

Olana State Historic Site

Field Trip Tour Information

Please read the following before replying to the confirmation email. Your reply is part of the confirmation process. Olana is one of the few artists' homes that exist with original property, studio, furnishings, and art. We ask your cooperation as we guide your class through this unique historic site.

Please:

- ✓ **Check your reservation email carefully.** Make sure all information is correct, then reply to this email stating you've reviewed the information and it is correct.
- ✓ **Include all participants, including drivers, chaperones and/or tour organizers in your count.** Changes in group size must be approved in advance. We recommend that you call a week prior to your trip to confirm details. If you arrive with more than you reserved for, we cannot guarantee them a tour. We will attempt to accommodate any additional persons on subsequent scheduled tours if space and time permit.
- ✓ **BUSES CANNOT PARK IN THE MAIN LOT.** There is no turn-around. There is a bus turn-around located on the left near the accessible parking spaces before the summit of the hill. Buses should turn around and park facing downhill where indicated. Please make sure your driver is aware. Buses who proceed to the main lot are forced to back down the hill; an unpleasant and unsafe experience for everyone.
- ✓ **Please adhere to federal law which prohibits the idling of busses for more than 5 minutes.**
- ✓ **Restrooms, water fountain, the Museum Shop, exhibits and the theater are located at the Visitor Center. If these restrooms are under renovation, portalets will be available.**
- ✓ **Group leaders should report immediately to the Visitor Center. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tour to purchase and distribute tickets, as well as allow your group time to view our video.** Most tour reservations indicate a scheduled arrival time 30 minutes prior to tour start time. *Late arrivals may result in cancellation of your reservation.*
- ✓ **Payment in full is due the day of your tour.** Payment may be made in cash, credit (VISA, MasterCard or American Express) or by check made payable to *The Olana Partnership*. Please do not mail pre-payment.
- ✓ **Please pre-assign groups for the house tour; there is a maximum of 15 people per group.** If you do not pre-assign, tours will be divided into groups at the discretion of site staff.
- ✓ **Help keep Olana clean!** Olana is a carry in/carry out State Park. Please leave all garbage in vehicles and dispose of appropriately off site after your visit. Food and beverages are not permitted in the Visitor Center, but picnicking is encouraged outdoors on the grounds.
- ✓ **Interior photography is prohibited, but bring a camera!** The views are spectacular and the grounds provide ample opportunity for photography.
- ✓ **Hiking a section of the five miles of carriage paths is a part of the field trip. These paths provide planned views in every direction and ample opportunity for enjoying the landscape. Dress in layers. Bring water, rain gear, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc. Wear comfortable shoes. In other words, be prepared for the unpredictable outdoors!**

See you soon!

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Driving Directions

From New York City and Points South:

Take NYS Thruway (I-87) to Exit 21/Catskill. Follow signs for Route 23 East and Hudson. Cross Rip Van Winkle Bridge and bear right onto Route 9G South. Olana is on left one mile south of Rip Van Winkle Bridge.

Or, take Route 9 North through Rhinebeck. Take a left at light onto Route 9G North. It's approximately 20 miles to Olana, entrance on right. If you reach the intersection for Rip Van Winkle Bridge, you have gone too far.

Or, take Taconic State Parkway North to Hudson Exit (Route 82 North). Follow Route 82 North, which turns into Route 23 at the intersection with Route 9. Continue on Route 23 West, bear left onto Route 9G South. Do not cross bridge. Olana is one mile south of Rip Van Winkle Bridge on left.

From Albany and Points North and West:

Albany. Take NYS Thruway (I-87) South to Exit 21/Catskill. Follow signs for Route 23 East and Hudson. Cross Rip Van Winkle Bridge, bear right onto Route 9G South. Olana is on left one mile south of bridge.

Or, take Route 9W to Catskill, then take Route 23 East. Cross the Rip Van Winkle Bridge and bear right onto Route 9G South. Olana is on left one mile south of bridge.

Or, take Route 9 South into Hudson. Turn right on Warren Street. Turn left on Third Street which becomes 9G South. Continue on 9G approximately 3-4 miles. Do not cross Rip Van Winkle Bridge. Olana is on left one mile south of bridge.

From Boston, the Berkshires and Points East:

From Boston, take Massachusetts Turnpike to NYS Thruway (I-90 West) to Exit B2. Take Taconic State Parkway South to Claverack/Hillsdale Exit (Route 23 West). Follow Route 23 West, bear left onto Route 9G South. Do not cross bridge. Olana is one mile south of Rip Van Winkle Bridge on left.

From Great Barrington, Massachusetts take Route 23 West. Continue into New York State on Route 23 West for approximately 22 miles. Bear left onto Route 9G South. Do not cross bridge. Olana is one mile south of Rip Van Winkle Bridge on left.

Note that different mapping systems use slightly different addresses for Olana.

Google Maps: Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State *Highway* 9G, Hudson, NY 12534

Mapquest: Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State *Rte*, 9G, Hudson, NY 12534 US

iPhone Maps: Olana State Historic Site, Hudson, NY 12534

Bing Maps uses Olana State Historic Site, 5720 State *Route* 9g, Hudson, NY 12534

Attention

All Bus and Coach Operators

There is no turnaround in the main parking lot on the hilltop so if go to the hilltop, you will have to back out and down the hill to the turn around.

Please turn around near the accessible parking just before the hilltop (watch for the blue signs in a gravel triangle on your left) and park in the designated area beside the road just below the turnaround.

Turn off your vehicle's engine while parked.

(Federal Law prohibits the idling of buses for more than 5 minutes.)

Thank you for your cooperation.



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