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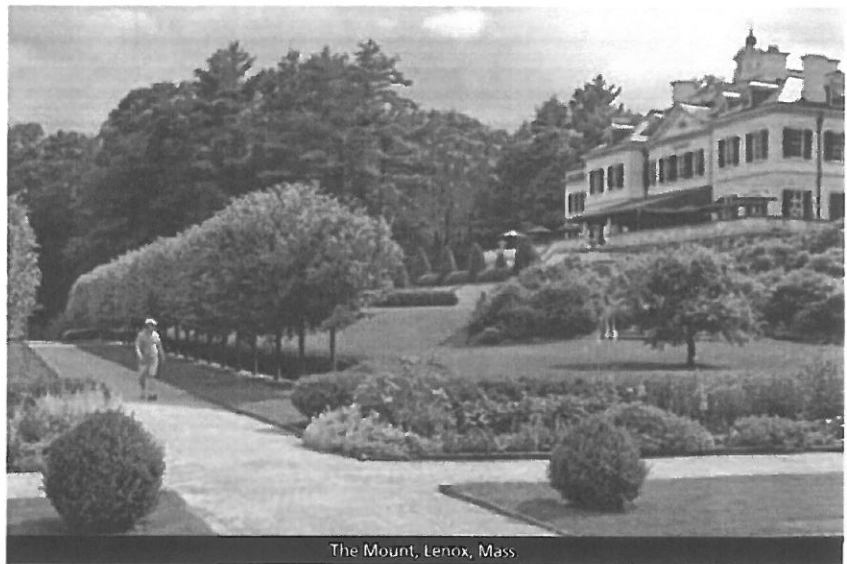
Savor fare and lore in the Berkshires

In the Berkshires, world-class culture is presented amid stunning landscapes and a sophisticated culinary scene. Located a 2 ½-hour drive from both New York City and Boston, the Berkshires are filled with exciting venues that offer a warm welcome to groups large and small.

Enhance the Berkshire group experience by dining at the cafes and restaurants located on the grounds of area attractions. Farm-fresh and artisanal local foods are often featured on the menus, and meals are served in unforgettably beautiful settings.

1Berkshire shared just a small sampling of what's available during a cultural visit.

At Tanglewood in Lenox, the Tanglewood Grille offers a Taste of the Berkshires menu featuring sandwiches, grass-fed beef burgers, soups and salads made with fresh ingredients from area farms



The Mount, Lenox, Mass.

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and food producers. Locally roasted coffee and Berkshire-made ice cream, beer, wines and spirits are available at kiosks around the grounds. Dine at the Grille or find a picnic spot overlooking Lake Mahkeenac.

Taking the group on a house or garden tour? The Mount in Lenox, and Naumkeag and Chesterwood in Stockbridge all offer a catered buffet lunch, afternoon tea with cookies, or wine and cheese with a side of spectacular scenery. The Terrace Café at The Mount overlooks magnificent formal gardens designed by novelist Edith Wharton, who owned and created it. From the grounds of Chesterwood and Naumkeag, take in the wonderful view of Monument Mountain to the south with a grab-and-go picnic offered on the grounds. Naumkeag even provides loaner picnic blankets.

If the itinerary includes a museum day at the Norman Rockwell Museum, MASS MoCA or The Clark, the group has several dining options. Each location offers catered meals, afternoon refreshments, pre-ordered box lunches and grab-and-go sandwiches, salads and snacks. The Clark has a private dining area for groups and a small outdoor area with seating next to a peaceful reflecting pool. As travelers nibble on local fare, they can take in

a view of The Clark's expansive 140-acre campus and nature trails.

Headed for a performance at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Becket? Savor even more Berkshire flavors with a meal from Haven at the Pillow or No. Six Depot Café including snack bar options. Both restaurants are offshoots of two popular local eateries, located in Lenox and West Stockbridge, respectively, that offer seasonally inspired dishes made with local ingredients. For a more casual meal, bring a picnic to enjoy on the gorgeous grounds. Or work with Savory Harvest, a well-established full-service catering company that serves the Pillow, and other area venues, with a Berkshire-sourced menu.

In a region where local food is as highly acclaimed as its art, music, dance and theater venues, consider a meal featuring the flavors of the Berkshires as an attraction within the attraction. From brown-bag picnics to full-course dinners under a breezy tent, cultural spots in the Berkshires accommodate group tours and dining with memorable meals that showcase the unique taste of the area. 🍴

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