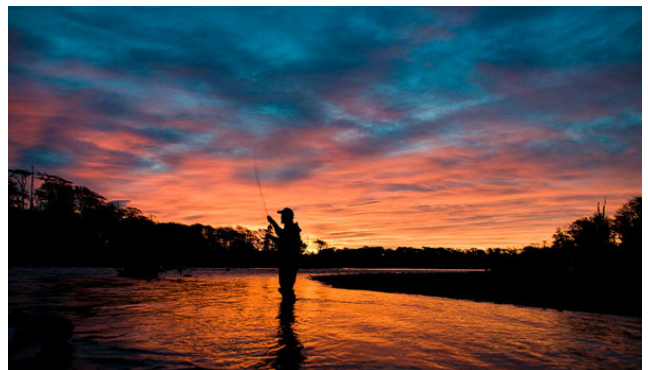
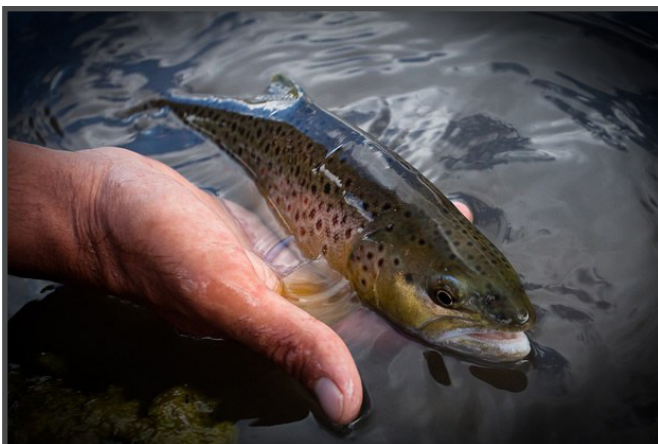


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For 2 people

This is your chance to experience the magic of fly fishing a trout stream in style.

With local anglers John Newton and Nat Worden as your guides, you and a guest will spend a half-day with rod and reel, wading and fishing some of the finest trout water around at The Hollenbeck Club, an exclusive fishing club in Falls Village with miles of private water on the pristine Hollenbeck River. Beginners, experts and anyone in between will appreciate this rare opportunity. Regardless of your experience and skill level, John and Nat will have you fully outfitted and casting to wild trout all morning. Then, to cap off a spectacular day on the water, you and your guest will retire to the Hollenbeck's historic club house to trade fish tales over a delicious lunch.



*This could be you!**

We will be adding more silent auction items to our website-so check back often to see all that will be available at the Fall Fundraiser!