



Echoes of Liberty: Virginia's Presidential Past (TMC1936)

May 3-9, 2026

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse
- 6-nights hotel accommodations
- 14 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Visit Monticello, the mountaintop home of Thomas Jefferson
- Visit Highland, the estate of James Monroe
- Guided tour of the Rotunda & Academical Village of the University of Virginia
- Explore James Madison's Montpelier to learn how the Constitution affects one's everyday life
- Visit the Ford Orientation Center & Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center at Mount Vernon
- Tour Christ Church, a beautiful example of Georgian church architecture
- Tour Gadsby's Tavern & Museum
- Experience a guided tour of Fredericksburg including visits to Historic Kenmore, the Mary Washington House, and the Rising Sun Tavern.
- Guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg
- Guided tour of Yorktown Victory Center to recapture the drama of the American Revolution
- Guided tour of Jamestown Settlement, commemorating the first permanent English settlement in the New World
- Guided tour of Richmond including visits to the Virginia State Capitol and St. Johns Church
- Baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host
- Services and Gratuities for a Professional Motorcoach Driver
- All applicable taxes, fees, and included meal gratuities

ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3

ACTIVE: moderate pace; good mobility needed; stairs and prolonged standing for more than 2 hours at a time; some longer days involving early mornings and/or late evenings; some walking on varied terrain. This Activity Level is not recommended for travelers with mobility issues such as someone who uses a cane, walker, or wheelchair.



HOTELS:

Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlottesville Downtown/University Area – Charlottesville, VA (2 Nights)
Hampton Inn & Suites Ft. Belvoir – Alexandria, VA (1 Night)
Embassy Suites by Hilton – Williamsburg, VA (2 Nights)
Drury Plaza Hotel – Richmond, VA (1 Night)

PRICING:

Double	\$2,719
Single	\$3,369
Triple	\$2,509
Quad	\$2,399
Optional Pre-Paid AAA Group Travel Tour Host Gratuity	\$28

Rates and inclusions are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$750 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment is due by March 1, 2026.

NOTE: This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

Buffalo

AAA Administrative Office
100 International Dr.
Williamsville

Rochester

RIT Inn & Conference Center
5257 West Henrietta Rd.
Henrietta

Syracuse

Syracuse Doubletree Hotel
6301 State Route 298
East Syracuse

CANCELLATION POLICY:

AAA recommends the purchase of Allianz Global Assistance products to protect your trip investment.

Day of Deposit to 1-15-26 / \$150 Administrative Fee Per Person

1-16-26 to 3-1-26 / Loss of Deposit Per Person

3-2-26 to Day of Departure / 100% Non-Refundable Per Person



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

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Early morning boarding begins at AAA Travel & Insurance Center, 100 International Dr, Williamsville, NY.

Early morning boarding begins at RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 W Henrietta Rd, Henrietta, NY. A brief rest stop will be made.

Early morning boarding begins at a **NEW LOCATION as of March 1, 2025: Syracuse DoubleTree Hotel, 6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY (Carrier Circle).** Rest and meal stops will be made en route at your own expense.

Check-in for your **two-night stay** at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlottesville Downtown/University Area. **Baggage handling** is included.

Enjoy an included **dinner** at the Wood Grill Buffet in Charlottesville, a beloved local spot famous for its generous portions of hearty, home-style cuisine served in a warm, casual atmosphere.

Monday, May 4, 2026

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Arrive at **Monticello**, home of Thomas Jefferson. Explore the meticulously preserved historic home, stroll through the beautifully maintained gardens, and visit **Mulberry Row**, the bustling industrial hub of Jefferson's estate. **The Visitor Center** offers engaging educational exhibits that deepen your understanding of Jefferson's life and times.

Enjoy an included **lunch** at Historic Michie Tavern. This is one of the oldest homesteads remaining in Virginia. The Tavern offers a glimpse of 18th-century life through the exhibit of handcrafted furnishings and artifacts.

Visit **James Monroe's Highland** and meet "Mr. Monroe." Adjacent to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello was the estate of James Monroe, a Founding Father and fifth president of the United States.

Enjoy dinner on your own and free time downtown Charlottesville Pedestrian Mall, filled with shops, cafes, and galleries.

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Meet your **Local Guide** and visit **The Rotunda & Academical Village** of The University of Virginia with a Guided Tour. The Rotunda was designed by Thomas Jefferson to represent the "authority of nature and power of reason" and was inspired by the Pantheon in Rome.

Visit **James Madison's Montpelier**, the elegant plantation home of the "Father of the Constitution."

Enjoy an included **boxed lunch** while on your way to Alexandria, VA.

Visit **Mount Vernon and the Ford Orientation Center & Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center**. Explore the grand mansion, extensive museum, beautifully landscaped gardens, and surrounding grounds that reveal the life of the nation's first president.

Enjoy included **dinner** at The Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant, known for its colonial-inspired dishes and historic ambiance.

Check-in for your **one-night stay** at the Hampton Inn & Suites Fort Belvoir Alexandria South in Alexandria. **Baggage handling** included.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Visit **Christ Church** in Alexandria, a beautiful example of Georgian church architecture, dating from 1773. Silver plaques mark the pews of George Washington and Robert E. Lee.

Visit **Gadsby's Tavern & Museum**, a center of political, social and cultural life in Alexandria.



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Enjoy included **lunch** at Gadsby's Tavern. For nearly a century Gadsby's Tavern was a center of political, social, and cultural life in Alexandria. Here you'll meet "Martha Washington."

Arrive to **tour Fredericksburg with a Local Guide**. Discover **Historic Kenmore**, the elegant 18th-century home of George Washington's sister, the **Mary Washington House**, where his mother lived, and the **Rising Sun Tavern**, a beloved colonial inn and social hub.

Enjoy included **dinner** at The Whaling Company in Williamsburg, VA., a local favorite offering fresh seafood and coastal flavors.

Check-in for your **two-night stay** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Williamsburg, VA. **Baggage handling** is included.

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure.

Arrive for a **guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg**, the largest outdoor living museum in the country, offering immersive, authentic 18th-century experiences and programming.

Enjoy lunch on your own in Merchant Square, a bustling area of shops and eateries that blend historic charm with modern amenities.

Take a **guided tour of Yorktown Victory Center**, where immersive exhibits and live demonstrations recount the dramatic conclusion of the American Revolutionary War.

Enjoy an included **dinner** at one of Colonial Williamsburg's historic taverns, savoring traditional dishes in a unique setting.

Friday, May 8, 2026

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out.

Take a **guided tour of Jamestown Settlement** in Williamsburg, a living history museum featuring a reconstructed fort, a recreated Powhatan Indian village, and full-size replicas of the ships that brought the first settlers to Virginia. This interactive experience vividly illustrates early colonial life and Native American culture. Enjoy lunch on your own at the Café while visiting.

Take a **guided driving tour of Richmond, VA**, highlighting Virginia's rich heritage, followed by visits to the **Virginia State Capitol** and **St. John's Church**, famous for Patrick Henry's impassioned "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, where you'll meet an engaging portrayal of "Patrick Henry."

Check-in for your **one-night stay** at the Drury Plaza Hotel Richmond, in Glen Allen, VA. **Baggage handling** is included. Enjoy a **kickback reception** featuring hot foods, fresh snacks, desserts, and a selection of beverages including up to three alcoholic options.

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Enjoy an included hotel **breakfast** at your leisure before check-out. **Baggage handling** is included.

Depart for home. Rest/meal stops will be made en route at your expense.

Return to Syracuse in the evening.

Return to Henrietta in the late evening.

Return to Williamsville in the late evening.

Timing, itinerary, inclusions, and order of events are subject to change without notice.

Effective April 21, 2025, New York State requires any person on a charter bus in New York State to be restrained by a safety belt while in motion. Failure to comply will result in fines imposed on the person not in compliance. [NY State Assembly Bill 2023-A8557](#).

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