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Architectural Tours



Legacy, Landscape & Well-Being: Design Lessons from Raymond Farm & Nakashima Woodworkers
Tuesday, 11/3 | 11am – 4pm | 4 AIA LU HSW

Explore how thoughtful design, environmental stewardship, and craftsmanship contribute to healthier, more resilient places through an immersive tour of the Raymond Farm Center for Living Arts and Design and the Nakashima Woodworkers campus. Set within two nationally significant cultural landscapes, this experience examines how architects and artisans integrated buildings with their natural surroundings to promote occupant comfort, environmental responsibility, and long-term performance.

Participants will explore the adaptive reuse of historic structures, passive environmental design, responsible material selection, and preservation practices that support the health, safety, and welfare of occupants and surrounding communities. From Antonin and Noémi Raymond's transformation of a working farm into a creative design campus to George Nakashima's site-responsive approach to architecture and woodworking, the tour demonstrates how design can enhance environmental quality, conserve resources, and preserve cultural heritage. Attendees will gain practical insights into creating durable, sustainable, human-centered environments that balance ecological responsibility with occupant well-being.



Princeton University TIGER Plant Tour
Wednesday, 11/4 | 9am – 10am | 1.5 AIA LU HSW
Go behind the scenes of Princeton University's innovative TIGER district energy system and discover how geoexchange, thermal storage, and low-temperature hot water distribution are reshaping campus infrastructure. Learn how integrated energy strategies improve building performance, occupant comfort, resilience, and carbon reduction while supporting the future of sustainable campus design.



The Other Side of Jackson Street: Persistence of a Self-Sufficient Community
Wednesday, 11/4 | 2:45pm – 5:00pm | 2.5 AIA LU HSW
Explore Princeton's Witherspoon-Jackson Historic District and discover how architecture, planning, and preservation tell the story of one of New Jersey's oldest African American communities. This guided walking tour examines the lasting impact of segregation, redlining, and urban renewal while highlighting the neighborhood's cultural heritage, resilience, and the role of design in preserving community identity.



Cedar Grove Community Center
The Building That Disappears: Worship, Wellness, and Flexibility at Cedar Grove Community Center
Wednesday, 11/4 | 1:00 – 3:00pm | 2 AIA LU HSW
Discover how award-winning architecture can virtually disappear into the landscape while creating flexible, high-performance spaces for worship, recreation, and community. This behind-the-scenes tour explores innovative structural, mechanical, and detailing solutions that seamlessly integrate architecture, nature, occupant wellness, and adaptable design.



Princeton Art Museum
Art, Access, and Community: Exploring the New Princeton University Art Museum
Thursday, 11/5 | 10:30am – 1:00pm | 2.5 AIA LU HSW
Explore the new Princeton University Art Museum and discover how contemporary museum design enhances accessibility, sustainability, and the visitor experience. This guided tour examines how daylight, materiality, circulation, and context-responsive planning create an inclusive, resilient cultural destination that strengthens connections between campus, community, and the arts.



Dillon Gymnasium
From Dillon Gymnasium to Wellness Hub: Reimagining Health, Recreation, and Campus Life at Princeton University
Thursday, 11/5 | 10:30am – 12:30pm | 2 AIA LU HSW
Explore Princeton University's new Fitness & Wellness Center and discover how adaptive reuse, mass timber, and wellness-focused design transformed a historic campus landmark into a vibrant destination for health and community. This tour highlights innovative strategies for sustainability, occupant well-being, accessibility, and the integration of historic and contemporary architecture.



Sacred Stone & Cultural Splendor: Architectural Tour of BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham
Thursday, 11/5 | 9:30am – 11:00am
Experience one of the most remarkable architectural achievements in the United States with an exclusive tour of BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham. Explore the integration of traditional craftsmanship, monumental stone construction, contemporary engineering, and site planning while gaining insight into how cultural architecture balances timeless design, modern performance, and large-scale public use.



Layers of Trenton: Exploring the Architecture of New Jersey’s Capital
Friday, 11/6 9:30am – 11:00am | 1.5 AIA LU HSW
Join architect John Hatch, FAIA, for a walking tour through Trenton's historic core and explore how architecture, preservation, and urban design have shaped New Jersey's capital. Discover how historic landmarks and contemporary civic spaces balance heritage, accessibility, resilience, and community needs to create a vibrant public realm.