Contemporary Art & Architecture at Crystal Bridges
Bentonville, Arkansas, March 20-22, 2020

Travel with the Art Center and take a deep dive into contemporary American art and architecture at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and the dynamic art scene of Bentonville, Arkansas. Crystal Bridges’ expansive collection, housed in the 201,000 square foot space designed by architect Moshe Safdie, spans over five centuries of art ranging from Winslow Homer to Romare Bearden to Jackson Pollock. Founded by collector Alice Walton, the museum has been heralded as an international destination for art lovers.

Our tour begins at our home base for the weekend: the 21c Museum Hotel. This unique luxury boutique hotel houses more than 12,000 square feet of exhibition space and features site-specific installations, sculpture and more. We’ll kick off our weekend with a private tour of their collection, cocktails, and southern-inspired canapes before heading to Crystal Bridges for our private tour and welcome dinner.

Our trip focuses on the contemporary works in the museum’s permanent collection as well as special tours of temporary exhibitions. On view will be the museum’s recently acquired “Infinity Mirrored Room – My Heart is Dancing into the Universe” by Yayoi Kusama. As well as “Hank Willis Thomas: All Things Being Equal...”, the artist’s first comprehensive survey featuring seventy objects including photographs, sculptures, and mixed media works and “State of the Art II”, a continuation of “State of the Art: Discovering American Art Now” which became the subject of the PBS documentary. This exhibition features a new curatorial team exploring themes of nature, globalism, technology, and more.
We will visit the studio of painter and sculptor George Dombrek in Fayetteville, AR, where the artist will give a behind-the-scenes look into his process. You will have the opportunity to stroll through the art trails of Bentonville where the beautiful Ozark landscape is dotted with outdoor works by artists like Keith Haring, Deborah Butterfield and James Turrell. We’ll also explore contemporary architecture including Frank Lloyd Wright’s Bachman-Wilson House that was originally built in New Jersey before being meticulously restored and relocated to Bentonville, as well as the serene Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel designed by architect Fay Jones, a student of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Traveling with you will be 92Y Art Center educator Riva Blumenfeld, who has 40 years’ experience as a gallery director/owner, art advisor for collectors and arts educator at NYC’s top museums, and Allison Valchuis, artist, traveler, and director of the 92Y Art Center.

Enclosed you will find an application for the trip as well as travel program general conditions and itinerary. Please do not make any flight arrangements until your participation is confirmed in writing.

Please review the materials carefully and return the completed and signed application with the required deposit of $1,000 by credit card to the Art Center in person or by phone. The Art Center can be reached at 212.415.5562.

We hope you’ll join us for this weekend of contemporary art and southern hospitality!

Allison Valchuis Chapman
Director, 92Y Art Center
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Cost per Participant:
- Single Occupancy: $2,750 per person
- Double Occupancy: $2,400 per person

The fee for the trip includes the following:
- 2 nights’ accommodations at the luxury boutique 21c Museum Hotel in Bentonville, AR
- Welcome cocktails, dinner, Saturday breakfast, and a farewell brunch on Sunday
- Private guides and tour facilitators
- Roundtrip private group airport transfers from Bentonville, AR airport to 21c Museum Hotel
- Daily private group tours to museums, collections, artist studios, and historical sites with admission fees included

Cost of trip does not include:
- Air transportation to Bentonville, AR Municipal Airport
- Remaining meals
- Trip Insurance (highly recommended)

* All tour start and end times will be announced at the beginning of the trip. Participants are responsible for arriving to the meeting locations on time. Your tour will begin and end with the included airport transfers.

92Y Terms and Conditions
92Y does not represent, nor is 92Y the agent for, any transportation carriers, hotels, caterers and other suppliers of services connected with the Contemporary Art and Architecture Tour: Crystal Bridges. All service providers for the trip are independent contractors whose businesses are independent of 92Y; the provision by them of services on the trip does not make them a partner of, or create a joint venture with, 92Y. 92Y is therefore not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, death, accident, delay or other irregularity during the trip caused by or as a result of the actions or omissions, whether negligent or otherwise, of any service provider. Additionally, 92Y is not responsible for losses or expenses due to force majeure, including, without limitation, sickness, inclement weather, acts of God, strikes, wars, or other causes beyond the control of 92Y. The published itinerary of the trip may be changed if such change(s) are deemed necessary for the health, safety, or general welfare of the members or the trip. 92Y recommends that each participant purchase medical insurance and insurance with respect to loss or damage of luggage and/or for recoupment of the cost of transportation to and from the program in the event of any unforeseen events that require a change by the trip planners or a change of your plan to participate. Baggage and personal effects are the individual trip members’ sole responsibility.

92Y reserves the right to decline participation of any person, and/or to remove any participant from the trip at any time, when such action is determined in the sole discretion of 92Y to be in the best interests of or necessary for the health, safety, or general welfare of the participants or of any individual participant. In the event of any changes of these terms or of the trip itinerary by 92Y, participant's sole compensation as damages shall be limited to the total program fee that participant paid for the trip. Trip cancellation and baggage insurance is highly recommended. Above charges do not include cancellation charges imposed by the airlines for any connecting flights to/from your point of departure.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:
The Contemporary Art and Architecture Tour: Crystal Bridges is subject to the following cancellation charges if you cancel for any reason:

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