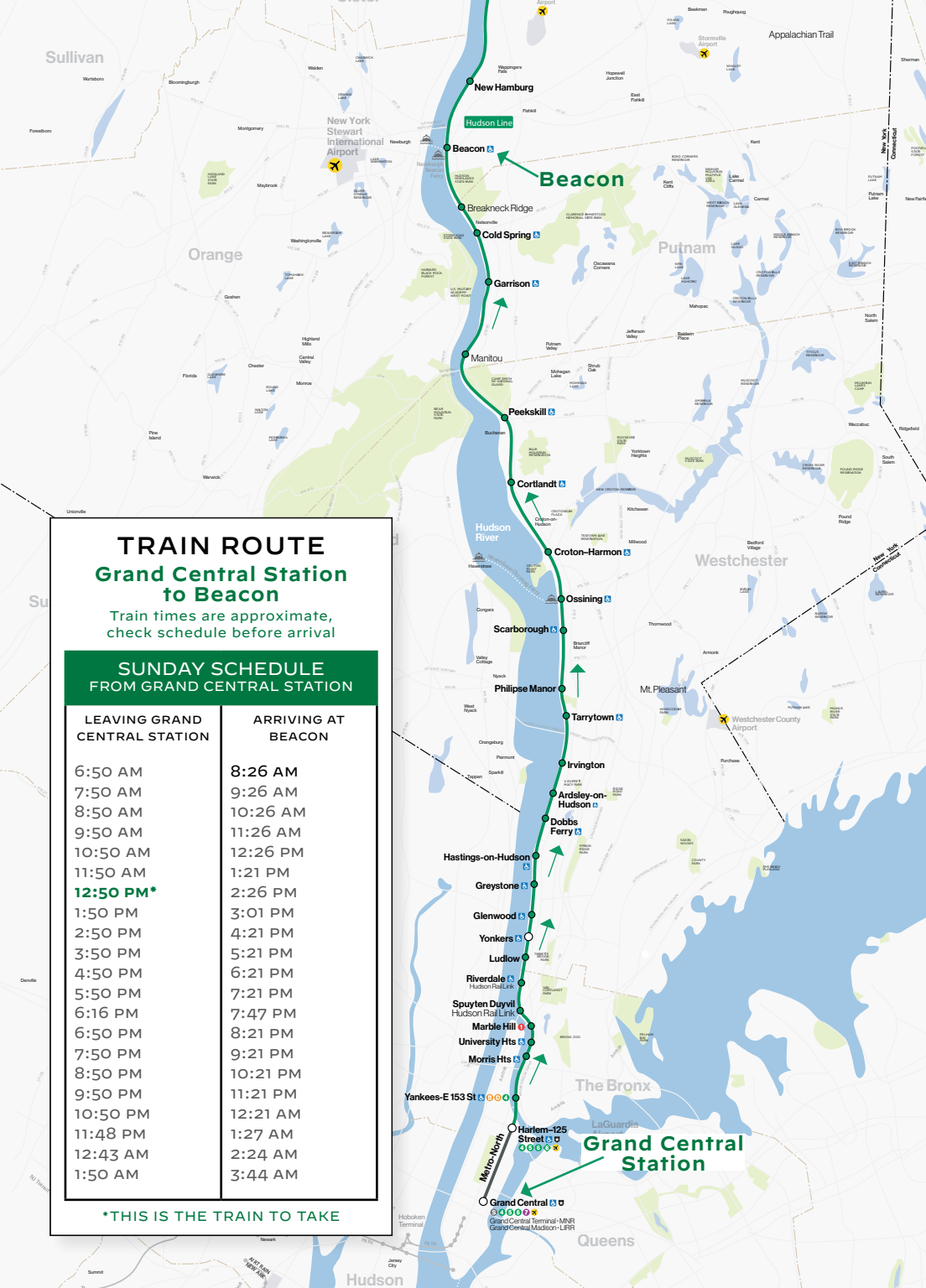


A watercolor-style landscape painting. The top half shows a cloudy sky with soft, blended colors of grey, blue, and white. Below the sky is a dense line of dark green trees. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the trees and sky. The overall style is soft and painterly.

PATH OF AN ARTIST

Hudson Valley

2024



TRAIN ROUTE

Grand Central Station to Beacon

Train times are approximate, check schedule before arrival

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FROM GRAND CENTRAL STATION

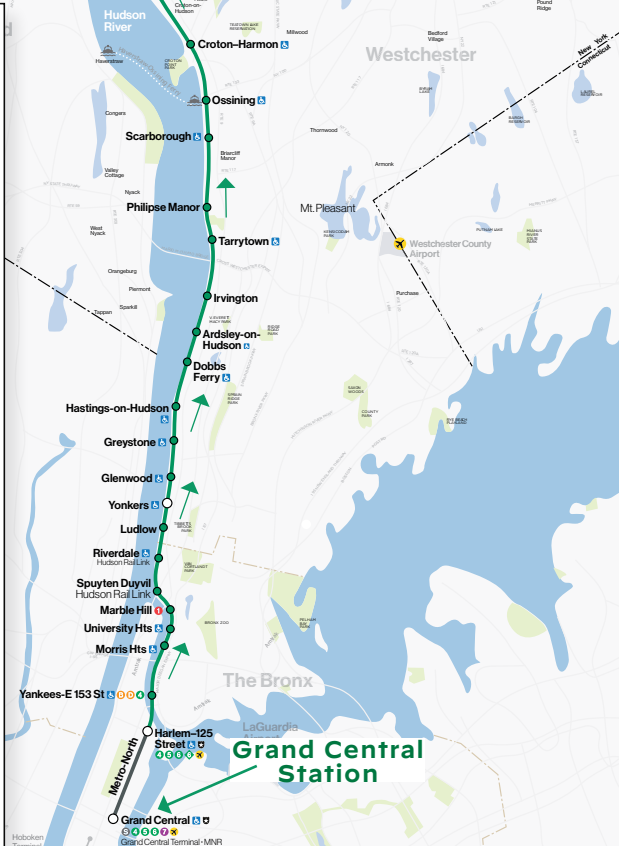
LEAVING GRAND CENTRAL STATION

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ARRIVING AT BEACON

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- 3:44 AM

*THIS IS THE TRAIN TO TAKE





I started my Path of an Artist curated travel experiences to meld my love of travel with indulgent hospitality. I like to keep the trips small and intimate and bring local artisans into the mix. All of my art/travel offerings to France, Sundance and Mendocino started with a connection to place. Coming to the Hudson Valley from Napa Valley I find so many intersections of art and life that are an inspiring counterpoint to where I live. What I love about this trip is one can see the artistic historical roots of the area, while experiencing the vitality of contemporary art in real time.

I am so excited to offer this curated four-night taste of the Hudson Valley, where artists can renew their creative wells by looking at dynamic contemporary art, experiencing rural beauty and sketching some painted field notes along the way. Follow me to some of my favorite finds from our basecamp in Beacon. Sixty miles north of New York City, when spring transitions to summer and green lush foliage breaks into view, art flourishes. All you need to do is...

Just Say Oui!

CALENDAR

FRIDAY

May 31st

Pack PJ's , toothbrush
and art supplies



SATURDAY

June 1st

Fly into NYC and
take a bite out of
the Big Apple



SUNDAY

June 2nd

Train from Grand Central
Station along the Hudson
River to Beacon



MONDAY

June 3rd

Double Header Art Day!
Dia Beacon & Storm King



TUESDAY

June 4th

Painting on the banks
of the Hudson and
meet local artists



WEDNESDAY

June 5th

Field Trip to Thomas Cole
historic home studio
& lunch in Hudson



THURSDAY

June 6th

Train back to NYC
in time to
visit the MET



FRIDAY

June 7th

Fly back home,
satiated and vowing to
make more art



SATURDAY

June 8th

Unpack, take a nap,
still on east coast time

Icon Descriptions



MEAL IS PROVIDED



PAINTING/SKETCHING



ART VIEWING



COCKTAILS



PREPARE TO WALK



LIGHT SWEATER



BREAKFAST



LIGHT SNACKS

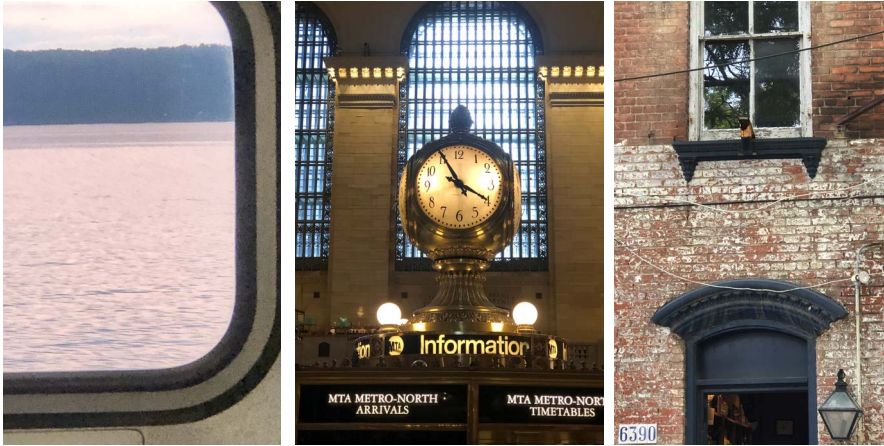


GRAB YOUR LUGGAGE












DAY 1

Sunday, June 2nd

Welcome to New York!



Your journey north begins at the architectural gem, Grand Central Station. We will have an art tour ambassador meet you there to accompany you for the ride to Beacon. This 90-minute scenic ride travels along the beautiful Hudson River. We will pick you up at the Beacon train station, only a few minutes from our centrally located lodging. The Roundhouse is a family-owned property, steeped in New York history and situated on the Fishkill Creek and Falls. Once used to manufacture dye, the original brick and beams have been carefully integrated into the re-imagining of the buildings as a restaurant and hotel. Each room is unique and has local artisan touches. We will rendezvous for an aperitif and do a little paint sketching overlooking the falls before having dinner (included) at the Roundhouse restaurant.

					MOON PHASE: WANING CRESENT (20%)		
	ESTIMATED HIGH & LOW: 80°/56°				VISIBLE IN NIGHT SKY: MARS & SATURN		
	SUNRISE 5:20 AM		SUNSET 8:26 PM		MOONRISE 2:46 AM		MOONSET 4:13 PM



DAY 2

Monday, June 3rd

Double Header Art Day Dia Beacon / Storm King

Enjoy the daily deluxe continental breakfast that includes a bag of fresh baked pastries and bagels delivered to your door. Ten minutes away is the incomparable Dia Beacon. We will spend the morning strolling through this contemporary art venue in the historic Nabisco box warehouse. Room after room of some of the most iconic artists of the 21st century, lit by natural light will leave us inspired, fulfilled and ready for lunch. We will dine at Dia's quick and easy restaurant (included) before heading back for a little repose.

If you are wanting an afternoon pick me up there is an artisan coffee house just across the bridge. Our second outing takes us to the astonishing Storm King, where sculpture is seen in situ in this 500 acre park. We will tour the landscape taking the hop on/ hop off shuttle that traverses through and around the sculpture beautifully placed in nature.

The evening is yours for dinner in town or staying close to home.



ESTIMATED HIGH & LOW: 80°/56°

SUNRISE
5:20 AM

SUNSET
8:26 PM

MOON PHASE:
WANING CRESCENT (12%)

VISIBLE IN NIGHT SKY:
MARS & SATURN

MOONRISE
3:10 AM

MOONSET
5:30 PM

DAY 3









Tuesday, June 4th

Make Art and Meet Artists

We will start the morning with a little sketching at Beacon's Long Dock Park on the banks of the Hudson. The afternoon is yours to explore the town of Beacon and the myriad of artisanal shops right outside your door.

The Hudson Valley is home to some stellar artists, and I have invited a few of them to take a break from their busy schedules and join us for apero and snacks (included). A local sommelier will be on hand to share a few special local wines.



	 MOON PHASE: WANING CRESENT (5%)		
 ESTIMATED HIGH & LOW: 80°/56°	 VISIBLE IN NIGHT SKY: MARS, SATURN, JUPITER		
 SUNRISE 5:19 AM	 SUNSET 8:27 PM	 MOONRISE 3:38 AM	 MOONSET 6:49 PM

DAY 4












Wednesday, June 5th

Thomas Cole House and Lunch in Hudson

We will head out to find our roots with the Hudson River School. Our destination is the home/studio and now museum of painter and environmentalist Thomas Cole. After touring this historic property, we will lunch in nearby Hudson at one of its charming restaurants.

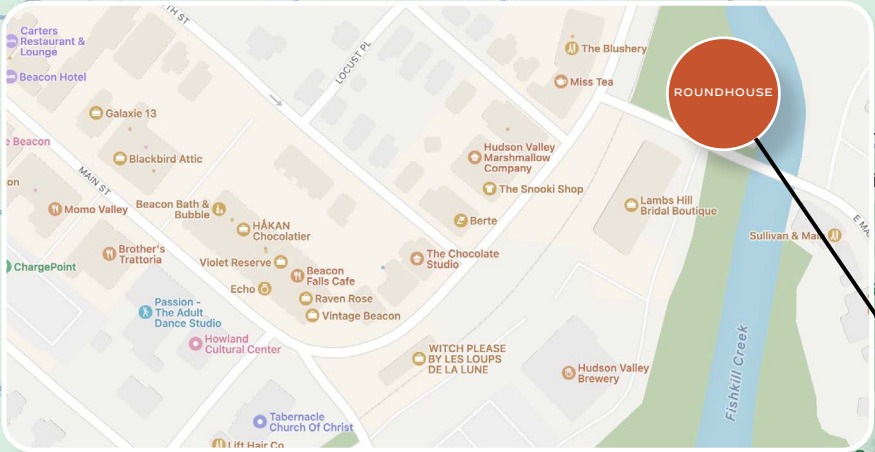
Chill out and savor your last afternoon at the Roundhouse before we walk into town for dinner in town at an old school Italian restaurant (included).



					MOON PHASE: WANING CRESENT (1%)		
	ESTIMATED HIGH & LOW: 80°/56°				VISIBLE IN NIGHT SKY: MARS, SATURN, JUPITER		
	SUNRISE 5:19 AM		SUNSET 8:28 PM		MOONRISE 4:12 AM		MOONSET 8:05 PM







Henry Hudson first sailed up the river 400 years ago and brought with him an era of industrialization. New communities sprung up to sustain brickyards, dye plants and other manufacturing that shipped their goods down river to literally build New York City. Social and political dignitaries such as FDR & Vanderbilt found refuge here and renowned educational programs at The Culinary Institute of America, Vassar and Bard continue to thrive. The landscape is still rural and home to split-railed horse farms, but stellar restaurants and craft libations are easily found in the small towns the populate the terrain.



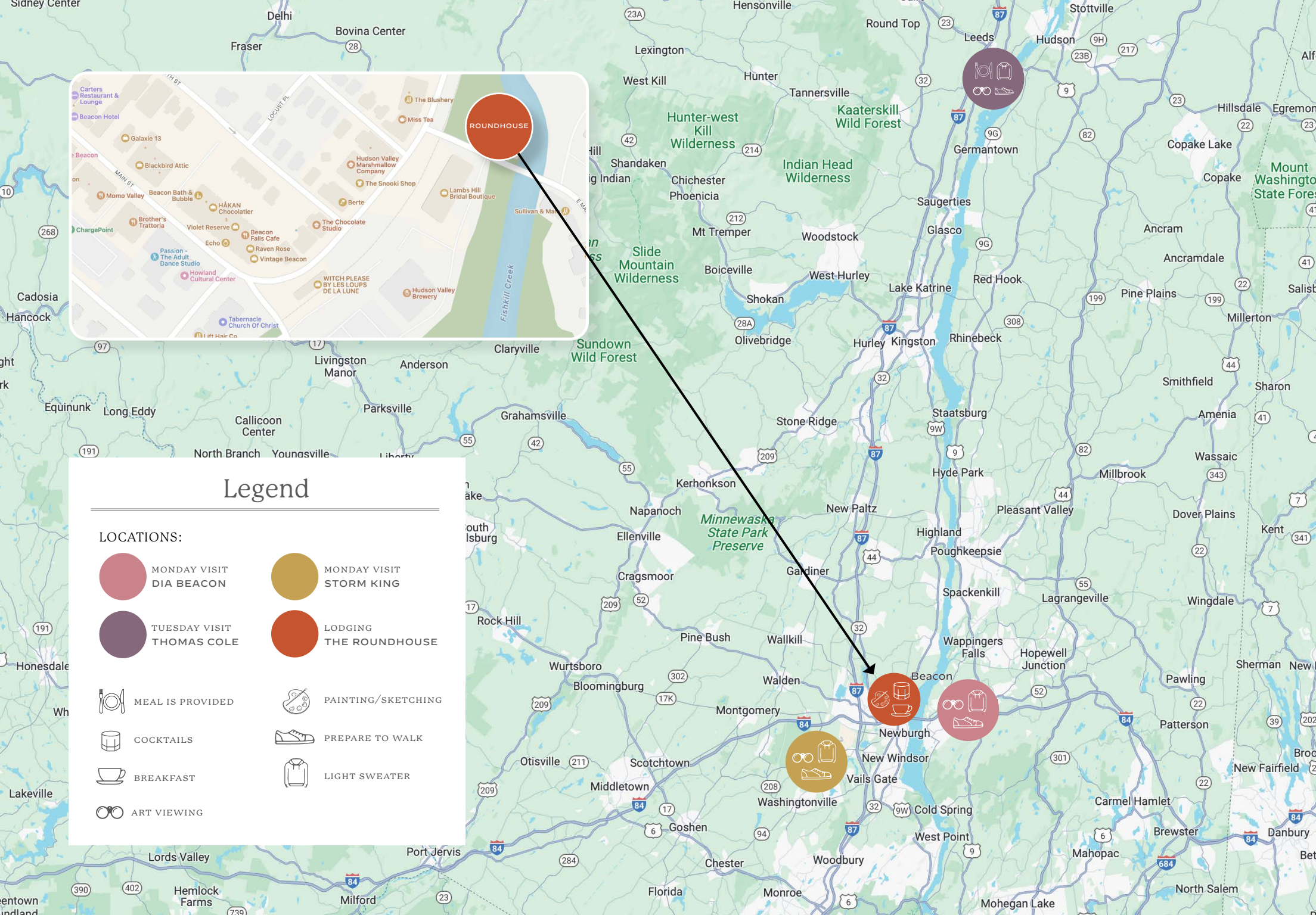
ROUNDHOUSE

Legend

LOCATIONS:

-  MONDAY VISIT
DIA BEACON
-  MONDAY VISIT
STORM KING
-  TUESDAY VISIT
THOMAS COLE
-  LODGING
THE ROUNDHOUSE

-  MEAL IS PROVIDED
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-  ART VIEWING

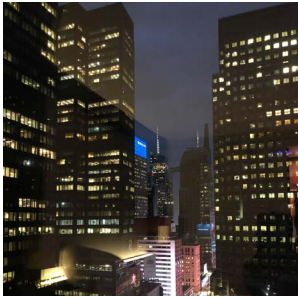












DAY 5

Thursday, June 6th

Saying Adieu and Train to NYC

I suggest you book your flight home to stay an extra night in NYC. We will shuttle you to the Beacon train station for you to venture on to NYC or beyond. Savor the beauty of Grand Central station before you tap into the pulse of the city that never sleeps.



				MOON PHASE: NEW MOON (0%)			
	ESTIMATED HIGH & LOW: 80°/56°			NIGHT SKY: MARS & SATURN VISIBLE			
	SUNRISE 5:19 AM		SUNSET 8:29 PM		MOONRISE 4:54 AM		MOONSET 9:16 PM

Meet Your Tour Insider

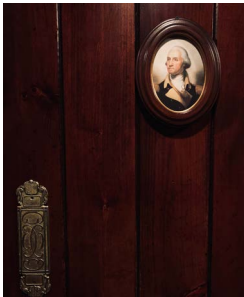
Nancy Willis

Artist Nancy Willis lives and works in the Napa Valley, an area known for its food, wine and natural beauty. As a painter and printmaker, Willis pulls from the rituals of her daily life to explore themes of intimacy and human connection. String lights in trees, dinner table scenes and local terrain become motifs in her paintings and prints that evoke a sense of place.

Her work has been featured at the Start Up Fairs in Houston, LA and San Francisco and in exhibitions in Brooklyn, Albuquerque and Cincinnati. Years of supporting her studio with work in the hospitality industry led to a nine-year teaching assignment at the Culinary Institute of America. Willis currently teaches painting and printmaking at the Napa Valley College and Nimbus Arts. She successfully launched Path of an Artist painting tours to France in 2007 and expanded the workshops to Sundance in 2009 and Hudson Valley in 2024.



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The Tally

Treat yourself to a curated taste of the Hudson Valley. Enjoy four nights lodging in a spacious room with high ceilings and exposed brick on Fishkill Creek where you can walk into the charming and historic town of Beacon. Sate your senses with excursions to three iconic and inspiring art venues, nourished by delicious artisan meals and wine. Restore your creative time with some painted studies and color note-taking. Expand your artistic tribe and meet some local Hudson Valley artists.

\$ 4250.00*

*Deposit of \$ 400. due to hold your place.
Balance due April 2nd or by arrangement

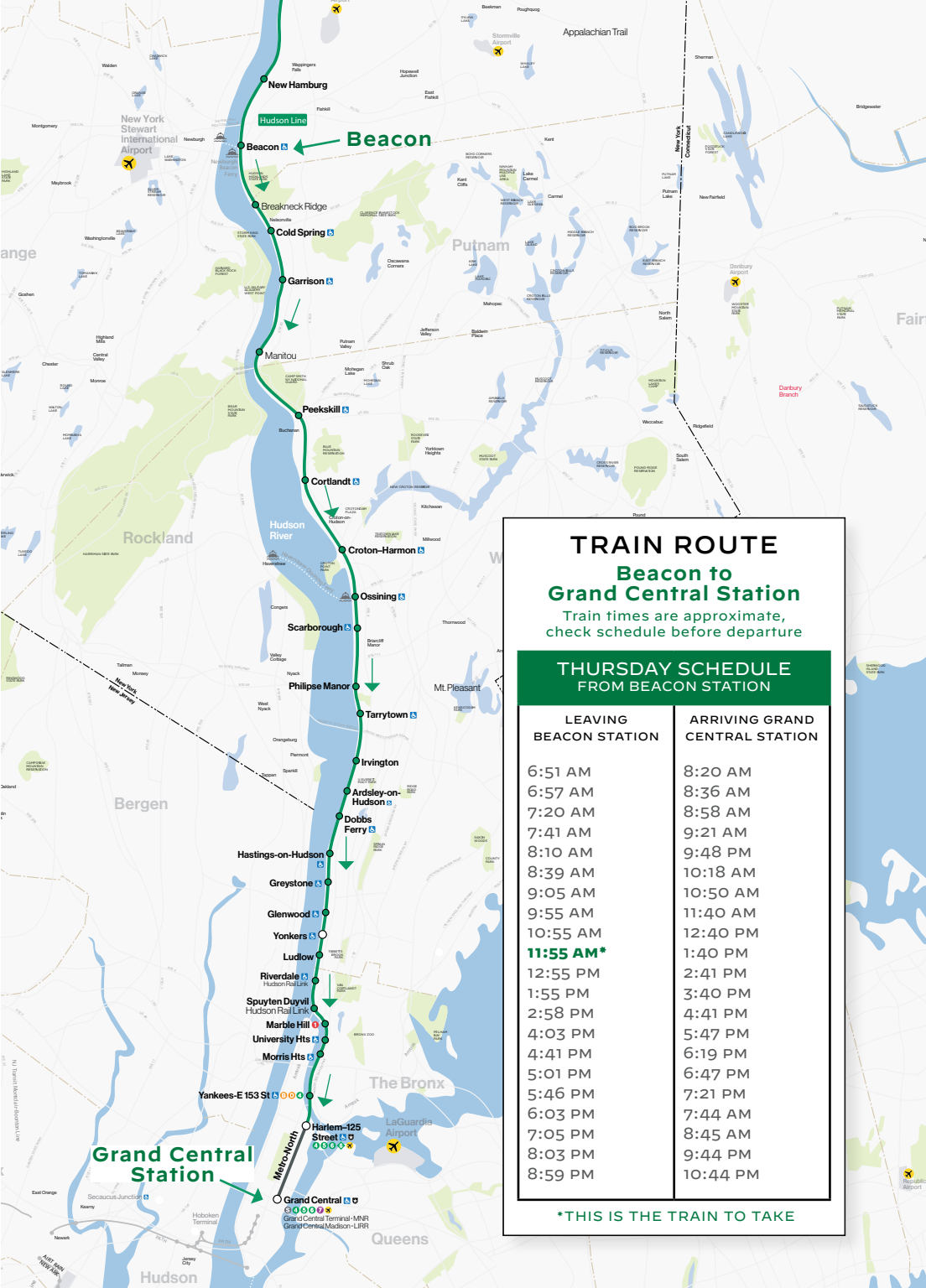
Deposit is non-refundable if cancelled within 60 days of trip.

Price includes...

Four nights deluxe accommodation, daily breakfast, two dinners, one lunch, two aperos with snacks, round trip train from NYC Grand Central to Beacon, museum and art site entry fees, local transportation for scheduled outings, artisan welcome gift bag, taxes and most gratuities.

***Price Does NOT include airfare or lodging in NYC.*

NOTES



TRAIN ROUTE

Beacon to Grand Central Station

Train times are approximate, check schedule before departure

THURSDAY SCHEDULE FROM BEACON STATION

LEAVING BEACON STATION	ARRIVING GRAND CENTRAL STATION
6:51 AM	8:20 AM
6:57 AM	8:36 AM
7:20 AM	8:58 AM
7:41 AM	9:21 AM
8:10 AM	9:48 PM
8:39 AM	10:18 AM
9:05 AM	10:50 AM
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1:55 PM	3:40 PM
2:58 PM	4:41 PM
4:03 PM	5:47 PM
4:41 PM	6:19 PM
5:01 PM	6:47 PM
5:46 PM	7:21 PM
6:03 PM	7:44 AM
7:05 PM	8:45 AM
8:03 PM	9:44 PM
8:59 PM	10:44 PM

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