

## In Freedom's Footsteps: Philadelphia to Washington, DC

**Days:** 11

**From (Per Person)** \$5,790 USD

**Journey Type:** Land

**Time of Year:** Apr - May, Sep - Oct

**Cities & Landmarks:** Philadelphia, Washington DC, Williamsburg, Richmond, Gettysburg, Mount Vernon experience with Tauck

**TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Filmed narratives, exclusively produced for Tauck by filmmakers Ken Burns & Dayton Duncan, feature new insights based on themes from their films, from the Civil War to national parks

**TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Early admission & behind-the-scenes experience at the National Archives

**TAUCK EXCLUSIVE** – Early-opening private tour of the Museum of the American Revolution

**Tauck value includes:** Visits to such iconic national historic sites as Independence Hall, Monticello, Mount Vernon, Gettysburg, Skyline Drive, Washington DC, National Mall monuments and more

### EXPERIENCE WITH TAUCK

- Private guided tour of Virginia's historic State Capitol building
- A day spent exploring as you please at Colonial Williamsburg
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 21 meals; service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and portorage

DATE	DEPARTURE	FROM (PER PERSON)	AVAILABILITY
Apr 26	Solo Savings	\$6,190 USD	Available
May 6	Small Group	\$6,790 USD	Sold Out
May 17	Classic	\$6,190 USD	Available
May 27	Small Group	\$6,790 USD	Available
Sep 9	Small Group	\$6,790 USD	Available
Sep 20	Small Group	\$6,790 USD	Available
Sep 27	Classic	\$6,190 USD	Available
Sep 30	Small Group	\$6,790 USD	Available
Oct 11	Small Group	\$6,790 USD	Available
Oct 18	Solo Savings	\$5,790 USD	Available

## Day 1

Welcome to Philadelphia

**Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Sofitel Philadelphia.** A transfer is included from Philadelphia International Airport to the Sofitel Philadelphia. America's first capital city is a treasure trove of history; tomorrow you'll be exploring some of the most famous sites from the earliest days of the US – you might consider arriving a day earlier to spend more time. Join us tonight for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at your sophisticated hotel located in the city center near the Rodin Museum, City Hall, Liberty Place and other landmarks.

### **Dinner      Sofitel Philadelphia →**

Sofitel Philadelphia blends French elegance with American style providing a refined environment in the city center, just minutes from historic attractions. This sophisticated downtown hotel is conveniently situated near the Kimmel Center and Rodin Museum. Delight in the architectural highlights of the hotel, such as a geometric lobby floor design inspired by Shaker quilts and crafted from seven types of stone. Then explore art and culture nearby at impressive exhibits including The Barnes Foundation's world-class art collection. Sofitel Philadelphia's hotel rooms reflect contemporary French and American style. Each spacious room averages 370 square feet and is equipped with luxurious feathertop and duvet sleep system – SoBed, and French bath amenities. Discover fine dining with the delicious cuisine of Liberte Urban Chic Lounge, a stylish restaurant and bar that brings back a bygone era with contemporary French-inspired food served in one of the city's loveliest settings.

## Day 2

### **The Liberty Bell & more in Philadelphia**

The Museum of the American Revolution, a long-time partner of Ken Burns, opens early this morning exclusively for Tauck! Enjoy a guided visit to its historic artifacts, including George Washington's original sleeping and office tent from the Revolutionary War, followed by free time to explore. A guided sightseeing tour takes you through the historic district, lined with cobbled streets and 18th-century townhouses. Visit Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were debated and signed, and view the iconic Liberty Bell. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free to spend as you please.

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## Day 3

### A day in Amish country & Gettysburg

Travel through rolling Pennsylvania farmland to Lancaster County for a guided tour that reveals the cultural traditions of the Amish, steeped in centuries past, and lunch. Continue on to Gettysburg National Military Park for a visit to the amazing interpretive center. The center includes a film, *A New Birth of Freedom*, narrated by Morgan Freeman; the massive Cyclorama painting, which literally surrounds visitors with a magnificent visual of the fury of Pickett's Charge and brings vividly to life the sights and sounds of the battles that raged here on July 1-3, 1863; and the Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War, featuring 12 exhibit galleries that contain artifacts and interactive displays.

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**      **The Gettysburg Hotel** →

The Gettysburg Hotel witnessed the three-day battle in 1863 that turned the tide of the Civil War; in the house across the street, President Lincoln honed his famous address; and in 1955, the hotel served as a temporary White House for President Eisenhower as he recovered from a heart attack. Located in the center of the town's historic district, in walking distance of the battlefield, the Gettysburg Hotel has been carefully restored to maintain its 19th-century grace while offering modern amenities, including an outdoor rooftop swimming pool, a fitness center, a tavern, and restaurant offering traditional fine dining in a casually elegant setting.

## Day 4

### Gettysburg's Battlefields, Harpers Ferry

A morning drive with a Gettysburg expert takes you through some of the battlefields – now eerily peaceful – viewing pivotal sites and hearing stories such as the defense of Little Round Top, the "Killer Angels" and the courage and futility of Pickett's Charge. More than 50,000 men on both sides were killed, wounded or missing at Gettysburg; about 6,000 lie in the national cemetery here, which Lincoln dedicated with his famous address later that year. Following lunch, continue to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, a village brought to life via a Ken Burns filmed vignette that enhances your visit to this National Historical Park, the site of John Brown's failed 1859 raid on the town's federal arsenal. The Civil War was fought in more than 10,000 places, the majority of them in the South; homes became headquarters and hospitals as foraging armies swept across American towns like those you'll pass through this afternoon en route to Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**      **Omni Charlottesville Hotel** →

Adjacent to the historic downtown Pedestrian Mall, the Omni Charlottesville Hotel blends the area's unique history with modern luxury. You can enjoy spectacular views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, historic Charlottesville or the beautifully landscaped mall or atrium area. Relax in newly-renovated guest room accommodations featuring contemporary comfort and a host of amenities designed to make your visit

unforgettable. This luxury hotel features a stunning, seven-story glassed-in atrium containing a lobby lush with greenery. Each guest room reflects a delicate balance of historical reverence and contemporary luxury. Decorated in traditional style, they welcome you with a soothing palette of gold, yellow, sage and forest green. The Pointe, overlooking the Downtall Mall, features fun, casual dining in the garden atmosphere of the atrium – and The Pointe Patio is the perfect place for outdoor dining, in season.

## Day 5

### Jefferson's Monticello & Charlottesville

Begin your day in Charlottesville with a visit to author, statesman, scientist and third US President Thomas Jefferson's beloved Monticello, the hilltop house he designed on the principles of Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio. As you explore the house, plantation and grounds, you'll observe that the realities of plantation life did not always fit comfortably with the founding father's principles of equality and liberty. After lunch featuring colonial fare and servers in 18th-century period attire at the historic Michie Tavern, see the University of Virginia's landmark Rotunda and Grounds, described by its designer Thomas Jefferson as an "academical village." In addition to its historic sights, this area of Virginia is renowned for its locally produced wines. Even Thomas Jefferson, a distinguished viticulturist, grew grapes on his estate in two separate vineyards. Visit a winery and taste the bounty of the vine before spending the evening as you wish. Newly renovated in 2023, your ideally located hotel promises a most enjoyable stay.

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### Historic Richmond & on to Williamsburg

An in-depth view of the Civil War from various perspectives awaits in Richmond, capital of Virginia and the capital of the Confederate States of America during the war. Begin the day with a private guided tour of the historic Virginia State Capitol, designed by Thomas Jefferson and French architect Charles-Louis Clérisseau, and modeled after an ancient Roman temple in southern France. A National Historic Landmark completed in 1788, the building also served as the Confederacy's wartime capitol; a major restoration and expansion was completed in 2007. Following lunch at a local bistro, travel to Colonial Williamsburg, whose cobblestone streets and buildings have been restored to the way they looked when the city was Virginia's Colonial capital. As you step back in time during your two-night stay, enjoy dinner this evening at an 18th-century style tavern in Colonial Williamsburg.

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner      Williamsburg Lodge →**

The recently completed renovation of the Williamsburg Lodge presents the ambiance of a southern family home — furnishings are inspired by art from the nearby Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum. One of the two original hotels envisioned by John D. Rockefeller, the property has now matured to comprise eight buildings, interconnected by sheltered, brick-paved walkways – offering guests a generous helping of southern hospitality with impeccable service. Williamsburg Lodge was one of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s original Colonial Williamsburg hotels and it is very close to Williamsburg's famous Historic Area. Comfortable guest rooms provide cable / satellite TV, in-room safe, coffee maker and iron / ironing board. A wide variety of recreational facilities, including golf courses and tennis courts, are shared with the nearby Williamsburg Inn. The new restaurant serves cuisine with contemporary southern and Chesapeake influences.

**Day 7**

**18th-century Colonial Williamsburg**

Restored to its 18th-century glory and inhabited by interpreters in period dress living its 18th-century lifestyle, Colonial Williamsburg is yours to explore as you please today. Discover life in days gone by as you step back in time to encounter local residents, from artisans and tradespeople to militiamen and ordinary citizens. Visit authentically restored buildings such as the Governor's Palace, Raleigh Tavern, Bruton Parish Church, and other places including Colonial homes. You'll enjoy activities and demonstrations throughout the day in Colonial Williamsburg.

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**Mt. Vernon & on to Washington, DC**

You'll travel from Williamsburg this morning to the magnificent Mount Vernon estate of America's first president, George Washington. Overlooking the Potomac River, the setting couldn't be more spectacular; explore the state-of-the-art interactive museum, the 18th-century mansion and landscaped grounds. You'll have a late afternoon arrival in Washington, DC, capital city of the US, for a three-night stay at one of its most historic hotels, The Willard InterContinental Washington D.C.; dine tonight at the hotel.

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner      The Willard InterContinental →**

"The Willard is more the center of Washington than either the Capitol, the White House, or the State Department," Nathaniel Hawthorne once observed, without irony. History and luxury go hand-in-hand at The Willard InterContinental, an integral part of Washington life during the Civil War – and of Washington lore for over a century and a half. The hotel has hosted nearly every president since 1853 and remains a lively meeting place for power brokers, statesmen, heads of state and celebrities. Here Julia Ward Howe penned *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, Martin Luther King, Jr. polished his "I Have a Dream" speech, and Ulysses S. Grant invented the term "lobbyist" for the supplicants who pestered him in the hotel lobby while he enjoyed brandy and cigars... the guest list has included Charles Dickens, P.T. Barnum, Buffalo Bill Cody, Walt Whitman and many more noted names, past and present... Steeped in elegance, luxury and history, five-star The Willard InterContinental is ideally located just two blocks from the White House and the National Mall, close to the Smithsonian Institution as well as the business and theatre districts. Besides a French bistro and the classic Round Robin Bar, amenities include a full-service spa, 24-hour in-room dining, and afternoon tea in the hotel's lavish Peacock Alley. The phrase "I'm staying at the Willard" speaks volumes...

**Day 9**

**A Day in Washington, DC**

Today you'll get perspectives on Washington DC's 225+ year history, beginning with a sightseeing tour this morning that features views of iconic Washington sights such as the White House, Capitol Hill, the National Mall, the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial. On a visit to the Lincoln Memorial, you'll have an opportunity to see the poignant memorials to those who served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Spend the remainder of the day exploring as you please – and join us tonight for a special sightseeing experience viewing the memorials and monuments of our nation's capital illuminated at night.

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## Day 10

### Exclusive – Inside the National Archives

First up today, a Tauck Exclusive – early admission to the Rotunda of the National Archives for a private viewing of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, with welcome comments by a National Archives insider. Then go behind the scenes with an archival researcher to learn how modern archival techniques preserve both great documents and stories of individual Americans. The afternoon is free; you'll have time at the National Archives to explore as you please, or perhaps visit one of the many museums on the National Mall. Tonight, a memorable week concludes with a farewell reception and dinner.

#### Breakfast, Dinner      The Willard InterContinental →

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### Journey home

**Tour ends: Washington, DC.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Willard InterContinental Washington D.C. to Ronald Reagan National Airport or Dulles International Airport; please allow a minimum of two hours for flight check-in at the airport.

#### Breakfast