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on the Road



Founding of America Tour

May 3-11, 2018



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Join the Historical Society of Michigan's "Michiganders on the Road" for a 9-day, 8-night tour of Washington, D.C.; Colonial Williamsburg; Monticello; Montpelier; and the Gettysburg Battlefield.

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*Includes motor coach transportation; all lodging; all dinners and breakfasts; and all admission fees, taxes, and gratuities. Historical Society of Michigan membership required; memberships start at \$25. Price is per person based on double occupancy.

How did our nation come about? What did the Founders envision for their country? Can a government of the people, by the people, and for the people survive? As one historian has put it, "the road from Jamestown leads to Gettysburg." We'll discover how the United States originated and how it was sustained in our 9-day Founding of America Tour.



**May 3,
Thursday**

We'll depart bright and early for Bedford, Pennsylvania. We have three boarding locations to make things more convenient: Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Toledo. All, except Lansing (which is at our offices), are at Meijer parking lots. You can leave your car in the Meijer lots all week—just let Meijer know it's there and not abandoned.

Our first attraction en route will be the steep mountains of northern Ohio, many of which soar to a height of three feet. In all honesty, the north-central Ohio landscape isn't the most scenic in the world, but it gets much prettier as we go into eastern Ohio and Pennsylvania. We'll stop for lunch at one of the turnpike's premier fast-food emporiums and challenge our wits with one or two of Bob's Useless Trivia contests. Cluck the Rubber Chicken will supervise the motor coach stops.

Today is a driving day, but we have a real treat at the end: dinner at the historic Jean Bonnet Tavern in Bedford. The stone tavern was built on the Old Forbes Road about 1762 as a trading post; Jean Bonnet and his wife bought it in 1779 and turned it into a tavern. Today, it's on the National Register of Historic Places and still offers excellent meals to travelers. All of our dinners include your meal, dessert, and coffee/tea/soft drink. We cover the waitstaff's tips too. You're welcome to have a beer or glass of wine, but you're on your own for that!

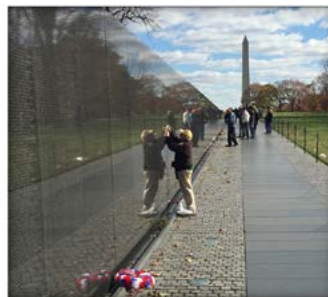
Lodging tonight is at the nearby Fairfield Inn & Suites. Like all of our hotels, Fairfield offers a complimentary breakfast in the morning.



**May 4,
Friday**

Today, we'll enjoy a guided tour of our nation's capital. We'll drive into the city, have lunch at Union Station, and meet our step-on guide for a four-hour afternoon driving tour of Washington. Stops include the Capitol, White House, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, JFK grave site, and much more.

The tour isn't just driving past these sites—we'll leave the bus at each stop and take time to see everything up close. After our Washington tour, we'll cross the Potomac River and head into Virginia. Dinner tonight will be at Madigan's Waterfront right on the Occoquan River in the town of Occoquan.





May 5,
Saturday



George Washington's Mt. Vernon has so much to offer that we'll spend an entire day there. This is America's first historic house museum, founded in 1858 by the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association to preserve Washington's home. The historic site once consisted of just the mansion itself, but the interpretation has expanded to reflect Mt. Vernon's role as a working plantation and tells the story of the enslaved people who worked it.

The new Ford Orientation Center offers the film *We Fight to be Free*, which describes pivotal times in Washington's life. Washington's water-powered gristmill is operated by millers in colonial attire who explain how the mill works



and the role it played in Washington's entrepreneurial farming operation. A whiskey distillery demonstrates eighteenth-century techniques with its five copper stills. There's a round barn, gardens, and...well, you get the picture—lots to see and do! We will, of course, tour the mansion itself and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum. Mt. Vernon is fully restored, and the house appears as it did during the last decade of Washington's life.

After a day at Mt. Vernon, we head for Williamsburg, Virginia. Dinner on this day will be at a great Italian restaurant, Sal's By Victor, with lodging for the next three nights at the Comfort Suites in Williamsburg.



May 6,
Sunday

We'll start the day with a short drive to Historic Jamestown. Founded in 1607, it was the first permanent English settlement in the New World. In 1994, archaeologist William Kelso discovered that nearly the entire fort was still high and dry. The resultant archaeology dig has uncovered the fort palisade, structural remains, and more than a million artifacts. The dig is ongoing, and we've arranged a special tour of the site for our group. We'll visit the museum on the site, and you can have lunch on your own at the Dale House Café. Afterward, we'll drive over to the Jamestown Glasshouse and watch the glassblowers at work.

Our visit of Colonial Williamsburg begins in the afternoon. This is a free day to explore Williamsburg on your own. Here are some of Bob's recommendations: The Governor's Palace is a "must-see." When you visit one of the craft shops—such as the gunsmith, silversmith, wigmaker, etc.—spend some time talking with the craftspeople. They have phenomenal knowledge of the eighteenth century and their trades. Williamsburg has a number of actors, termed "People of the Past," who do role-playing. It's great fun to engage them in



conversation about eighteenth-century life. The Play Booth Theater is enormously entertaining and informative. Have lunch at one of the taverns! It's a little pricey, but the food is great and so is the atmosphere. Reservations are usually required, so stop by first thing in the morning to put your name in.



Dinner will be at the King's Arms Tavern. The taverns are a delight—real eighteenth-century ambiance right down to the costumed waitstaff and period-correct china. Williamsburg cheats a little, though—the food is actually prepared in out-of-sight modern kitchens, so you don't have to worry about fireplace ash in your gravy and authentic food poisoning.





**May 7,
Monday**

You'll have a free day to explore Colonial Williamsburg. Go where you like, when you like—and eat more Raleigh Tavern gingerbread. Our bus will drop us off in the morning, and you can tour at your leisure. We'll make a 3 p.m. bus stop in the village in case you'd like to go back to the hotel, take a nap, and then return.

Dinner will be at the Raleigh Tavern—same place, different meal!



**May 8,
Tuesday**

Monticello is today's destination. We leave Williamsburg in the morning for Charlottesville and the home of Thomas Jefferson.

Monticello was Jefferson's architectural autobiography. In 1987, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) designated it a World Heritage Site: a site of outstanding importance to the cultural heritage of humanity. Construction of

Monticello began in 1768, and Jefferson enlarged and remodeled it in the early nineteenth century. Our tour includes the house itself, as well as its extensive gardens and grounds. We've also arranged a boxed lunch on-site for our tour group.



You'll especially love Monticello if you're a gardener. Jefferson was fascinated by plant varieties and cultivated many unusual specimens on his plantation. His vegetable garden alone boasted 330 different varieties, and 170 different species of fruit grew in the Monticello orchards. You can pick up some Monticello heirloom seeds for your own garden in the gift shop.

We'll spend all afternoon touring Monticello and then head into nearby Charlottesville for dinner at the South Street Brewery. The brewery is a fun place with great food and located in an old brick storefront in downtown Charlottesville. After dinner, we'll repair to the Doubletree Inn in Charlottesville.



**May 9,
Wednesday**

Having toured the home of the author of the Declaration of Independence, we'll now visit the Father of the Constitution.

The staff at Montpelier furnishes a summary of Montpelier's importance: "For more than 120 years—from 1723 until 1844 when Dolley Madison sold the property—the Madisons owned Montpelier. Montpelier was the lifelong home of James Madison, Father of the Constitution, architect of the Bill of Rights, and fourth president of the United States. It was here that he read,





researched, and thought more deeply about our republican form of government than any other Founding Father.”

The National Trust for Historic Preservation acquired the house in 1984, and it now appears as it did in the early nineteenth century. We'll tour the house, have a boxed lunch, and then embark on a special tour we've arranged that focuses on Montpelier's enslaved community. Like Washington and Jefferson, James Madison depended on a community of enslaved African Americans to serve his estate.

In a great irony of the American Revolution, George Washington, the Father of the Country; Thomas Jefferson, the Author of the Declaration of Independence; and James Madison, the Father of the Constitution—all owned slaves.



**May 10,
Thursday**

The Founders had established a nation based on the principle that all men were created equal. Could it long endure? We'll find out today on a tour of America's most hallowed ground: Gettysburg Battlefield.

We'll spend a day touring the Gettysburg National Military Park. The vast Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center displays Civil War artifacts from one of the largest museum collections in America. It also features interactive programs and multimedia presentations.

An orientation film, *A New Birth of Freedom*, explains the battle and its importance to American history.



The museum also features the newly restored Gettysburg Cyclorama. This 1884 painting is 27 feet high and 359 feet long (!) and depicts the climactic Pickett's Charge on the third day of the battle.

After lunch on your own in the museum cafeteria, we'll embark on a three-hour driving tour of the battlefield with one of the park's incomparable guides. We'll cover the entire battlefield with a special emphasis on the participation of Michigan regiments.

In November 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered a brief address to help dedicate the Gettysburg Cemetery. The Civil War, he said, was not only a war to preserve the Union and end slavery, but a war to determine whether democracy itself could survive. Visiting Gettysburg is an unforgettable experience and a great way to tie together everything we've learned about Colonial America.

We depart Gettysburg and head back to Somerset, Pennsylvania, for a great dinner at Hoss's Steak and Sea.



**May 11,
Friday**

Our last day is a driving day as we head back home. We'll leave the work to our motor coach driver and relax, with time for more of Bob's Useless Trivia games and eating the slightly stale but still delicious Raleigh Tavern gingerbread that everyone bought in Williamsburg.



We're very excited about this trip, and we hope you'll be able to join us! Give us a call at (517) 324-1828 or e-mail us at hsm@hsmichigan.org if you have any questions.

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