

**Battle Cry of Freedom:
The Civil War's Famous Battles
October 17—25, 2017**



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Between 1861 and 1865, Americans made war with each other on battlefields that remain to this day, sacred ground. From the banks of Bull Run Creek in Prince William County, Virginia to the banks of Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg, Maryland - from Adams County in southern Pennsylvania to Jefferson County, West Virginia. The Civil War raged across a landscape that now features plaques, old canons, statues & cemeteries. It all reminds us of a time when brother fought brother in a war that ultimately cost the lives of over 600,000 Americans from the north & south. The Civil War has cast a long shadow across U.S. history and, in so many ways, it remains with us today.

For this tour, we begin in the nation's capital and end in the former Confederate capital at Richmond, Virginia. Our path takes us to some of the most infamous battlefields of the conflict: Antietam, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor, Petersburg. We will visit the site of the war's first battle at Manassas in July 1861 and we will stand in the room where it all came to an end at Appomattox Courthouse in April 1865.

Tuesday, October 17

Depart from your home city bound for Washington DC Dulles Airport. Transfer from the airport to the Hyatt Regency Dulles. Welcome Dinner tonight.

Overnight in Washington Dulles airport area

Wednesday, October 18

After breakfast together, we will visit **Manassas National Battlefield Park**, where on July 21, 1861, two armies clashed for the first time on the fields overlooking Bull Run (First Bull Run) and they fought here again in August 1862. Our group will move on to the **Harpers Ferry National Park**. John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry was an effort by white abolitionist John Brown to initiate an armed slave revolt in 1859 by taking over a United States arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

Overnight in Frederick, MD

Thursday, October 19

We will depart Frederick going to visit **Antietam** where one of the bloodiest one day battles in American History took place: 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing after twelve hours of savage combat on September 17, 1862. The Battle of Antietam ended the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia's first invasion into the North and led to Abraham Lincoln's issuance of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. Later in the day, we will travel to Gettysburg.

Overnight in Gettysburg, PA

Friday, October 20

Today, after breakfast together, we will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park. The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War, the Union victory that ended General Robert E. Lee's second and most ambitious invasion of the North. Often referred to as the "High Water Mark of the Rebellion", Gettysburg was the Civil War's bloodiest battle and was also the inspiration for President Abraham Lincoln's immortal "Gettysburg Address".

Overnight in Fredericksburg, VA

Saturday, October 21

It's hard to beat yesterday's well known Gettysburg, but The Fredericksburg Battlefield & The Chancellorsville Battlefield — this is America's battleground, where the Civil War roared to its bloody climax. No place more vividly reflects the War's tragic cost in all its forms. A town bombarded and looted. Farms large and small ruined. Refugees by the thousands forced into the countryside. More than 85,000 men wounded; 15,000 killed--most in graves unknown.

Spend 4 nights in Richmond, VA

Sunday, October 22

Our plans for today call for a packed roster. We will see Gaines Mill, Cold Harbor & Drewry's Bluff.

Gaines Mill: Despite the battlefield victory at Beaver Dam Creek on the evening of June 26, 1862, the Union Fifth Corps under Fitz John Porter abandoned the strong position there shortly after midnight. Army commander George B. McClellan, aware of an approaching Confederate column under "Stonewall" Jackson, decided to relocate his base of operations south to the James River. The next five days his army moved toward the river, fighting a series of rearguard battles in a desperate effort to stave off triumphant Confederates. The Battle of Gaines's Mill, on June 27, marked the first in that series of battles.

Cold Harbor: The Battle of Cold Harbor was fought from May 31 to June 12, 1864, with the most significant fighting occurring on June 3. It was one of the final battles of Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's Overland Campaign during the American Civil War, and is remembered as one of American history's bloodiest, most lopsided battles. Thousands of Union soldiers were killed or wounded in a hopeless frontal assault against the fortified positions of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's army.

Drewry's Bluff: Here is the site of Confederate Fort Darling during the American Civil War. It was named for a local landowner, Confederate Captain Augustus H. Drewry.

Monday, October 23

Our stops today include Petersburg, White Oak Road & Five Forks.

Petersburg: The Siege of Petersburg: The Longest Military Event of the Civil War. Nine and a half months, 70,000 casualties, the suffering of civilians, thousands of U. S. Colored Troops fighting for the freedom of their race, and the decline of Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of North Virginia all describe the Siege of Petersburg. It was here Gen. Ulysses S. Grant cut off all of Petersburg's supply lines ensuring the fall of Richmond on April 3, 1865. Six days later, Lee surrendered.

White Oak Road: The Battle of White Oak Road was fought on March 31, 1865, during the American Civil War at the end of the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign and in the beginning stage of the Appomattox Campaign. Along with the Battle of Dinwiddie Court House which was fought simultaneously on March 31, the battle involved the last offensive action by General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia to stop the progress of Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant's Union Army (Army of the Potomac, Army of the Shenandoah and Army of the James). Grant's forces were moving to cut the remaining Confederate supply lines and to force the Confederates to extend their defensive lines at Petersburg, Virginia and Richmond, Virginia to the breaking point, if not to force them into a decisive open field battle

Five Forks: The Battle of Five Forks was fought on April 1, 1865. A mobile task force of combined infantry, artillery and cavalry from the Union Army commanded by Major General Philip Sheridan defeated a Confederate States Army combined task force from the Army of Northern Virginia commanded by Major General George E. Pickett. The Union force inflicted over 1,000 casualties on the Confederates and took between 2,400 and 4,000 prisoners while seizing Five Forks, the key to control of the South Side Railroad (sometimes shown as Southside Railroad), a vital Confederate supply line to, and retreat line from, Petersburg.

Tuesday, October 24

Our tour comes to an end and a climax as we venture to visit Appomattox Courthouse. The Battle of Appomattox Court House, fought on the morning of April 9, 1865, was one of the last battles of the American Civil War. It was the final engagement of Confederate Army general Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia before it surrendered to the Union Army under Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Lee, having abandoned the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia,

Farewell dinner

Wednesday, October 25

Return flights

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