



# Echoes of American History

(Gettysburg, Williamsburg & Washington, DC)

12 Days: October 8-19, 2012

**A Legacy Educational Package**



*This travel package planned by Denise Hovden-Baumler & guided by Carlyn Kraabel.*



Join us on an incredible journey to America's great past and present. Imagine the emotions stirred by this trio of locations: Washington, DC – America's heart and soul; Gettysburg – the site of the largest land battle to save the Union; and Williamsburg - where the torch of freedom was lit, casting off the tyranny of England. Join experienced tour guide (specializing in Washington, DC) and Army veteran, Carlyn Kraabel, for a personalized, interactive and patriotic experience.



October 8 after picking up in our departure cities, we're eastward bound to Elkhart, IN. Carlyn will prepare you for all the adventures ahead by sharing tales and insights: the First Minnesota stand at Gettysburg, Audie Murphy in Arlington and "Kilroy was here" during WWII.



October 9 following **breakfast** we take a back road Pennsylvania pilgrimage to the **Flight 93 Memorial of 9/11** to honor the valiant passengers. Listen to Carlyn's unique presentation of the stories of 175,000 men and boys who fought each other at the Battle of Gettysburg during three hot days of July 1863. This 1863 battle was the largest land battle ever fought in North America. We overnight in Breezewood, PA.

October 10 after **breakfast** we travel a scenic back road through Pennsylvania's Dutch country as we follow the route of General Robert E.

Lee's army as they prepared to strike a final blow against the Union Army. Tonight's menu includes a Pennsylvania-style **dinner** at the famous 1776 **Dobbin House** which still contains the hiding place once used for runaway slaves. After dinner join Carlyn for a **lantern tour** of the 6,000-acre battlefield during a **Ghosts of Gettysburg ride and stroll**. We overnight in Gettysburg where you might complete the day with an optional Gettysburg battle tactics discussion with Carlyn, complete with snacks and beverage.



October 11 after **breakfast** we'll board the motorcoach with Battlefield Association Field Guide Phil Cole for a two-hour **narrated tour** of Gettysburg, Bloody Angle, Little Round Top, Devil's Den and the Wheatfield & Pickett's Charge. Crossing the Mason-Dixon Line we will journey south to a small town perched at the deep canyon junction of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers in West Virginia. Hear and see the story of John Brown and his band of abolitionists as during the Harpers Ferry Raid, they fire what some historians consider to be the "first shots of the Civil War." Explore the shops and historical buildings on your own. Observe the beautiful Shenandoah Valley as we ride 31 miles on the Skyline Drive with photo stops at Dickey Point and Hogsback Ridge where, on a clear day, you will marvel at the 50-mile vista. Emerge out of Thornton Gap into a serene Virginia farm valley that will lead us to Charlottesville, VA, on our way to overnight in Zion Crossroads, VA.



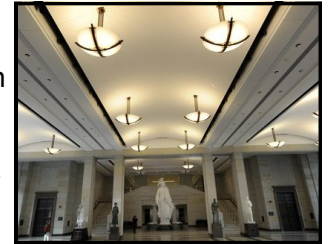
October 12 following **breakfast** we'll have a morning visit to Thomas Jefferson's home, **Monticello**. This is the only American home on the United Nations World Heritage List. Enjoy the incredible view from the lawn and walkways surrounding this palatial home. Marvel at the genius of Jefferson while a local guide leads you through this hand-crafted home. Journey to Richmond, VA, for a noon **luncheon** at the five-star Jefferson Hotel. **Veteran guide, Tommy Jones**, will regale us with stories about this gracious hotel. Continue to Williamsburg for a **tour** of the **Colonial Governor's palace**, site of the first British colonial government in this country. Enjoy a restful night in Williamsburg.

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October 13 enjoy **breakfast** this fall morning before venturing on a self-guided tour of the shops, streets and back yards of Olde Williamsburg, the 1775 capital city of Virginia. Walk in the footsteps of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry as they planned the American Revolution. Our noon colonial **lunch** is at the King's Arms on Duke of Gloucester Street. Enjoy a colonial nap as we journey north to Quantico, VA, to tour the new museum of the legendary **U.S. Marine Corps**. View the original flag of Iwo Jima, become a new marine recruit and walk through a helicopter on a Vietnam landing zone. Next, check into your DC-area hotel for a 5-night stay. View the incredible night skyline of Washington, DC, as Carlyn relates stories about the buildings, monuments and memorials as you stroll among them.



October 14 following **breakfast** your morning will be devoted to a visit and tour of our nation's seat of government, **Capitol Hill**. Carlyn will point out landmarks and regale you with stories about this legendary place located on land formerly known as Jenkins Hill. Next we'll visit the new 600 million dollar underground **visitors center** loaded with capitol history and follow this with a **guided tour** under the capitol dome. This afternoon we first visit the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world, the **Smithsonian's National Air &**



**Space Museum**, followed by a self-guided tour of the **Holocaust Museum**, a testament to the horrors of WWII. The late afternoon will find us visiting the **Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center** where you'll be able to touch a portion of the infamous Berlin Wall and enjoy an evening snack at the food court. A climax to our day will be a stop at the soaring **Air Force Memorial** overlooking The Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery.



October 15 enjoy **breakfast** before we set out for a morning visit to the beautiful 850-acre **Arlington National Cemetery** with its sentinels of white stones. We'll board a tram for a narrated tour through our nation's first military cemetery. Witness the **Changing of the Guard** at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**; pay your respects at the **gravesite of President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy** and walk through **Arlington House**, the home of General and Mrs.



Robert E. Lee. Travel along the Potomac River to **Mount Vernon**,

home and plantation farm of our nation's first President and first lady, George and Martha Washington. Enjoy a Colonial noon lunch on your own, followed by a **tour** of the Mount Vernon plantation home. You are then free to stroll the beautiful, historic grounds, buildings and gardens of the Mount Vernon estate plus pay a visit to George's and Martha's final resting place. We will cap the day off with a pleasant **Potomac River buffet cruise** including sightseeing and dancing.

October 16 after **breakfast** we'll take a morning walk in front of the **White House** and **Blair House** followed by stories and pictures in LaFayette Park. During our next stop you'll have time for a self-guided exploration of DC's newest attraction, the **Newseum**; take the elevator to the 4th floor overlook for a spectacular view of Pennsylvania Avenue; view the actual newspaper archive headlines that made history; look at the twisted antenna from the World Trade Tower; stare at several sections of the Berlin Wall or sit in comfort in a 4D theater. After lunch on your own we will travel through **Embassy Row** to **Washington National Cathedral** for a **tour**. A delightful evening will start with a **buffet dinner** at DC's famous Phillips Seafood Restaurant followed by a lively performance of "Shear Madness" at the **Kennedy Center**.



October 17 after **breakfast** we'll hear stories about the Presidential Air Force One as we pass Andrews Air Force Base on our way to the **U.S. Naval Academy** in Annapolis, MD. A retired Naval Academy officer will lead us on a **walking tour** of this historic school that trains our officers for duty on the high seas. A **noon meal** in **Dahlgren Hall** will round out our Naval Academy adventure. After returning to DC you'll have time to explore the **Smithsonian National Museum of American History** and **Museum of Natural History** on The Mall.

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After dinner on your own at the nearby Crystal Food Court we'll make twilight stops at the various **Memorials**.

October 18 following **breakfast**, your luggage will be loaded aboard the Hawkeye Stages motorcoach for a DC departure through the mountains of Maryland, with a stop at the **Cumberland Gap**, crossing the Ohio River at Wheeling, WV, and on to the plains of Ohio. As we travel, review the tour and share your stories as we approach Richmond, IN, for a night's stay and a **farewell dinner**.

October 19 enjoy **breakfast** as your luggage is loaded for you. Read the morning paper and share your stories as we travel through the rich farmlands of Indiana and Illinois. Prepare for a **special treat** as we enter the city of Indianapolis, IN. Arrive home with a humble respect and richer knowledge about our nation's grand experiment, governing "of the people, by the people and for the people."



**This 12-Day Echoes of American History package includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 11 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admission fees to bolded attractions, gratuities for step-on guides, 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$2099 per person, double occupancy

\$2029 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$2755 single room accommodations



**Deposit:** \$210 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

**Balance due:** by September 7

**Cancel by:** September 7 for penalty-free cancellations

**Delayed reservation fee:** after September 7, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person.

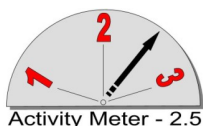
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