



The American Founders Tour

with the Traveling Professor

April 7-12, 2024

Join the Traveling Professor on a journey through Virginia to visit Mt. Vernon, Monticello, Montpelier and overnight in Colonial Williamsburg!

DAY 1 | Washington D.C.

Meet Dave & Jeanie Johnston in the morning at the MSP Airport for departure to the Washington D.C. area where you should arrive just around noon. Your motor-coach will meet you outside baggage claim where you will board for a tour of the highlights of Washington D.C. Some of the awe-inspiring sights on this fantastic tour will include the U.S. Capitol, The White House, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial & the Korean, WWII & Vietnam War Memorials. Lunch will be on your own as you enjoy touring around D.C. with the group. Then head to your hotel near Alexandria, Virginia to check-in for the rest of the evening. Enjoy an included Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate the start of a fantastic tour! Afterwards, enjoy an optional short story lecture by Dave Johnston, The Traveling Professor on our first President, George Washington.

DINNER

DAY 2 | Mount Vernon

After an included breakfast, check out of your hotel and head with the group to George Washington's Mt. Vernon Estate for the entire morning. Tour Washington's home & gardens, which are absolutely beautiful at this time of year. Then, walk to Washington's grave site to view where our first president was laid to rest. There will be time to enjoy lunch on your own at the Mt. Vernon Inn restaurant which is on-site. You will then depart for Charlottesville, Virginia to check-in to your hotel for the next two nights. Enjoy dinner on your own at a local restaurant. Afterwards, enjoy an optional short story lecture by Dave Johnston, The Traveling Professor on President James Madison.

BREAKFAST

DAY 3 | Montpelier

After breakfast, depart for Montpelier, the lifelong home of James Madison, fourth President of the United States, father of the Constitution, and architect of the Bill of Rights; and his wife, Dolley, America's first "First



Lady." Montpelier is a monument to James Madison and the enslaved community, a museum of American history, and a center for constitutional education that engages the public with the enduring legacy of Madison's most powerful idea: government by the people. At Montpelier, James Madison shaped the ideas that would become the U.S. Constitution. For six months, Madison sat in his upstairs library where he meticulously studied past forms of governments and organized his thoughts into what he believed were the ideal principles for a representative democracy. Madison's ideas would become the framework for the Constitution. After touring the grounds, head to a local Tavern dating back to the Revolutionary War to enjoy lunch on your own. Then, head back to the hotel to enjoy some R&R. This evening join the group at a historic restaurant for dinner on your own. Afterwards, enjoy an optional short story lecture by Dave Johnston, The Traveling Professor on President Thomas Jefferson.

BREAKFAST

DAY 4 | Monticello

This morning enjoy another included breakfast and then check out of your hotel. You will then depart to tour Monticello. Monticello, "Little Mountain," was the home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration



of Independence and third president of the United States. It is also an architectural masterpiece. Jefferson was one of America's first and finest architects and he created, rebuilt, and revised the house throughout his long life. No president's home better reflects the personality of its owner. Jefferson, a true Renaissance man, was a giant among the Founding Fathers. His deeply rooted disputes with Alexander Hamilton created the two-party system in the United States and launched two competing visions of what the United States should be that dominated 19th-century politics and still survive today. He was also a complex man, made up of penetrating intelligence, insatiable curiosity, high ideals, and deep contradictions. The author of the ringing assertion that "all men are created equal" was also the owner of 200 enslaved people. Tour the majestic house and gardens at your leisure and enjoy lunch on your own. You will then depart for Colonial Williamsburg, where you will check in for the next two nights at your hotel right next to the Historic Center of town. This evening join the group for dinner on your own at one of the many local eateries. Afterwards, enjoy an optional short story lecture by Dave Johnston, The Traveling Professor on Colonial Williamsburg.

BREAKFAST

DAY 5 | Colonial Williamsburg

After your included breakfast, step out of the door of your hotel and into history. Colonial Williamsburg is the place where you can truly experience the dawn of America. This isn't just a place where things once happened. They are happening, right now, here in the 18th century. Step back in time and meet the people who made America — sing with them, dance with them, eat with them, and have fun with them. The 18th century city of Colonial Williamsburg is our nation's largest Living History Museum, and you'll discover why this was the capital of Virginia and the largest, most prosperous American colony. Men and women from all walks of life strolled these streets, and you'll following in their footsteps. Explore dozens of original buildings, homes, and shops reconstructed on 301 acres — most on

PER PERSON RATES:

\$1,998 **Double** \$2,493 **Single**

Deposit: \$200 per person at time of booking

Final payment: March 1, 2024

Cancellation Policy: Full refund up to three business days before departure without insurance. After that date, refund is based on recoverable expenses.

Travel Insurance:

\$140 **Double** \$175 **Single**

Due at booking. Travel insurance cost is Non-Refundable. Purchase anytime on our website.



Difficulty Level: Moderate ~ Fast paced tours with 4 plus hours of walking and/or standing each day. Expect very rough, uneven terrain, with inclines, climbing stairs with or without handrails and walking or standing for much of the tour. Must be able to board transportation including but not limited to motorcoaches, planes, or other modes of transport and walking through airports. May be in remote areas & have limited leisure time. Expect walking about 2 miles per day.

their original foundations. Rare animal breeds, historic trades, and lovingly restored gardens add layers of authenticity to the Colonial Williamsburg experience. You'll feel as if you've traveled back in time. At the end of the day, meet your group at the Kings Arms Tavern for an included Farewell Dinner to toast the end of a marvelous historic tour. Then head back to the hotel to pack for your journey home tomorrow.

BREAKFAST/DINNER

DAY 6 | Heading Home

After an included breakfast, head with the group to the airport to return home. You should arrive in the evening with memories of the wonderful places and friendly faces of new friends and old that you made on this tour!

BREAKFAST

INCLUDED:

- Round Trip Airfare from MSP to the D.C. Area
- All transportation on the east coast
- 1 Night Hotel in Alexandria, VA
- 2 Nights Hotel in Charlottesville, VA
- 2 Nights Hotel in Colonial Williamsburg Historic District
- 7 Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners
- Guided Tour of Washington D.C. Monuments
- Admission to all venues listed: Mt. Vernon, Montpelier, Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg
- 4 Story Lectures by "The Traveling Professor"
- Services of two Professional Tour Directors
- Services of a Professional Motor-coach Driver

NOT INCLUDED:

- Transportation to and from the MSP Airport
- Optional sightseeing
- Non included meals
- Tips to Tour Director, Motor-coach Driver, or Local Guides
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

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