

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary Drive Yourself Getaway Celebrate New Year's in the Berkshires **THE RED LION INN**

Thursday, December 30, 2010-Saturday, January 1, 2011

A postcard setting, a quintessential New England town in full holiday regalia, a first-class Inn and an elegant New Year's Eve celebration—this getaway is bound to recharge your batteries for the new year ahead! The Red Lion Inn has welcomed travelers for more than two centuries—today visitors love the year-round heated outdoor pool and hot tub (perfect for star gazing) and award-winning wine list. On New Year's Eve enjoy a special five-course dinner, dancing to live music and a midnight champagne toast. We've also included admission to nearby Pittsfield's Berkshire Museum and its 26th Annual Festival of Trees. One of many highlights of this getaway is your visit to nearby Ventfort Hall—Mansion and Gilded Age Museum. Ventfort Hall celebrates the season with its annual "A Home for the Holidays" set among the mansion's period-decorated rooms. Enjoy a guided tour followed by a gourmet picnic in the library and a one-hour play.

Rates

\$519 per person double occupancy

Includes

- Two nights' first-class accommodations at The Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge MA
- Breakfast both mornings
- New Year's Eve Gala celebration including dinner and dancing
- Admission to Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield
- Admission to Ventfort Hall including tour, lunch/picnic, play

Accommodations

The Red Lion Inn

30 Main Street

Stockbridge MA 01262

Tel: 413-298-5545

The Inn's main building comprises a variety of suites and guest rooms. Each room is individually decorated and carefully furnished. All rooms contain cable television, air conditioning and telephone. The Red Lion specializes in contemporary regional cuisine, served with gracious New England hospitality in authentic surroundings.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Drive to Stockbridge

Begin this drive yourself weekend as you head for charming Stockbridge, located in the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts, and check into The Red Lion Inn. Normal check in time is 3PM. This evening you'll experience one of the highlights of this getaway with your visit to **Ventfort Hall, Mansion and Gilded Age Museum**. Ventfort Hall celebrates the season with its annual "A Home for the Holidays" exhibit set among the mansion's period decorated rooms. After the tour you'll be treated to a gourmet picnic in the library followed by a one-hour play. (P)

Day 2: Day at Leisure in Stockbridge/New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

After an enjoyable breakfast, spend some time exploring the charming town of Stockbridge on your own or opt to travel to nearby Pittsfield's Berkshire Museum for your included admission to the Museum's 26th Annual **Festival of Trees** display. This eco-savvy and eco-fabulous enchanted forest consist of more than 200 trees, creatively decorated with natural materials and reused, recycled, repurposed, and reclaimed objects. After a full day, you will ring in the New Year this evening with an included **Gala Dinner and Dance at the Red Lion Inn**. (B,D)

Day 3: Morning at Leisure/Check out of hotel

Delight to a full breakfast before venturing out for more sightseeing or start the journey home having welcomed in 2011 in the Berkshires. (B)

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