The Civil War  April 17-23, 2015

From 1860-1865 the United States of America was locked in a bloody conflict between northern and southern states that would determine the future of the Union. Join UW-Madison for an extraordinary educational journey from the site of John Brown’s Raid in Harper’s Ferry, through the battlefields of Manassas, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Petersburg, Spotsylvania, and, ultimately, to Lee’s surrender at Appomattox Court House. You will be joined by expert guides and historians who will bring these events to life as you walk the grounds and experience firsthand the ebb and flow of the brutal battles that were waged between the Union and the Confederacy.

Your tour will begin in Harper’s Ferry, WV, where John Brown failed to incite a slave uprising but succeeded in shocking the south into the formation of the many local militias that would ultimately become the core of the Confederate Army. From there you will visit Antietam, the bloodiest one-day battle in American history, which ended Robert E. Lee’s first invasion of the north and enabled President Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.

The next day will find you on the fields of Gettysburg. One of the more poignant sites in America, the battle between the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac that occurred here effectively ended any Confederate hopes of independence, at an unimaginable cost to both sides.

You then visit Manassas National Battlefield Park, site of Civil War battles in 1861 and 1862, and Fredericksburg, where the Union army was badly bloodied in 1861. From there you carry on to Spotsylvania Battlefield, site of some of the Civil War’s most ferocious fighting, before touring the historical sites of Richmond: Hollywood Cemetery, Monument Avenue, St Paul’s Church, Chimborazo Hospital, and the White House of the Confederacy.

Rounding out your educational experience is a tour of the Siege of Petersburg Battlefield; a visit to Appomattox Court House where Lee surrendered on April 9, 1865; and an evening at the outstanding Pamplin Historical Park and National Museum of the Civil War Soldier.

This is going to be a fascinating learning experience on some of the most hallowed ground in America in what is the final year of the 150th-year observance of the Civil War. Expert guides, great museums, historical re-enactors, and friendly companionship—this is American history at its finest and most engaging.

You don’t want to miss this one!  

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Itinerary

April 17  Fly to Washington Dulles, transfer to Gettysburg, PA by coach
Tour of Shriver House Museum
Dinner at Herr’s Tavern, with speaker

April 18  John Brown’s Raid and the
Battle of Harper’s Ferry
Antietam Battlefield Tour
Dinner

April 19  Gettysburg National Military Park Tour
Film—“A New Birth of Freedom”
Museum and Cyclorama
Walk Pickett’s Charge
Dinner at Dobbin House with
General and Mrs. Lee

April 20  Manassas National Battlefield Park
Fredericksburg Town and Battlefield
Dinner

April 21  Spotsylvania Battlefield Tour
Richmond Tour
Dinner

April 22  Siege of Petersburg Battlefield Tour
Appomattox
Dinner at Pamplin Park and the
National Museum of the Civil War Soldier

April 23  Transfer to Washington Dulles airport for flight home

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Your Travel Director
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General Information

Everyone is welcome to join us.
You will be well cared for and enjoy comfortable, private transportation throughout, but please understand that there will be a lot of walking necessary in order to visit these sites properly.

Price—$1999/person based upon double occupancy, plus air. This price includes all lodging, all transportation, all entry fees, all guides, daily breakfasts, nightly dinners, one lunch, and all university staff services. Single supplement is $289.

Airfare is not included in this price. Upon receipt of your deposit our travel agent will be available to assist you with your flight arrangements if you wish, regardless of your point of origin. If you plan to make your own air arrangements please contact us beforehand to confirm available space on the trip. Thank you.

Lodging
Gettysburg, PA  Quality Inn
Fredericksburg, VA  Sleep Inn Southpoint
Richmond, VA  Hampton Inn Glenside

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