



The Great House at Castle Hill on The Crane Estate 2024 Group Tours

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Classic House Tour

Cost: \$15/person

School field trips: \$10/student, up to 4 chaperones free of charge.

Length: Approximately 1 hour

With a General House Tour, a knowledgeable guide will offer an historical overview of the history of the property & Crane items, and a look at the majority of the museum rooms on the first and second floors of the Great House. **The ability to ascend and descend our grand staircase is required.**

The Backstairs

Cost: \$15pp

Length: Approximately 1 hour

With our behind-the-scenes tour of the Great House, guests will be taken through some of the “working areas” of the house, including the extensive cellar, telephone room, and former servant’s corridors. A general overview of the Crane Family & property history will be paired with the often-unseen features of the House. Learn about the modern technology of the Great House that made it truly advanced for its time, the way of life for domestic help, & the innovative self-sufficiency of the Crane Estate. **The ability to ascend and descend narrow stairs is required.**

Classic House Tour with Cupola

Cost: \$20pp

Length: Approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes

A more specialized experience, our “Roof Tour & More” explores the long legacy of Castle Hill, from before the Crane Family’s inhabitation to the present-day. A knowledgeable guide will provide a general historical overview of the property, with a special emphasis on the restoration efforts that have taken place both inside and outside. Finally, learn about some of the architectural & landscape features with a special bird’s eye-view from our roof! **The ability to ascend and descend *multiple* flights of stairs is required.**

Classic House Tour with Gardens

Cost: \$25pp

Length: Approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes

The benefits of the Classic House Tour, plus the ability to wander the gardens with a knowledgeable guide. Explore not only the inside of the house, but the Formal Garden designed by the Olmsted Brothers and the newly renovated Rose Garden. Take a closer look at the Grand Allée and the Casino Complex, which are tucked away hidden from the view of the Great House, in plain sight. **The ability to ascend and descend our grand staircase and walking on uneven outdoor terrain is required.**

Booking Notes:

- Group tours are available May-November.
- Tours are to be scheduled a minimum of 2 weeks in advance. Tours scheduled less than two weeks out are subject to a \$50 late booking fee.
- A final count is due **two** weeks before your tour.
- Invoicing can be offered in paper and/or digital form.
- **Due to the historic nature of the house and property, only the first floor and a bathroom are accessible to those with mobility issues.**

Food Notes:

- We do not have a food vendor on site, but you are welcome to bring picnics and snacks. There are ample places to picnic on the grounds and arrangements can be made to accommodate you indoors in case of inclement weather.
- Please note that food and drink cannot be brought on tours, except for water in sealable containers.
- There is a gift shop in the Great House that carries drinks and snacks. Its hours mirror the House Hours, typically 10am-4pm