

On-site Field Trips at Olana!

To book a field trip, [click here](#) to fill out an application form.

FAQs:

- **Who can attend?** Field trip offerings are available for students PreK-12th grade.
- **When can I book an on-site field trip or tour?** They can be booked year-round, Tuesday-Friday.
- **How much will it cost?** On-site field trips cost \$10 per student (1 chaperone per 10 students is free. Additional chaperones are an extra \$10/adult). For schools located in Columbia and Greene Counties, on-site field trips are free. Additional tuition assistance may be available for Title 1 Schools in other counties.
- **How long are On-Site Field Trips at Olana?** Typically, on-site field trips are ½ day visits beginning at 9:00AM. However, we can adjust the timeframe of your field trip to suite you and your student's needs.
- **What's included?** Each session can consist of a tour of the main house, a walk-through Olana's artist-designed landscape, and activities and conversations to prompt students to use analytical thinking skills.
- **Is there a maximum group size?** On-site groups cannot exceed more than 60 students/chaperones at once. If you have questions about group size, please reach out to our Education Team at education@olana.org.
- **What is your cancellation policy for on-site field trips?** If your group cancels within 10 days of your scheduled field trip you will be charged a \$75 fee (this includes cancellations due to weather). However, if Olana cancels your field trip, the fee will not be charged.
- **Should I bring anything?** For on-site field trips, students should bring a packed lunch, bottled water, good walking shoes, and outdoor appropriate clothing. During warmer months, sunscreen and bug spray is recommended. Please note, there are no food vendors onsite.
- **What happens if it rains or there is inclement weather?** On-site field trips happen rain or shine. Olana staff have the right to re-arrange the outside components based on heavy downpours, but groups should be prepared for being outside regardless of weather.
- **Additional Questions?** Reach out to education@olana.org or call Olana's Education Department at 518-567-2170.

Learn more about Olana's On-Site Field Trip offerings
on the following page!

To learn more about transport/bus funding opportunities from New York State, visit the following link to learn more about the Connect Kids Grant Program:
<https://parks.ny.gov/environment/connect-kids/grant-program.aspx>

In-Person Field Trips:

- All offerings can be tailored to meet specific curriculum goals and classroom needs
- 1 adult chaperone per each group of 10 students is required
- In-person field trips typically last from 9:00am-2:00pm, but can be adjusted as needed
- All field trips can be scaled for various age ranges, groups, and audiences
- Select schools qualify for Connect Kids Field Trip Refund Grant Program. To learn more contact education@olana.org

Exploring Special Places with Olana

Famed Hudson River School painter, Frederic Edwin Church and his contemporaries were inspired by the landscape in which they lived – the Hudson Valley. Through learning about Olana’s history and preservation as well as Church’s masterwork and family home, students will explore how they relate to important places in their own lives and communities.

- Designed for 3rd-8th grades

Land as a Canvas: Voices from the Land

Encourage your students to think creatively and invent in nature on this Olana field trip. After exploring the main house and a landscape on a tour, students will make art from found materials in the landscape and explore how they might listen, or find inspiration, in nature.

- Designed for K-8th grades

Islamic Design: Persian Influence and Geometry at Olana

Frederic Edwin Church traveled extensively in Europe and the Middle East with his family. In this visit, students will explore the influence of these regions on the design of Olana’s Main House. Students will discuss how artists like Church can be influenced by other cultures and consider how this affects how we see their work today. Through art-making, students will design their own geometric patterns. This visit combines art, mathematics, history, and social studies.

- Designed for 4th-12th grades

From Sketch to Study: Studying Frederic Church’s Method from Outside In

Students will practice Frederic Church’s outdoor sketching (plein air) technique and, through firsthand experience, learn how Church took his famed landscape paintings from sketch to study to final painting. With notebooks and drawing boards, students will practice sketching in the landscape and discuss landscape paintings relationship to social, cultural, and environmental questions and concerns.

- Designed for 3rd-12th grades

Odes to Nature and Nature Writing

Students will explore the similarities between the Hudson River School art movement and the philosophical movement, Transcendentalism. During this visit, connections between landscape painter, Frederic Church and well know Transcendentalist’s writers like Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau will be revealed and explored. Why did early art in the United States focus on issues of nature and environmentalism? Students will use primary sources and lessons in history and social studies to discover the answer.

- Designed for 3rd-12th grades

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