

# America's Historic East

## Washington DC, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown & More!

**October 21-31, 2019**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Gettysburg National Military Park
- Guided Tour of Washington DC
- Illuminated Monuments & Memorials Tour
- Mount Vernon
- Smithsonian
- Arlington Cemetery
- Jamestown
- Yorktown
- Colonial Williamsburg
- Monticello
- West Virginia State Museum & More!

**TOUR PACE**

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**MEALS INCLUDED**

Breakfast (B): 10 Lunch (L): 0 Dinner (D): 1

**PRICE PER PERSON**

- Reservation Deposit: \$200
- Double (2 people/room): \$1875
- Triple (3 people/room): \$1855
- Quad (4 people/room): \$1835
- Single (1 person/room): \$2550

**IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION**

- Final Payment Due: 9/6/19
- Cancel for a Full Refund: 9/20/19
- Passport Required? No

**Day 1 Tinley Park, IL**

We board our deluxe motor coach this morning to begin our journey through history in Washington DC and Virginia. We spend the day getting acquainted with our fellow travelers as we make our way to Tinley Park, Illinois for our overnight.

**Day 2 Monroeville, PA**

Today's journey will take us through Indiana, the Hoosier State, Ohio, the Buckeye State, and then Pennsylvania, the Keystone State to our overnight lodging in Monroeville for our overnight stay. (B)

**Day 3 Washington DC**

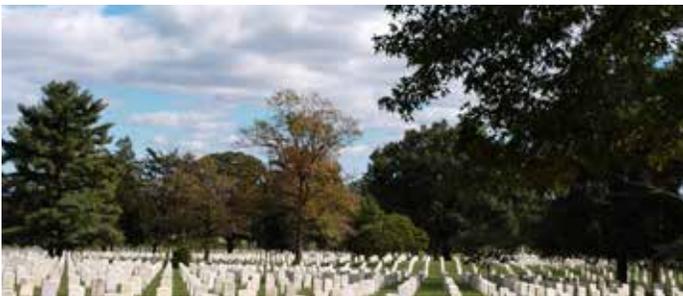
We will head to Gettysburg National Military Park. Upon arrival, we'll go to the Visitor Center where you will have time to explore the Museum to learn about Gettysburg and a divided Nation at war. Then, we'll see the film "A New Birth of Freedom" to orient us to the battle and the American Civil War. Afterwards, we

will experience the sights and sounds of the battle in the historic, Cyclorama painting. The painting is longer than a football field and weighs three tons! Our learning experience isn't over yet, climb back on the bus and a guide will fill us full of history as we tour the Battlefield. Then we continue on to Washington DC to check into our accommodations for the next three evenings. (B)

**Day 4 Washington DC**

To give you a professional tour of Washington D.C. we have hired a licensed local guide that will accompany us today. The guide is very knowledgeable on the area and the sights we are about to experience. We'll see sights such as Embassy Row, Federal Reserve Bank, Washington National Cathedral, Ford Center, the Federal Bureau of Engraving along with many of the monuments and memorials. Then when the sun goes down, Washington turns into a different city! We'll board our bus for an





Illuminated tour of Washington D.C. with a local guide who will show us this capital city in a different light. We'll see and visit many of the memorials and monuments including the Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, Kennedy Center and many more. (B)

#### **Day 5 Washington DC**

We're off to Mount Vernon this morning, the most popular historic estate in America--the home of the George and Martha Washington. We'll get a glimpse into 18th century plantation life through beautiful gardens and grounds, intriguing museum exhibits, and impressive programs honoring George Washington's life and legacy. Lunch will be on your own at the Smithsonian Institute. It is the world's largest museum and research facility. You'll have the rest of the afternoon here to explore. (B)

#### **Day 6 Williamsburg, VA**

Today we'll visit Arlington National Cemetery for a trolley tour with stops to see the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, the Kennedy gravesites, U.S. Coast Guard Memorial, John J. Pershing's gravesite and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to witness the changing of the Guard. We'll also visit the Arlington House. Then we will depart our Nation's capital heading to Williamsburg for a two night stay. (B)

#### **Day 7 Williamsburg, VA**

A short ride will bring us to Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the New World founded in 1607. We'll be fascinated while learning all about Pocahontas in the re-creation of a Powhatan Indian village complete with

dome-shaped houses and a ceremonial circle. Watch blacksmiths forge metal objects, see historical interpreters cultivate crops and prepare meals in the re-created fort, step aboard replicas of the three ships they sailed on in 1607 from England to Virginia and talk with an interpreter about the journey. Then we'll be greeted by a guide to give us a walking tour of Historic Jamestowne to walk in the footsteps of Pocahontas and John Smith at the original site of the first permanent English settlement in America. Next, a visit to the place where British commander surrendered to Washington's troops in 1781, Yorktown. While here, admire the town's 18th century architecture and try to imagine the fierce fighting that took place nearby many years ago. We'll learn how Yorktown was critical in both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. At Yorktown Battlefield, part of the National Park Service's Colonial National Historical Park, see where George Washington secured America's independence in 1781. (B)

#### **Day 8 Staunton, VA**

This morning will be spent at Colonial Williamsburg, step back in time and meet the people who made America. We'll explore this 18th century city with its historic buildings and gardens. When you visit Colonial Williamsburg you will discover why it was the capital of Virginia along with why it was the largest and most prosperous American colony. Start at the visitor center and explore at your own pace. There will be costumed townspeople to talk with as you experience life as it was. Visit the Tavern and have some lunch

where Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and other Patriots met. At the Capitol, independence was declared before all other colonies, setting the pace for the American Revolution. Men and women from all walks of life walked these streets, and now so have we. This afternoon we'll drive to Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. He was the author of the Declaration of Independence and the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, third president of the United States, and founder of the University of Virginia. Here we'll tour his home, check out the exhibits at the Visitor Center and explore the grounds including his gravesite. Our hotel is in Staunton, VA and you will have the evening on your own. (B)

#### **Day 9 Grove City, OH**

We travel through West Virginia today. A stop will be made along the way at the West Virginia State Museum in Charleston and walk along a path from while learning of West Virginia's start to present day. We'll continue into Ohio to Grove City for our overnight. (B)

#### **Day 10 Janesville, WI**

We make our way through Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois into Wisconsin for our last evening in Janesville, WI. Upon arrival, we'll do an included farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### **Day 11 Home**

We make our usual stops for breaks and lunch as we head towards home today. We will spend the day sharing the memories of all that we have seen the past 11 days. We arrive home in the late afternoon. (B)