



Tour: **Founding Fathers**
Focus: Madison, Jefferson, Washington, Franklin & Rush
Itinerary: 7-days / 6-nights
Locations: Charlottesville, VA, Washington DC, Baltimore, MD and Philadelphia, PA

FOUNDING FATHERS				
Day	Morning	Afternoon		Evening
1	Travel to Virginia/DC area; transfer to Charlottesville, Virginia		Welcome, Safety & Orientation	Welcome Dinner
2	James Madison's Montpelier	University of Virginia Charlottesville - Campus Tour		Dinner Charlottesville Ghost Tour
3	Thomas Jefferson's Monticello	Travel to Washington DC area; hotel check-in		Dinner Evening Potomac Memorial Cruise
4	Washington DC City Tour - White House, Capitol Hill, National Mall, Martin Luther King, Jr, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln Memorials, Washington Monument, Vietnam, WWII & Korean War Memorials		The National Archives + Charters of Freedom Master Class	Georgetown Waterfront - Dinner & Sightseeing
5	George Washington's Mount Vernon + Leadership or Slavery Tour		Check-in to Baltimore Hotel	Medieval Times Dinner Theatre
6	Fort McHenry National Monument	Travel to Philadelphia	Founding Fathers Tour of Philadelphia	Museum of the American Revolution Spirit of Philadelphia Dinner Cruise
7	Travel from Philadelphia to Home			



As with all sample itineraries, please be aware that this is an “example” of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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This trip is classified as a moving bus tour. We will be visiting different areas during our trip and staying in different hotels along the way. First city stop is Charlottesville, following on to Washington DC, then Baltimore, and wrapping up in Philadelphia. If you prefer a different type of trip option, please contact us. We are delighted to help customize an opportunity specifically for your group.

Day 1

Dinner included

Welcome to Virginia! After arrival, get checked in and refreshed. We'll have our Welcome, Safety & Orientation Briefing this afternoon before heading out for our Welcome Dinner.

Sample Hotel: Staybridge Suites Charlottesville (or similar) - Enjoy spacious guest suites equipped with a coffee maker, refrigerator, microwave, hair dryer and more. Breakfast is served at the hotel so you can embrace the breathtaking views of the Shenandoah Mountains. Hotel amenities include complimentary wi-fi, business center, heated pool, fitness center, and guest laundry facility. Students sleep up to quad occupancy in 2 queen beds; staff sleep double occupancy.



Dependent upon your arrival time, we can plan fun activities to make this an amazing, full day!

Day 2

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine Charlottesville! After breakfast at our hotel, we're off to learn about James Madison and visit his homestead.

James Madison - The fourth U.S. president, James Madison believed in a robust yet balanced federal government and is known as the "Father of the Constitution." One of America's Founding Fathers, James Madison wrote the first drafts of the U.S. Constitution, co-wrote the Federalist Papers and sponsored the Bill of Rights. He established the Democrat-Republican Party with President Thomas Jefferson and became president himself in 1808. Madison initiated the War of 1812 and served two terms in the White House with first lady Dolley Madison. He died on June 28, 1836, at the Montpelier estate in Orange County, Virginia.

QUICK FACTS

March 16, 1751 - June 28, 1836

College of New Jersey (now Princeton University)

Port Conway, Virginia / Orange County (Montpelier), Virginia

"Father of the Constitution"



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James Madison's Montpelier - The lifelong home of James Madison, Father of the Constitution, Architect of the Bill of Rights, and fourth President of the United States; his beloved wife Dolley, America's first "First Lady"; and six generations of enslaved individuals. As one of the most significant and authentic architectural restorations ever achieved in the United States, curatorial and archaeological research are returning the house and landscape to its appearance in Madison's time, including interpretation and reconstruction of enslaved community sites. Tours are complemented by exterior buildings of **The Mere Distinction of Color**, a Museum Shop and Cafe, gardens, 8+ miles of walking trails, Madison family and Enslaved Community cemeteries, and a Civil War encampment site. Also included on the 2,650-acre property are the Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution; the Gilmore Cabin, a freedman's farm; and the restored 1910 Train Depot housing the permanent exhibition **In the Time of Segregation**.



In the afternoon, we'll head to the amazing University of Virginia for a Campus Tour.

University of Virginia Charlottesville – In 1819, Thomas Jefferson founded the University of Virginia and inaugurated a bold experiment – a public university designed to advance human knowledge, educate leaders and cultivate an informed citizenry. More than two centuries later, this vision is thriving. Across grounds - and throughout the world - UVA students, faculty, staff and alumni challenge convention, break barriers and pursue the greater good. The University is an iconic public institution of higher education, boasting nationally ranked schools and programs, diverse and

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Best Public National University, U.S. News & World Report, 2022

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Best Value Public University, Money Magazine, 2020



distinguished faculty, a major academic medical center and proud history as a renowned research university. The community and culture of the University are enriched by active student self-governance, sustained commitment to the arts and a robust athletics program. In its third century, the University of Virginia offers an affordable, world-class education that is consistently ranked among the nation's best.

This evening we'll have dinner locally and then get our "spook" on!

Ghost Tour - Charlottesville isn't usually the first city that comes to mind when you think of haunted locations, but don't be fooled, this town has got it all! Haunted cemeteries, houses, streets, you name it. Unlike much of Virginia, Charlottesville was spared the brunt of the American Civil War, but even though the city avoided spilled blood in battle, from Comyn Hall to Castle Hill Manor, Charlottesville checks all the boxes when it comes to a haunted city. When you're ready to get "spooky", we'll walk you through history.

US GHOST ADVENTURES



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Day 3

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning Virginia! After breakfast we'll set off to Monticello to learn about Thomas Jefferson.

Thomas Jefferson – A Founding Father of the United States, the primary draftsman of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, the nation's first secretary of state and the second vice president (under John Adams). As the third president of the United States, Jefferson stabilized the U.S. economy and defeated pirates from North Africa during the Barbary War. He was responsible for doubling the size of the United States by successfully brokering the Louisiana Purchase. He also founded the University of Virginia.

QUICK FACTS

April 13, 1743 - July 4, 1826
College of William and Mary
Shadwell, Virginia / Monticello (near Charlottesville), Virginia
"Father of the Declaration of Independence"

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello & Highlights Tour - See the beautiful Monticello. Today you'll learn about Jefferson, his vision for America, the realities of slavery on the Monticello plantation, and the mountaintop's iconic architecture. Learn about the men, women, and children who built Jefferson's home, planted his crops, tended his gardens, and who helped run his household and raise his children. While here, we'll participate in a **Highlights Tour**. This experience includes first floor spaces in Thomas Jefferson's home, the West Lawn, and the South Wing. Also included are two guided outdoor tours – "the Slavery at Monticello Tour" and "the Gardens & Grounds Tour."



After our morning learning about Jefferson, we'll pack up and head to Washington DC!

Sample Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Alexandria (or similar) – This property is located in the heart of Alexandria, Virginia and features 86 guest rooms and suites. Students will sleep 4-to-a-room while teachers sleep 2-to-a-room. Resort amenities include 24-hour staffing, business center, complimentary Internet access, health and fitness center with whirlpool, guest laundry facilities, ATM, convenience purchases and safety deposit boxes. Room amenities include 32-inch LCD TV with cable channels, hair dryers, coffee and tea makers, microwaves, mini-refrigerators, individually controlled air conditioning units and more.



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After checking in to our hotel, we'll set off to see the sights from the Potomac!

Potomac Riverboat Company - See the famous monuments of Washington, DC from an entirely new perspective on this narrated sightseeing cruise. Travel along the Potomac River to see the famous monuments and landmarks with stunning reflective views of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Washington Monument, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and more. (Please know that during winter months, this cruise only operates on weekends. If you are traveling over the winter but not over a weekend, we will find an alternative activity for you.)



Day 4

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine D.C.! After breakfast at our hotel, we're off to explore Washington DC. We'll meet our guide and get an in-depth view of this fabulous city, its origins, people and culture!

Washington DC City Tour with a Private Guide – Spend a day with your educational guide exploring DC with all its fabulous memorials, monuments and neighborhoods. Let us know if you have any special requests! Groups may feel free to hop-on and hop-off to get a closer look. Places of interest will include:



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| The White House | Capitol Hill |
| National Mall | Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial |
| Thomas Jefferson Memorial | Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial |
| Lincoln Memorial | Washington Monument |
| Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall | World War II Memorial |
| Korean War Memorial | |

In the late afternoon, we'll also make a stop by the National Archives.

The National Archives - Home of the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and Bill of Rights, the National Archives is the U.S. Government's collection of documents that records important events in American history. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the Government agency that preserves and maintains these materials and makes them available for research. The National Archives holds permanent records created by the U.S. Congress, U.S. Supreme Court, select Federal Agencies, plus pre-WWI military service records for both U.S. Army and Confederate veterans among others.



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More than 95 percent of the records in the National Archives are declassified, meaning they are available to all researchers. Many of the records are available on microfilm, and more than 1.8 million digital images of documents can be seen through NARA's online catalog. Some of the oldest materials in the National Archives are on parchment and date back to the founding of the United States of America. These include the records of the Continental and Confederation Congresses.



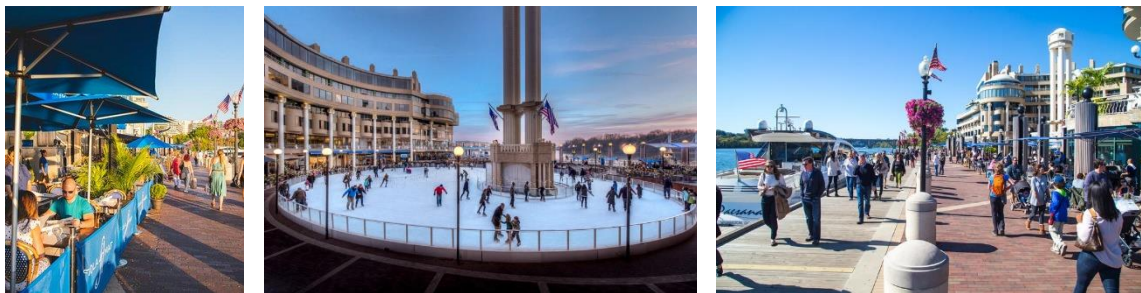
Explore five exhibition galleries and enjoy other activities:

- The Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom - home of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights
- Records of Rights in the Rubenstein Gallery, featuring a 1297 Magna Carta
- Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote in the O'Brien Gallery
- Featured Document Exhibit in the East Rotunda Gallery
- Public Vaults - Permanent Interactive Exhibit Gallery
- Hands-on activities for visitors of all ages in the Boeing Learning Center

If traveling on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, your visit may also include a 1-hour learning lab:

The Charters of Freedom: Building a More Perfect Union - During this program, students will learn about the history behind, and discover the purpose of, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. They will build a graphic organizer to help them distinguish these "Charters of Freedom," as they are known, by their purposes. Students will also tour the National Archives Rotunda to see the original documents in person and play a game where they will match document clues and excerpts to each document.

This evening, we're off to explore Georgetown and its lovely waterfront stretching along the banks of the Potomac. The perfect intersection of historic charm and upscale modernity happens where M Street meets Wisconsin Avenue in the heart of picturesque Georgetown! We'll have dinner in Georgetown.



[Georgetown – A DC Neighborhood](#) [Things to see & do in Georgetown](#)

Georgetown - While Georgetown's cobblestone streets, cupcake stores, historic bars and stylish boutiques account for many of its charms, Washington, DC's oldest neighborhood also sports a bevy of waterfront recreation that any visitor can thoroughly enjoy. From on-the-water revelry to dining accompanied by spectacular scenery to highly anticipated annual events, the Georgetown waterfront presents an array of activities for you to explore.



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Day 5

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning DC! Today we'll step back in time to learn about George Washington and Mount Vernon.

George Washington - George Washington was an American soldier, statesman, and Founding Father who served as the first president of the United States from 1789 to 1797. Appointed by the Continental Congress as commander of the Continental Army, Washington led the Patriot forces to victory in the American Revolutionary War, and presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, which established the Constitution of the United States and a federal government. Washington has been called the "Father of the Nation" for his manifold leadership in the formative days of the country.

QUICK FACTS

February 22, 1732 - December 14, 1799
Revolutionary War President
Westmoreland County, Virginia / Mount Vernon, Virginia
"Father of the Nation"

George Washington's Mount Vernon – Mount Vernon is an American landmark and an enduring tribute to the Father of Our Country. Once a vibrant plantation in the 18th century, George Washington's Mount Vernon estate is now one of the nation's most visited historic sites. Combining an authentically interpreted 18th century home, lush gardens and grounds, intriguing museum galleries, immersive programs, and first-rate dining and shopping, Mount Vernon is an incomparable national treasure.



Historic Area - In Mount Vernon's historic area you can explore the Washington home and more than a dozen historic outbuildings. In 1799, more than 50 enslaved men and women were trained in specific trades. These individuals used their skills to make tools and textiles, care for livestock, process food, and construct and repair many of Mount Vernon's buildings, including the Mansion itself. Today visitors can explore the outbuildings where much of this work was done including the blacksmith shop, smokehouse, stable, spinning house, and more.

Museum & Education Center - Discover more about the life and legacy of George Washington and those who lived and worked at Mount Vernon in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. Explore 23 galleries and theaters to learn about George Washington's life and Mount Vernon's community. See hundreds of artifacts from Washington's lifetime, movies, a 4-D theater, and an interactive theater.

Pioneer Farm - Located on the banks of the Potomac, the four-acre Pioneer Farm site explores George Washington's role as a visionary farmer. Watch costumed interpreters demonstrate Washington's innovative farming and fishing practices, hoe fields, cook over a fire, shear sheep, and harvest crops (activities vary day to



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day). Explore a replica slave cabin and Washington's 16-sided treading barn. The Pioneer Farm represents the more than 3,000 acres Washington cultivated during the second half of the 18th century.

Gristmill - George Washington's merchant gristmill was capable of producing 5,000 to 8,000 pounds of flour and cornmeal a day. Today, this milling system is faithfully interpreted, fully functioning, and open to guests April through October. Watch the water wheel turn and the mighty gears rotate as grain is ground using the Oliver Evans system, the same utilized by George Washington in the 18th century.

Tombs - Visit the final resting place of George and Martha Washington. George Washington died in his bedchamber at Mount Vernon on December 14, 1799. Washington made provisions for a new brick tomb to be constructed after his death, which would replace the original yet quickly deteriorating family burial vault. In 1831, Washington's body was transferred to the new tomb, along with the remains of Martha Washington and other family members.

Schools will have an option of participating in an educational tour if available during your visit date. Most tours operate November through February. Current tours include:

Telling Their Stories: Mount Vernon's Enslaved People - Explore the estate's historic outbuildings where the enslaved community lived and worked. Hear the stories of individuals and learn how their work made Mount Vernon a successful plantation. This tour can be extended with a special wreath laying at the Slave Memorial.

Washington's Lessons in Leadership - Discover how George Washington became a celebrated leader whose contributions still impact the world today. Learn how character, integrity, and multi-faceted leadership skills remain relevant for achieving success.

After our full day exploring Mount Vernon, we'll head to Baltimore, check into our hotel, and get ready for a fabulous night of fun!

Medieval Times Dinner Theatre – Travel through the mists of time to a forgotten age at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament. See the electrifying show featuring heroic knights on spirited horses displaying the athletic feats and thrilling swordplay that have become hallmarks of this unique entertainment experience. Enjoy a “hands-on” feast while a sweeping musical score provide a fabulous backdrop that blurs the boundary between fairy tale and spectacle!



Day 6

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine Baltimore! We're going to kick off the day with a look at a very special place...



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Fort McHenry National Monument - Fort McHenry is a historical American coastal fort located in the Locust Point neighborhood of Baltimore. It is best known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy from the Chesapeake Bay on September 13–14, 1814. **Groups will participate in a Flag Change Ceremony, hear a Ranger Talk (dependent upon timing) and be able to watch a film about the War of 1812 and the Fort McHenry National Monument.**



The History - The fort was first built in 1798 and was used continuously by the U.S. armed forces through World War I and by the Coast Guard in World War II. It was designated a national park in 1925, and in 1939 was redesignated a "National Monument and Historic Shrine".

During the War of 1812 an American storm flag, 17 by 25 feet (5.2 m × 7.6 m), was flown over Fort McHenry during the bombardment. It was replaced early on the morning of September 14, 1814 with a larger American garrison flag, 30 by 42 feet (9.1 m × 12.8 m). The larger flag signaled American victory over the British in the Battle of Baltimore. The sight of the ensign inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem "Defense of Fort M'Henry" that was later set to the tune "To Anacreon in Heaven" and became known as "**The Star Spangled Banner**", the national anthem of the United States.

After our visit, we'll catch our motorcoach to visit one last Founding Fathers city – Philadelphia! Here are two (of many!) Founding Fathers from Philadelphia:

Benjamin Franklin - Benjamin Franklin is best known as one of the Founding Fathers who never served as president but was a respected polymath, inventor, scientist, printer, politician, freemason and diplomat. Franklin helped to draft the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, and he negotiated the 1783 Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War. His scientific pursuits included investigations into electricity, mathematics and mapmaking. A writer known for his wit and wisdom, Franklin also published Poor Richard's Almanack, invented bifocal glasses and organized the first successful American lending library.

QUICK FACTS

January 17, 1706 - April 17, 1790

Benjamin Franklin helped draft the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.
Franklin was famous for his investigations into electricity and for writing 'Poor Richard's Almanack.'
Boston Latin School
Boston, Massachusetts / Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Benjamin Rush – Benjamin Rush was an American physician, politician and educator who is best known for his activities during the American Revolution and for signing the Declaration of Independence. Rush studied at Princeton University and then went on for a medical degree at Edinburgh University. He subsequently returned to Philadelphia to begin his medical practice and pursue publishing. A member of the Continental Congress and signer of the Declaration of Independence, Rush also founded Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

QUICK FACTS

January 4, 1746 - April 19, 1813

Edinburgh University, Princeton University
Byberry Township, Pennsylvania / Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
The "Father of American Psychiatry"



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Upon arrival, we'll check into our hotel and then head straight out to explore this amazing city!

Founding Fathers Tour of Philadelphia – Philadelphia was the first capital of the United States, and is home to many major historical monuments and landmarks. On our walking tour, we'll see most of Philadelphia's essential sights, all while learning about the City of Brotherly Love's history. Begin at the Betsy Ross House, where the first American flag was sewn, and continue through Old City. See Elfreth's Alley (the country's oldest continually occupied residential street), the church where the Founding Fathers worshiped, and Franklin Court, once home to Benjamin Franklin. Then, continue to Independence Mall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and look out for the US Mint. Throughout your tour, your guide will share insight and stories about Philadelphia's incredible history.



Museum of the American Revolution – The Museum uncovers and shares compelling stories about the diverse people and complex events that sparked America's ongoing experiment in liberty, equality, and self-government. Enjoy a journey through the rich, nuanced, and inspiring story of our nation's founding and gain a deeper understanding of the people and events that sparked the ongoing American experiment. Located just steps from Independence Hall in the heart of historic Philadelphia, the Museum brings the stories of our nation's founding to life in exciting and unique ways.



The American Revolution was dramatic, gritty, and full of uncertainty – it was anything but dry and inevitable. Students and educators are invited to explore this rich and complicated era and its connections to our world today.

This evening, we'll set sail for the last night of our trip and a beautiful dinner cruise on the Delaware River.

Spirit of Philadelphia Dinner Cruise – Dine, dance and take in the amazing views aboard Spirit of Philadelphia. Departing from Penn's Landing, a dinner cruise on the Delaware River lets you relax and enjoy the beauty of Philly's historic waterfront. With spectacular views of the Philadelphia skyline and waterfront landmarks, this 2.5-hour cruise includes a delicious dinner buffet with freshly prepared entrees, salads and desserts, plus unlimited coffee, hot tea, iced tea and water. Onboard entertainment and DJ music completes the fun!



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Day 7

Breakfast included (dependent upon departure time)

It's time to pack up and head home! Following breakfast and dependent upon our flight or motorcoach departures, we'll have the morning free and then we'll start to say goodbye as we head off for home; taking memories with us that will last forever!

Farewell!



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Minimum Booking Numbers:

20 students

What's Included:

Round-trip flights or motorcoach transport
Airport transfers & motorcoach transportation throughout your stay
6-nights' accommodation
Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on your night of arrival
and ending with breakfast on your day of departure
James Madison's Montpelier
University of Virginia Charlottesville – Campus Tour
Charlottesville Ghost Tour
Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
Evening Potomac Memorial Cruise
Washington DC Guided Tour – Hop-on/Off with Private Guide and
Personal motorcoach transportation – see Capitol Hill, the
White House, National Mall, Martin Luther King, Jefferson,
Roosevelt, Lincoln, Vietnam, WWII & Korean Memorials,
Washington Monument, more
The National Archives + Master Class “Charters of Freedom”
Georgetown Waterfront excursion
George Washington's Mount Vernon
Medieval Times Dinner Theatre
Fort McHenry National Monument + Flag Ceremony & Ranger Talk
Founding Fathers Tour of Philadelphia
Museum of the American Revolution
Personal Tour Director
24-hour emergency cover

What's Not Included:

Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)
Transfers to/from home airport
Luggage fees if not included with airline ticketing
Lunches or meals other than what is indicated above
Cost of visas, full or collective passports
Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown in Itinerary
Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items, recreation
charges, purchases billed to room, etc.
Any gratuities – drivers, area guides, tour director

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

