



3:00 PM: We divert from the concerns of the battlefield to visit the restored Rising Sun Tavern built by George Washington's youngest brother as his home around 1860, which later became a lively tavern. Costumed interpreters provide a colorful introduction to the 18th century tavern life. This location has some Civil War relevancy, as it is located close to the site of the Union pontoon crossings over the Rappahannock River.

3:45 PM: We continue on a lighter note to Ferry Farm, where George Washington spent most of his boyhood. During the Battle of Fredericksburg, it served as a staging ground for the Union offensive, and later as the army's dismal winter camp. Remaining structures and most of the trees were gone by 1863, having been used as fuel. We explore the archaeological section of the site where researchers are recreating the farm.

4:45 PM: Depart Ferry Farm to head back to hotel.

6:00 PM: Bus takes us from hotel into historic Fredericksburg where you can have dinner, and tour the historic Fredericksburg at your own convenience. A map is provided for you to go on and enjoy one or more options, including: the Slave Auction Block, Mary Washington's House, or a retro dining experience.

day 4: Tuesday, October 6, 2015

7:30 AM: Enjoy a continental breakfast at the Comfort Suites, and proceed to checkout of hotel.

8:45 AM: Bus departs from hotel, taking us to the Fredericksburg Battlefield for a private Hallowed Ground Tour with local historian Scott Walker. There, we are viewing the battles of Fredericksburg (fought Dec. 11-15, 1862), Chancellorsville (Apr. 30 – May 6, 1863), and Spotsylvania (May 8-21, 1864) sites. These battles stretched along 180 miles and resulted in 100,000 casualties, leaving Walker with a variety of captivating stories to share. Be prepared for an experience unlike any other where Walker describes the life and journey of the men who built this nation, among others.

12:00 PM: Leave for Erie

1:40 PM: Stop for lunch en route to Erie

8:00 PM: Arrival in Erie at The Jefferson Educational Society

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day 1: Saturday, October 3, 2015

7:00 AM: The High Tide of the Confederacy Tour departs from The Jefferson Educational Society, 3207 State St., Erie, Pa. (JESerie.org)

12:30 PM: Arrive at the Wyndham in Gettysburg, Pa. with 45 minutes to check-in and freshen up before a full day of guided exploration, taking in both the renowned sights and little-known mysteries of the largest battle of the Civil War. (Gatewaygettysburg.com)

1:15 PM: Bus departs hotel. The first official sightseeing stop of our trip will be the state-of-the-art Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center opened in 2008. [Lunch on your own will be available at the Refreshment Saloon.] The lineup of activities includes the exclusive 20-minute film "A New Birth of Freedom," and the 25-minute spectacular Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama with its restored 360-degree original dramatic painting and special effects depicting the final fury of Pickett's Charge. Then, spend an hour to wander through the premier Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War, where the galleries and interactive programs take the viewer through the causes of the war to its bloody end. Nearby is an extensive Museum Bookstore with a varied and unusual selection of titles, gifts, and memorabilia. These experiences prep us for our guided battlefield and cemetery tour.

3:30 PM: For the next three hours, tour the National Military Park and the Gettysburg National Cemetery with a knowledgeable step-on Licensed Battlefield Guide in the comfort of our own motor coach. Immerse yourself in the sobering, thoughtful, and beautiful grounds of this extensive battlefield park, representing one of the largest collections of outdoor sculptures in the world, including 1,328 monuments, markers, and memorials. Re-experience on-site the various skirmishes, clashes, and charges of the three-day battle. See where Lincoln delivered his brief, yet immensely powerful, and historic, Gettysburg Address at the cemetery's dedication on November 19, 1863.

6:45 PM: Leave the Gettysburg National Military Park and Visitors Center and head into downtown Gettysburg for a relaxing dinner.

7:00 PM: Arrive at the historic, farm-to-table Inn at Herr Ridge. Dinner options include your choice of: sautéed chicken with natural pan gravy or thin-sliced sweet soy glazed London broil (vegetarian option available upon request). Served with a side salad, garlic whipped potatoes, vegetarian medley, and dinner rolls, and for dessert there is apple pie.

8:45 PM: Depart on the bus for the historic Farnsworth House, one of the most haunted inns in America. A period-dressed storyteller leads us on the newest and most exciting ghost tour "Creekside Stories." Experience a seated campfire evening as the soldiers did, trading stories designed to scare on another with legends and horrors! (gettysburghauntedaddress.com)

10:00 PM: Retire to the hotel to rest up for day two.

day 2: Sunday, October 4, 2015

7:30-8:30 AM: Breakfast on your own, and hotel checkout.

9:00 AM: Bus departs hotel. Gettysburg Licensed Town Historian, Linda Seaman, on board for one hour, while we head toward the town square with a narrated perspective on the horrific struggles facing the townspeople during the actual battle and its overwhelming aftermath. A short walking tour takes us past historic buildings in Lincoln Square and nearby.

10:00 AM: Proceed to the David Wills House right off the square in downtown Gettysburg. This home was the center of the immense cleanup and recovery process after the battle of Gettysburg. President Lincoln finished revising his Gettysburg Address there in the now-famous second-floor bedroom. David Wills had asked the president to attend and say a "few appropriate remarks" at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The Gettysburg Address was Lincoln's effort to define and defend the war's objectives and the need to see them through – whatever the cost.

10:45 AM: A short walk leads us to the award-winning Gettysburg Museum of History. This private collection represents one of the most extensive assortments of more than 4,000 artifacts from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and the presidencies and pop culture. TripAdvisor.com describes it as a "museum like no other in Gettysburg, PA!" where it received a Certificate of Excellence as an area attraction. (Gettysburgmuseumofhistory.com)

11:15 AM: Option to remain at the museum or enjoy the best concentration of shops in town just steps from the museum. (Gettysburgretailmerchants.com)

12:00 PM: Bus pick up at predetermined location. We advance toward the Antietam Battlefield near Frederick, Md., stopping halfway for an hour-long hearty lunch buffet at the Mountaingate Family Restaurant. During the drive, we will view the orientation film obtained from the Antietam National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center narrated by James Earl Jones.

2:00 PM: Arrive at the Antietam National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, where we meet our step-on Licensed Battlefield Guide for a two-hour interpretive "Highlight Tour" about this decisive battle of the Maryland Campaign. The rolling terrain on the pristine battlefield belies the nearly continuous savage combat for twelve hours between the armies of Generals Robert E. Lee and George B. McClellan. On Sept. 17, 1862, 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded, or missing – making it the bloodiest one-day battle in American history. Upon return, there is a half an hour to view the exhibits and shop in the bookstore at the Visitor Center.

4:30 PM: Bus departs for Fredericksburg, Va.

6:45 PM: Arrive at the Comfort Suites in Fredericksburg.

7:00 PM: Optional mass at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

7:30 PM: Enjoy dinner at the hotel or head into town for dining. Bus returns to pick you up at 9:30 PM to return to hotel for the evening.

day 3: Monday, October 5, 2015

7:30-8:30 AM: Enjoy a continental breakfast at hotel.

9:00 AM: Bus departs hotel.

9:15 AM: Arrive at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center to pick up our Hallowed Ground Tour Guide, Scott Walker. The two-hour bus tour begins along the Rappahannock River, where the late arrival of pontoon bridges ordered by the Union Army of the Potomac gave Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, perched on the heights behind the town, a distinct advantage. General Burnside engaged in a series of futile frontal assaults resulting in staggering casualties and an end to the campaign. We move on to Chatham Manor, a plantation house built in 1771, which served briefly as a Union Headquarters and then a major hospital during the battle for Fredericksburg. Then we proceed to Slaughter Pen Farm, the newly acquired key addition to the southern end of the battlefield.

11:25 AM: Return to Visitor Center and depart immediately on 35-minute Sunken Road Walking Tour.

12:00 PM: Enter Visitor Center and enjoy a 22-minute film about the events of the battlefield and peruse two floors of exhibits and a separate bookstore with a variety of educational items for purchase.

1:30 PM: Enjoy a leisurely lunch at Brock's Riverside Grill, located on the beautiful Rappahannock River.