



## Heritage of America

Presented by Fort Rucker ITR

**Day 1: Friday, October 08, 2010**

### **New York City, New York - Tour Begins**

Explore America's heritage, history and scenic horizons on this in-depth tour of the eastern United States.

**Day 2: Saturday, October 09, 2010**

### **New York City**

Meet your fellow travelers this morning at a welcome breakfast at a traditional NYC diner. Then, a local guide leads you on a fascinating tour of the "Big Apple." You'll see Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Little Italy, Chinatown, the Empire State Building, United Nations, the Chrysler Building, and other time-honored landmarks. A memorable visit to Ground Zero is sure to be a moving moment. This afternoon, discover "the city that never sleeps" at your own pace.

*Today Breakfast is included.*

**Day 3: Sunday, October 10, 2010**

### **New York City - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Lancaster**

Travel to Philadelphia and embark on a tour of "the Birthplace of a New Nation" which highlights the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. Independence Hall is rich in heritage as the location of both the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the drafting of the Constitution. Continue on to the Amish Country of Lancaster, the second largest Amish community in America.

*Today Dinner is included.*

**Day 4: Monday, October 11, 2010**

### **Lancaster**



**October 08 - October 17, 2010**

### *Highlights...*

New York City • Philadelphia • Amish Country • Gettysburg • Shenandoah Valley • Monticello • Colonial Williamsburg • Mount Vernon • Washington • D.C. • Smithsonian Institution •

**10 Days • 13 Meals:**

8 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners

### **Per Person Rates\*:**

**Double \$2549**

**Single \$3349**

**Triple \$2519**

**\*Included in Price:** Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$50 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Montgomery Airport,

**\* Not Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver

Visit Wheatland\*, the gracious Federalist home of James Buchanan, the 15th U.S. President. Sample the true taste of Amish Country with a stop at the Kitchen Kettle Complex where small batches of jams, jellies and relishes are handcrafted daily. Next, a local guide introduces you to the fascinating history and traditions of the Amish people during a tour of their farmlands. As you learn more about their self-sufficiency and peaceful lifestyle, you will understand how their "life apart" is an expression of their religious faith and dedication. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the home of an Amish family, for an Amish feast\*\* - a true highlight of your tour.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 5: Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

**Lancaster - Gettysburg - Shenandoah Valley, Virginia**

Journey to Gettysburg, site of the Union victory that marked a turning point in the Civil War. A guided tour of the site illuminates those three historic days in 1863 and the decisive battle that changed the course of American history forever. Travel to Shenandoah National Park via the famous Skyline Drive, along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where scenic expanses of Shenandoah Valley wilderness extend in all directions. Tonight you'll overnight\*\*\* inside the park!

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 6: Wednesday, October 13, 2010**

**Shenandoah Valley - Charlottesville - Williamsburg**

Visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was not only the third U.S. President and author of the Declaration of Independence, but he was also an accomplished inventor and true "Renaissance man." This afternoon, arrive in the historic town of Williamsburg. Tonight, begin your journey into Revolutionary-age America by dining in a Colonial Williamsburg tavern specializing in colonial fare.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 7: Thursday, October 14, 2010**

**Colonial Williamsburg**

Begin the day by viewing "Story of a Patriot," a short film which introduces you to Colonial Williamsburg, one of the largest and best living history museums in the world. Costumed re-enactors populate the streets and buildings, bringing the customs and sentiments of 1770 to life. Tour Governor's Palace and Gardens before enjoying time to wander the cobblestone streets and explore some of the eighty-eight historic buildings independently.

*Today Breakfast is included.*

**Day 8: Friday, October 15, 2010**

**Williamsburg - Washington, D.C.**

Visit Mount Vernon, the beloved home of the first U.S. president, George Washington. Wander the beautiful plantation grounds he adored and tour the home, filled with 18th century artifacts. Then, travel to Washington, D.C. Explore the world-famous Smithsonian Institution's countless treasures, containing the largest and most

and Insurance of \$140 per person,

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**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

**DAY 1 - 2**

Sheraton New York, New York, NY

**DAY 3 - 4**

Eden Resort Inn and Suites,  
Lancaster, PA

**DAY 5**

Skyland Lodge, Shenandoah  
Valley, VA

or Holiday Inn Charlottesville,  
Charlottesville, VA

**DAY 6 - 7**

Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel,  
Williamsburg, VA

**DAY 8 - 9**

Doubletree Crystal City, Arlington,  
VA

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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**Experience It!**

**Shenandoah National Park**

The establishment of Shenandoah National Park in 1935 was the culmination of an effort that took almost four decades. Shenandoah National Park lies astride a beautiful section of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Skyline Drive, a 105-mile road that winds along the crest of the mountains through the length of the park, provides vistas of the spectacular landscape to the east and west. The park holds more than 500 miles of trails and is home to many animals, including deer, black bears and wild turkeys, which flourish among the rich growth of an oak-hickory forest. Your overnight stay in the park may be at Skyland Resort, built in 1886 by George Freeman Pollock, Jr. who was influential in establishing Shenandoah as a national park. Pollock chose the perfect spot for his summer retreat which, at 3,680 feet, is now the highest point on the Skyline Drive.

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extensive collection of artifacts in the world, such as the fabled Hope Diamond and the actual Apollo 11 Command Module.

*Today Breakfast is included.*

**Day 9: Saturday, October 16, 2010**

**Washington, D.C.**

Your day begins with a visit to Arlington National Cemetery to view the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites. Visit the White House Visitor Center where you will gain insight into the many transitions this historic residence has undergone. Your tour of our nation's capital affords you wonderful views of the Capitol building, the White House, monuments and museums. Drive along Embassy Row and stop at the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. Toast the end of a wonderful trip this evening at a farewell dinner.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

**Day 10: Sunday, October 17, 2010**

**Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends in Washington, D.C. this morning.

*Today Breakfast is included.*

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**Please Note:**

- \*\*\*On occasion, particularly at the beginning or end of the season (March and late October through November), your accommodations may be outside of Shenandoah National Park if park accommodations are not open or available. This has been reflected in the tour price.
- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.
- \*Admission to Wheatland may not be available at all times; on those occasions, you will visit Eisenhower Farm. \*\*The Amish family-style feast may not be available on all dates; on these occasions, we will substitute a dinner at a local establishment. During your stay at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel, the included breakfast will be Continental Deluxe.
- This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.