



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



ITINERARY:

Day 1: Depart by motorcoach from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse and journey south to Charlottesville, Virginia. Upon arrival, check in to the conveniently located Fairfield Inn & Suites Charlottesville Downtown/University Area. This evening, savor a delicious welcome dinner at Wood Grill Buffet, a beloved local spot famous for its generous portions of hearty, home-style cuisine served in a warm, casual atmosphere. After dinner, return to the hotel to unwind and prepare for the adventures ahead. (D)

Day 2: After a refreshing breakfast at the hotel, immerse yourself in the rich legacy of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello. 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. Next, enjoy a traditional colonial-style lunch at Historic Michie Tavern, offering a taste of 18th-century fare. Continue the day with a visit to James Monroe’s Highland estate, where you’ll encounter a lively portrayal of “Mr. Monroe” himself, providing a personal glimpse into the life of America’s fifth president. Conclude your afternoon with leisure time to wander Charlottesville’s charming downtown Pedestrian Mall—filled with shops, cafes, and galleries—before dining independently at one of the many inviting local restaurants. Return to your hotel to relax. (B, L)

Day 3: Begin with breakfast before visiting the iconic University of Virginia. Tour the Rotunda—Jefferson’s architectural masterpiece—and the Academical Village, a UNESCO World Heritage site reflecting Jefferson’s vision for higher education. Then, travel to James Madison’s Montpelier, the elegant plantation home of the “Father of the Constitution,” where you’ll enjoy a boxed lunch on the grounds. In the afternoon, step back in time at George Washington’s Mount Vernon estate. Explore the grand mansion, extensive museum, beautifully landscaped gardens, and the surrounding grounds that reveal the life of the nation’s first president. Dinner will be served at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant, known for its colonial-inspired dishes and historic ambiance. End the day with check-in at the Hampton Inn & Suites Fort Belvoir Alexandria South, ready for rest. (B, L, D)

Day 4: After breakfast, delve into the historic charm of Alexandria. Visit Christ Church, a stunning 18th-century church once attended by George Washington, followed by Gadsby’s Tavern & Museum, a lively gathering place during the Revolutionary era. Enjoy an included lunch at Gadsby’s Tavern, soaking in the authentic colonial atmosphere. Meet “Martha Washington,” who will share stories and insights about life in the Revolutionary period. Next, journey to Fredericksburg for guided tours of 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. Continue on to Williamsburg for dinner at The Whaling Company, a local favorite offering fresh seafood and coastal flavors. Check in at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Williamsburg to end the day. (B, L, D)



Day 5: After breakfast, embark on a guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, the nation's largest living-history museum. Witness costumed interpreters bring the 18th century to life through authentic buildings, trades, and demonstrations, offering a vivid picture of colonial American life. Lunch is on your own in Merchant Square, a bustling area of shops and eateries that blend historic charm with modern amenities. In the afternoon, visit the Yorktown Victory Center, where immersive exhibits and live demonstrations recount the dramatic conclusion of the American Revolutionary War. Return to your hotel to enjoy a complimentary cocktail reception, a perfect chance to relax and mingle. Finish the day with an included dinner at one of Colonial Williamsburg's historic taverns, savoring traditional dishes in a unique setting. (B, D)

Day 6: Following breakfast, explore Jamestown Settlement, 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. Lunch is on your own before traveling to Richmond. There, enjoy a guided city tour highlighting Virginia's capital's rich heritage, followed by visits to the Virginia State Capitol—designed by Thomas Jefferson—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." End your day by checking in at the Drury Plaza Hotel Richmond and enjoy their popular evening kickback reception featuring hot foods, fresh snacks, desserts, and a selection of beverages including up to three alcoholic options. (B, Kickback Reception)

Day 7: Enjoy a final breakfast before boarding the motorcoach for your return journey home. Reflect on the memorable experiences and rich history you've encountered throughout Virginia, taking with you lasting impressions of the state's heritage and hospitality. (B)