



ENCORE'S FALL TRIP IS READY:  
WE WILL BE GOING TO:

**Olana State Historic Site**

(<https://olana.org/>)

And

**Thomas Cole Historic Site**

(<https://thomascole.org>)

**Date: November 6, 2025**

### 1. Olana State Historic Site

Frederic Church (1826-1900) achieved success and fame as an American artist. His skill at aesthetic composition began with landscape painting and extended beyond traditional artistic mediums, influencing the development of this landscape and the spectacular views that make up the Olana experience. Between 1860 and 1900, Church, his wife Isabel, and their four children created a 250-acre living landscape, one of the most intact and well-preserved artistic environments in the United States. Olana inspires. It immerses the visitor in a great 19th-century American artist's vision that lives today as a compelling, creative laboratory. Frederic Church envisioned Olana as a 250-acre environment, masterfully combining architectural, agricultural, park and wilderness elements into a single artistic composition.

- **Olana State Historic Site has received Trip Advisor's Travelers' Choice Award. Visitor feedback has placed Olana among the TOP 10% OF ATTRACTIONS WORLDWIDE!**
- **Olana was also voted "Best Historic Site" in the Albany Times-Union "Best of the Valley" poll.**

### 2. Thomas Cole Historic Site

Several people lived and worked at this historic property and contributed in significant ways to this place. The histories of these individuals shed light on the topics of slavery, mental health, women's rights, immigration, and more. We will explore the life of Thomas Cole and his creative process, the Industrial Revolution, and life in the early 1800s. We will learn about Thomas Cole's work as an artist, writer, and early environmentalist as we tour through the historic house that he lived in and the studio where he painted for over seven years.

## **OUR ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- ❖ **7:00 am - PROMPTLY** depart from SUNY Orange parking lot #11 on **Thursday, November 6, 2025**
- ❖ **8:30 am** - Arrive at Olana. Tour (Olana Essentials Full House) will begin shortly thereafter. **Please remember to wear your COMFORTABLE SHOES. Tour will last approximately one (1) hour.**
- ❖ **10:00a.m.** After your tour, the Olana Shop will be open, and you are free to explore the landscape. We will also open the Frederic Church Center for Art and Landscape for you to enjoy lunch, (Lunch will not be provided. Therefore, it is recommended you bring your own brown bag lunch). You can learn more about their new Visitor Center here: [The Frederic Church Center for](#)

Art and Landscape - Olana NY State Historic Site | Hudson River School Painter Frederic Edwin Church

- ❖ **12:30pm - PROMPTLY** we will board the bus to go to the Thomas Cole National Historic Site (<https://thomascole.org/>).
- ❖ **1:00p.m.** – Tour commences at Thomas Cole House
- ❖ **3:00 pm** - We will board the bus to return to SUNY Orange.
- ❖ **4:30 pm** - Arrive SUNY Orange parking lot #11.

**COST INCLUDES:** Tour(s) of the historic sites, RT bus transportation, and gratuity for the bus driver - \$55.00 per person (Paid Encore Member)/\$65.00 per person (Non-Encore Member/ Guest). **NO REFUNDS will be issued.**

**“Please note: lunch is not included in the trip cost. Therefore, you should pack your own lunch”.**

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**Mail this completed form and your check to: Encore, SUNY Orange. 115 South St., Middletown, NY 10940 to arrive no later than Tuesday, September 30th, 2025.**

**Member's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Member's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Paid Encore Members Fee - \$55.00/ea.**

**Non-Encore Members Guest Fee - \$65.00/ea.**

**Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Member's** \_\_\_\_ **Non-Member's** \_\_\_\_ **Reservations**

**Telephone # where you can be reached day of trip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Make check payable to** [Encore SUNY Orange](#).

**Please Note: Because of limited seating, participation will be based on first-come-first-served. Again, NO LATER than Tuesday, September 30th, 2025.**

**Thank You – Encore Travel Committee**