

## FOLLOW IN LINCOLN'S FOOTSTEPS IN VIRGINIA

*A 5 Day tour of Virginia that follows in Lincoln's footsteps as he traveled through Central Virginia.*

### Day One

- Begin your journey at the Winchester-Frederick County Visitor Center housing the Civil War Orientation Center for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District. Become familiar with the onsite interpretations that walk visitors through the stages of the local battles.
  - Travel to Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters. Located in a quiet residential area, this Victorian house is where Jackson spent the winter of 1861-62 and planned his famous Valley Campaign.
  - Enjoy lunch at The Wayside Inn – serving travelers since 1797, meals are served in eight antique filled rooms and feature authentic Colonial favorites. During the Civil War, soldiers from both the North and South frequented the Wayside Inn in search of refuge and friendship. Serving both sides in this devastating conflict, the Inn offered comfort to all who came and thus was spared the ravages of the war, even though Stonewall Jackson's famous Valley Campaign swept past only a few miles away.
  - Tour Belle Grove Plantation. Civil War activity here culminated in the Battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864 when Gen. Sheridan's counterattack ended the Valley Campaign in favor of the Northern forces. The mansion served as Union headquarters.
  - Continue to Lexington where we'll overnight and enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

### Day Two

- Meet our guide in Lexington and tour the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). The VMI Museum presents a history of the Institute and the nation as told through the lives and services of VMI Alumni and faculty. The Lee Chapel and Museum. Located on the grounds of Washington & Lee University, the Chapel and Museum house many of Robert E. Lee's personal and family artifacts. His office is preserved much as he left it in 1870. The George C. Marshall Museum and Library. Photomurals and artifacts depict the life and times of General of the Army George C. Marshall. An electric map details the course of World War II. General Marshall's Nobel Peace Prize and Academy Award are also on display. The Stonewall Jackson House. The only home the famous Confederate General ever owned interprets his life as citizen, professor at VMI, church leader and family man.
  - Enjoy lunch on your own in the charming quaint town of Lexington.
  - Continue to Lynchburg.
  - Visit the Lynchburg Museum in the Old Court House. The Lynchburg Museum shares stories about the people and fascinating events that have shaped Central Virginia and exhibits treasures of all kinds—silver and furniture made in Lynchburg, fine art, antique toys, Civil War memorabilia, sports, artifacts from the civil rights era, aviation, music, and much more!
  - Visit Beaufort's Civil War Cemetery and Phantom's Grave. Many know of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's horse Traveller, buried alongside the General in Lexington, Virginia. General Lee also had a lesser-known horse named "Phantom," who died during the Battle of Lynchburg and who is buried in the Beaufort Civil War Cemetery near Lynchburg. You won't be able to miss the bigger-than-life statue of "Phantom," depicted in a heroic pose just before he was killed by cannonball.
  - Visit the National Civil War Chaplains Museum. The museum educates and explains the role of chaplains, priests, and rabbis, and religious organizations in the Civil War.

### Day Three

- Tour Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Walk the old county lanes where Robert E. Lee, Commanding General of the Army of Northern Virginia, surrendered his men to Ulysses Grant, General-in-Chief of

all United States forces, on April 9, 1865.

Enjoy lunch on your own in historic Farmville, VA. Farmville was the object of the Confederate Army's desperate push to get rations to feed its soldiers near the end of the American Civil War. The rations had originally been destined for Danville, but an alert quartermaster ordered the train back to Farmville. Despite an advance of the cavalry commanded by Fitzhugh Lee, the Confederate Army was checked by the arrival of Union cavalry commanded by Gen. Philip Sheridan and two divisions of infantry. General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia found itself soon surrounded. He surrendered at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865.

- Depart for a tour of Pamplin Park Civil War Site. The uniquely shaped Interpretive Center depicts the actual shape of the Confederate defensive line. This is where the breakthrough of the Petersburg defenses took place on April 2, 1865. This fascinating historical park brings Civil War history to life through costumed interpreters, three museums and a full range of programs.

- Arrive in Richmond and enjoy a Civil War Dinner this evening. The year is 1862. You have just arrived in the Capital of a new nation where you are greeted by historical characters discussing events of the day. Spirits are high, food is plentiful and the music is upbeat. After dinner you will be swept back to the era of the first truly American music with tunes on banjo and fiddle filling the air. Join us for an evening of fun and song.

#### Day Four

- Along the James River, explore the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar, the gateway to Civil War travel in the region and is the nation's first museum to interpret the Civil War from Union, Confederate, and African American perspectives. A National Historic Landmark and one-time heart of Confederate war production, the Center is now home to the main visitor center of the National Park Service. It includes three floors of exhibits, compelling videos and unique artifacts on loan from other Civil War history institutions.

- Visit The White House of the Confederacy and Museum of the Confederacy. The White House of the Confederacy was President Jefferson Davis' wartime residence and is filled with memories of the Davis family. The museum has many articles and floors of Civil War artifacts and history.

- Enjoy lunch on your own in the nearby trendy Shockoe Slip District of historic Richmond.

- Drive along Monument Avenue, featuring rows of magnificent mansions lining one of America's most beautiful cobblestone streets. Monuments include Robert E. Lee, J.E.B. Stuart, Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson, Matthew Fontaine Maury and Arthur Ashe.

- Tour The Virginia State Capitol. Thomas Jefferson's neo-classical marvel features a hidden dome, pre-historic fossils in the floor marble and the world-famous statue of George Washington and Robert E. Lee.

#### Day Five

- In nearby Petersburg, visit Appomattox Plantation, used by Union General Ulysses S. Grant as his headquarters during the Petersburg siege. Tour the manor house, out buildings and Grant's furnished headquarters cabin.

- Tour Petersburg National Battlefield. Tread the ground where over 60,000 Union and Confederate soldiers became casualties during Grant's 10-month siege of the city near the end of the Civil War.

- Enjoy lunch on your own today.

- Tour Blandford Church (circa 1735) featuring priceless Tiffany stained glass windows depicting each of the states of the Confederacy. Nearly 30,000 soldiers are buried here at Blandford Cemetery.

- The Siege Museum explores how the people of Petersburg faced and overcame the ravages of the war during the longest siege by any American city.

- Enjoy dinner and a show this evening at the Swift Creek Dinner Playhouse.

#### Day Six

- Traveling north, stop at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center to be introduced to the extensive action

that took place in the Fredericksburg area during the Civil War. Four major battlefields are encompassed here; Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, The Wilderness and Spotsylvania. The Center is located on Sunken Road, a focal point during the battle of Fredericksburg, and serves as a starting point for touring.

- Visit the Battlefield at Fredericksburg. The Battle of Fredericksburg was fought December 11–15, 1862, in and around Fredericksburg, between General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and the Union Army of the Potomac, commanded by Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside.

- Enjoy lunch on your own today in downtown historic Fredericksburg before departing for Washington, DC.

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