

A Revolutionary Bicentennial Tour

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A
two-weeks
pilgrimage
in the
early history
of our
country ...

Bicentennial Tour of The Southeast

Departure Dates: 1975

August 16th. September 13th. October 11th.

First Day (Saturday)

Depart from St. Petersburg (333 2nd Ave. S.) at 8:00 AM; from Tampa (Trailways Terminal, 501 Madison St.,) at 8:45 AM. Chartered bus through to Augusta, with lunch at Valdosta, Ga. Sightseeing of historic Augusta — MacKay House, monuments and museums. Get acquainted dinner at the Town Tavern, overnight in Augusta.

Second Day (Sunday)

Depart for nearby sites of two decisive Revolutionary battles — Kings Mountain and Cowpens. Lunch at Spartanburg. Tour of Charlotte, where Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed in 1775. Through Salisbury to Guilford Courthouse, where another fateful battle was fought. Overnight in Greensboro, with reminders of both British and Patriot generals and of Dolley Payne Madison, our fourth "first lady."

Third Day (Monday)

Take the high road to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Lunch stop at Natural Bridge, Virginia — made interesting by its associations with George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Then to the University of Virginia — Jefferson's pride — and on to famous Michie Tavern, boyhood home of Patrick Henry. Overnight in Charlottesville.

Fourth Day (Tuesday)

First stop today is Jefferson's home, "Monticello", which he designed and built. Thence to Luray Caverns for lunch and a visit to their subterranean fairyland, with its unique "Cathedral Organ". Through Front Royal to Winchester, for an overnight stay.

Fifth Day (Wednesday)

After a look at the office which George Washington used as a young surveyor, we turn eastward toward Virginia's "Tidewater" country. Our mid-day stop will be at Mount Vernon, a national shrine and the burial place of the father of our country. Next we visit Gunston Hall — an architectural delight and the home of George Mason who was one of the great framers of our Constitution. Then, on to quaint Alexandria, for a two-night pause in our travels.

Sixth Day (Thursday)

This can be as leisurely — or as active — as you like. Alexandria offers a walking tour of the old city, passing many reminders of the great men who dominated those early days. Or you may choose to visit nearby Washington, D.C., making your own arrangements.

Seventh Day (Friday)

After checking out, we set out for Fredericksburg. This city — already a century old in Revolutionary times — teems with memorabilia of the Washington family, James Monroe, and other famous figures. After a guided tour, we move on to another distillation of history — Richmond, where the very stones seem to echo Patrick Henry's immortal words of "liberty or death". Leaving Richmond, we traverse the rich plantation country to Williamsburg, for a comfortable three-night stay in the midst of reminders of our country's past.

Eighth Day (Saturday)

The whole day will be devoted to the restored Colonial city of Williamsburg, with its handicraft shops, old-fashioned taverns, and imposing public buildings including the Governor's Palace. An evening concert or other feature helps to recapture the aura of Virginia's early capitol.

Ninth Day (Sunday)

Today we visit Carter's Grove ("the most beautiful home in America"), and Yorktown, with a stop at Jamestown where Captain John Smith led English settlers in attempting to found a settlement. Yorktown boasts at least nine buildings that were standing at the time of Cornwallis' surrender. Another restful night at nearby Williamsburg.

Tenth Day (Monday)

We start early, skirting the storied "Dismal Swamp" en route to Elizabeth City, N.C., where a preview of the Revolution was staged a hundred years earlier. A tour will acquaint us with little-known episodes of colonial times. Next is Edenton, with its 1767 courthouse (still in use) and its own legendary "Tea Party" in 1774. On to Williams-ton, N.C., for an overnight stop.

Eleventh Day (Tuesday)

First a short trip to New Bern, where the Tryon Palace restoration and nearby homes take us back to the days of its glory. Then on to Wilmington, to see the mansion which Lord Cornwallis used in 1780-81; and St. James Episcopal Church with a painting taken from a pirate ship in 1748. The afternoon provides a look at Orton Plantation and the Roger Moore mansion, dating from 1725. Overnight in Georgetown, S.C. — a city dating back to 1729.

Twelfth Day (Wednesday)

This morning we traverse the haunts of the "Swamp Fox" — General Francis Marion — en route to Middleton Gardens. This lovely spot dates back to 1741. The afternoon takes us into timeless Charleston for a guided tour of that unique city, with its inimitable way of life. Then southward, with a quick turn through Beaufort if time permits. Overnight in hospitable Savannah.

Thirteenth Day (Thursday)

Begin with a guided tour of the first planned city in this nation, now famous for its authentic restorations of historic homes. After lunch, a brief journey to tiny Midway, with its museum and rustic church. On to St. Simons Island, across the golden "Marshes of Glynn" where we see Fort Frederica National Monument. The final jaunt of the day is to Jacksonville, where we get ready for a farewell dinner on our last evening together.

Fourteenth Day (Friday)

This morning we set out for St. Augustine, where a tour includes a train ride of seven miles, with stop-off privileges at all attractions. The difficulty lies in choosing among museums, forts, restored houses, and other reminders of an eventful history under Spanish, English and American flags. Leaving St. Augustine, our final stop is near Ormond to see an oak tree estimated to be two thousand years old, with a spread of almost two hundred feet.

Leaving this ancient giant, we move into the present and back to the routine world. Along Interstate Four — past Walt Disney World and its captivating illusions — back to the Tampa Bay area which attracted explorers as early as 1513. We return with a widened knowledge of the part played by the southeastern states in shaping our nation's destiny.

PRICE PER PERSON:

Each of two in room, E.P.	\$491.50
Single occupancy, E.P.	\$585.00
Each of three in room, E.P.	\$460.00

General Information

Your two-weeks pilgrimage into the Colonial and Revolutionary history of the Southeastern United States includes the following:

- ★ Motor coach transportation by chartered, air-conditioned buses throughout, with local sightseeing as specified.
- ★ Accommodations as selected in first-class hotels/motels.
- ★ Sales taxes on hotel accommodations.
- ★ Tips for handling one piece of luggage per person in and out of all hotels and motels.
- ★ Experienced escort for the entire trip.
- ★ Admissions and sightseeing as specified.
- ★ Get-acquainted and farewell dinners.

Tours Do Not Include:

Meals except as noted above; gratuities to waiters, maids, or bellmen except as specified; valet service, laundry, telephone calls, or other items of a personal nature; transportation other than the round trip from Tampa/St. Petersburg to Alexandria and return, with side trips en route.

Clothing:

Casual, comfortable clothing, including walking shoes, sunglasses, and rainwear. Some hotels require that men wear jackets and ties in the dining room. Bring your camera—but travel light as experienced travelers do.

Reservations:

All reservations must be made, with a \$50.00 deposit, not less than thirty days before selected departure date. Payment in full is due not less than ten days before departure, and a cancellation fee of \$25.00 will be applicable to cancellations received five days or less prior to departure date.

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