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American Civil War Battlefield Tour

The United States at War 1861-1865 Philadelphia to Charleston

For four long years the United States virtually tore itself apart. Family fought family, brother fought brother and sons fought fathers who fought sons. When the war finally ended in 1865 over 3/4 of a million Americans lay dead ... **more in this one conflict than in all of America's other wars combined.**

Join us as we visit the historic sites and battlefields of The American Civil War ... Philadelphia and Washington, and down the eastern seaboard to Charleston and Fort Sumter.

Visit the Virginia farmhouse where 'Stonewall' Jackson died. Experience the Confederate south that Sherman razed in his 'March to the Sea'. Stand on the same ground at Gettysburg where the failed 'Picket's Charge' led to the eventual defeat of the slave-holding rebellious south. And visit the famous Ford Theatre where a great President, Abraham Lincoln, was cut down by an assassin's bullet.

Our inaugural American Civil War Tour hits the road in the fall of 2021. Sign up now to reserve your limited seats, as we take you on another trip of a lifetime!



Washington DC • Gettysburg • Fredericksburg
Fort Sumter • Manassas • Spotsylvania
Appomattox • Wilderness • Antietam
Battle of Hampton Roads • Chancellorsville
Mount Vernon • Independence Hall ... and more!

Aug 28 - Sep 12, 2021
(16 FASCINATING DAYS)



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Day 1 - Saturday August 28

Arrive in Philadelphia, PA, for a Welcome Reception Dinner in the heart of the city with a glass of wine and our introductory historical briefing. Overnight Philadelphia. [D]

Day 2 - Sunday August 29

We begin our two-week adventure in the birthplace of the United States of America. Visits include Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the National Constitution Centre. In the afternoon we take a guided tour of the Underground Railroad Museum at Belmont Mansion. Overnight Philadelphia. [B,L]

Day 3 - Monday August 30

This day is dedicated to Gettysburg, the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the war and immortalized by names like Little Round Top, The Wheatfield and Picket's Charge. Our full-day visit with a local expert guide will be one of many highlights of our tour. Overnight Gettysburg. [B,L]

Day 4 - Tuesday August 31

This morning we set out for a guided tour of the battlefield of Antietam and visit Dunker's Church, the Sunken Road and Burnside's Bridge. The fighting here would result in 22,000 casualties - September 17, 1862 remains the bloodiest day in American history. Following Antietam we make a brief stop at Harper's Ferry. Overnight Alexandria. [B,L]

Day 5 - Wednesday September 1

We spend this day in Washington, DC and look forward to seeing Arlington National Cemetery (including the Changing of the Guard), the Lincoln Memorial, the Ford Theatre and also Peterson House. Overnight Alexandria. [B,L]

Day 6 - Thursday September 2

The battlefields of Manassas are the focus this morning, about twenty-five miles west of Washington, where the inexperienced armies of the north and the south clash in battle for the first time. They would meet here in battle twice during the war. Returning to Alexandria, you will have free time to explore in the afternoon, with an optional excursion to visit historic Mount Vernon, home to founding father George Washington. Overnight Alexandria. [B,L]

Day 7 - Friday September 3

Our focus today will be Fredericksburg, the scene of repeated fighting, with possession of the city changing hands seven times during the war. Famous locations include Marye's Heights and Prospect Hill - from these defensive positions the Confederates inflicted heavy casualties on the north - it was one of the Union's early blunders of the war. Overnight Fredericksburg. [B,L]

Day 8 - Saturday September 4

We explore the battlefields of Chancellorsville, Virginia, where in April 1863 General Lee achieves a brilliant tactical victory. But he also loses one of his best leaders - General Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson is mistakenly shot by his own men and dies. We also make a special visit to the battlefield known as "The Wilderness" and nearby Ellwood Manor for a guided tour. Overnight Richmond. [B,L]

Day 9 - Sunday September 5

This morning we travel to Newport News to explore the Battle of Hampton Roads - the most important naval battle of The Civil War and the first meeting in history of ironclad warships - which ushered in a new age in warship design. We also stop at Fort Munroe, before concluding our day in historic Richmond. Overnight Richmond. [B,L]

Day 10 - Monday September 6

In Civil War times Richmond was famous as the capital city of the southern Confederacy, and we tour here today at the National Battlefield Park with a local expert guide. We also tour Tredegar Iron Works, a critically important factory and key to the success of the Confederate Army. Your visit includes free time to explore the American Civil War Museum. Overnight Petersburg. [B,L]

Day 11 - Tuesday September 7

This morning we visit the Petersburg National Battlefield, where General Robert E. Lee would witness the final, inevitable decline of his Army of Virginia. In the afternoon we visit the historic Appomattox Courthouse, where on April 3, 1865 the American Civil War would come to an end. Overnight Lynchburg. [B,L]

Day 12 - Wednesday September 8

This morning we journey further south, crossing from Virginia into North Carolina. We visit historic Bennett Place for a guided tour, where the largest surrender of Confederate forces took place. Ninety thousand men surrendered - virtually all of the troops in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. Overnight Raleigh. [B,L]

Day 13 - Thursday September 9

Union General William Tecumseh Sherman drove relentlessly through the south in the last months of the war, capturing and burning Atlanta and the SC capital city of Columbia in 1865. We will take a guided driving tour of Columbia to hear this history, which is remembered with bitterness to this day. Overnight Columbia. [B,L]

Day 14 - Friday September 10

Today we visit Boone Hall Plantation, a surviving example of how slaves lived, worked and died in 17th-19th century America. We visit the original slave cabins and see the 'cotton jenny', giving us a glimpse of what life might have been like on a southern cotton plantation. Overnight Charleston. [B,L]

Day 15 - Saturday September 11

We end our tour where it all began, the historic and charming city of Charleston and a fascinating guided visit to the place where, in 1862, cannons were fired in anger for the first time - historic Fort Sumter. Overnight Charleston. [B,L,D]

Day 16 - Sunday September 12

Departure for home, except for those who may choose to extend their stay and/or carry onwards to further destinations.

Itinerary is tentative at this time and subject to change prior to the booking deadline. Minor variances are also possible during the actual tour based on the need to adapt to circumstances encountered during our travels.

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