

Hallowed Ground to Historic Downtowns

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Fees: will not be charged; registration is open to tour operators only.

Description:

Visit Frederick and the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area are teaming up to showcase an American adventure like none other. Join us as we explore the byways and battlefields where the Civil War was waged. Bust myths and trace the legacy of the Civil War at national and local museums before getting outside to experience the landscape by trail or waterway. Then hit the historic downtown, where the past adds authentic flavor to the dining, shopping, and entertainment of the vibrant present.

Our sojourn through Mid-Maryland will provide tour operators with practical strategies for groups to enjoy a safe, affordable and convenient base camp for visits that may also include excursions to the nation's capital and popular destinations such as Gettysburg or Harpers Ferry. Our guests will experience first-hand the transformative power of this place, where every footstep falls on hallowed ground. Plus, you'll have a blast!

Restrictions: Must be able to walk 5 minutes or ¼ mile on sidewalks or easy terrain.

Draft itinerary with dates and times

Day One, August 28, 2018

8:30 AM Depart Baltimore

9:30-10:30 AM Union Mills Homestead: The anguish of divided loyalties among Maryland families is powerfully evoked here, where the Shriver family hosted encampments of both Union and Confederate armies. A special treat is the working grist mill, expertly demonstrated by Ivan the miller, a great storyteller and artisan.

11:00-12:00 PM National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine: Dedicated to the first American-born saint, the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton welcomes visitors to explore the legacy of Seton and the Sisters of Charity; the Sisters were among the first nurses on the field at nearby Gettysburg.

12:30- 1:45 PM lunch at the Carriage House Inn: Enjoy dining in a Civil War era building.

Catoctin Furnace drive-through BRIEF: Located in the foothills of the Catoctin mountain, explore a centuries-old forge and learn about the free and enslaved people who lived and worked here.

2:40-3:15 PM Frederick Visitor Center: Exhibit exhibits and an orientation film introduce historic Frederick. Walk to the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, approx. 15 minutes. Along Carroll Creek Linear Park, spot hidden art representing symbols of “community” at the tromp l’oeil painted Community Bridge.

3:30-4:30 PM National Museum of Civil War Medicine: Approach history in an entirely unique way. “Civil War Medicine – it’s not what you think!”

Hotel Check In

6:00 P.M. Dinner at Brewers Alley: Dine in the very room where, in 1864, Frederick’s mayor paid the Ransom demanded by Confederate General Jubal Early just prior to the Battle of Monocacy.

Evening activity- Ghost Tour in the historic district

Day Two, August 29, 2018

8:00 AM Leave Frederick

9:00 – 9:45 AM Arrive at the Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown for a Walk Through the Director. Recognized as one of the finest small museums in the nation, the museum collection includes strengths in American art, 19th century European, international collections. The exquisite setting is perfect for student performances.

9:45-10:40 AM Walk along the Hagerstown Cultural Trail; This innovative outdoor attraction — featuring a Mural of Unusual Size, whimsical outdoor sculptures, and more — includes plenty of Civil War and 19th century history to experience along the way.

10:40-11:15 AM Arrive at the historic Maryland Theatre for Tour and Program/Student Workshop Preview with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra.

12:00 PM Arrive at the Pry House Field Hospital for Lunch in the Barn; brief introduction to student experiences at the Pry House, a satellite of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

1:00-3:30 PM Antietam National Battlefield: Join an engaging step-on guide to visit some of the most famous sites in American military history, including Burnside Bridge

and Bloody Lane. Learn how the country's bloodiest one-day battle in 1862 gave rise to the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

4:00-4:30 PM Stop at River and Trail Outfitters in Knoxville: Visit the headquarters of an outdoor outfitter with long experience in safe guided whitewater rafting, tubing, kayaking, canoeing, ziplining, climbing, cycling, hiking & teambuilding trips.

Return to hotel

Dinner TBD

Day Three, August 30, 2018

8:30 AM Depart hotel

8:45-10 AM Monocacy National Battlefield: Learn about the Civil War "Battle that Saved Washington." Pre-Civil War history at this location is also fascinating at the Best Farm find out about archaeology that revealed the largest extant slave habitation site in the mid-Atlantic.

10:15 - 11 AM Adventure Park: Discover a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities for kids of all ages, this New Market attraction is a fun place to visit any time of the year!

11:45 AM Arrive at BWI