

Japanese House and Garden Registration Form Adult Group Tour

Shofuso Japanese House and Garden is a replica of a 17th century upper-class residential house. Shofuso contains all the elements of a traditional house, regardless of economic status: *tatami* mats, *shoji* screens, and *hibachi* heaters. New in 2007 are 20 murals created by the revered contemporary Japanese artist, Hiroshi Senju. These murals appear on the *fusuma* (interior sliding doors) throughout the house and the *tokonoma* wall. In front of the house is a garden with many traditional Japanese plants and *koi* fish. There is also an excellent example of a teahouse where a tea master would perform the tea ceremony.

The tour explains the way Japanese people lived 500 years ago, how their culture developed to accommodate their environment, and a short introduction to the tea ceremony. Although Japanese homes have changed with modern technology, many elements are still found in their houses today.

To make your visit to the Japanese House and Garden more enjoyable, please take note of the following:

- In keeping with Japanese custom, visitors must remove their shoes before entering the House and leave the shoes at the entrance. Shoes must not be worn on the veranda. All members of your group must wear or bring socks. Bare feet are not permitted. However, shoes must be worn in the garden.
- The site is not wheelchair accessible. Canes, crutches and walkers must have rubber tips to protect the floor and the dirt removed before entering.
- Late arrival will be permitted only if the schedule allows. If you know your group will be late, please call and inform the staff as soon as possible and every effort will be made to accommodate late arrivals. Please note the next scheduled tour will be given priority.
- There are no restrooms at the site. A portable toilet is located in the parking lot and a public restroom is available at the Horticulture Center.
- Groups will be able to visit our gift shop, which includes many unique Japanese items including chopsticks, origami paper, books and toys.

TIME

The Japanese House and Garden is open for group tours April 3 through November 2, 2007 Tuesday - Friday 10 am to 3 pm and Saturday - Sunday 11 am - 4 pm. It is possible to make special arrangements for tours on Monday. Allow 30-45 minutes for this tour, depending on the inquisitive nature of the group.

CAPACITY

The house can accommodate up to 80 people at one time. Large groups are divided into smaller ones and participate in guided tours simultaneously through the house. If you are concerned about the size of your group, please contact our office at 215-878-5097 to discuss options.

FEES

Fees are \$3.00 per person. The group admission fee is due 30 days prior to your tour. If you are making tour arrangements less than 30 days in advance, admission fees should be paid at the time of the reservation.

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A non-refundable \$15.00 processing fee is required to reserve your tour and should accompany your registration form (see below). This fee is separate from the admission charge. The processing fee is due 7 days after calling to book your reservation. It may be paid by check or credit card. Please make checks payable to Friends of the Japanese House and Garden.

REFUND

Refunds of 50% will be made for tours that cancel with at least one-week advance notice. Tours may be rescheduled based on availability.

PICNIC GROVE

The picnic grove adjacent to the Japanese House and Garden may be reserved on weekdays. Groups may use the picnic grove to eat their sack lunch brought from home.

HORTICULTURE CENTER

The Horticulture Center of Fairmount Park is located in the vicinity of the Japanese House. Tours of the Horticulture Center may be made by calling 215-685-0096. Tours must be arranged in advance.

Please fax this completed form to 215-878-1276 with your credit card information to reserve your tour. We cannot confirm your reservation until we receive this form with payment. Please call the Japanese House and Garden office at 215-878-5097 to check availability when selecting a date and time before sending this form.

Reservation date _____ Reservation time _____

Organization _____

Number of people in group _____

Contact person _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

PAYMENT (Payment is due 10 days prior to tour.)

\$15 Processing Fee \$ _____

\$3 x number in group \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Check enclose in the amount of \$ _____ Charge card in the amount of \$ _____

Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____

Name on card _____ (Visa, MasterCard and Discover)

Signature _____