

Good Times Travel American Heritage & Chesapeake Charm

Single-Hotel Stay in Alexandria, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Annapolis, Manors of the Potomac, John Wilkes Booth Escape Route May 2-7, 2025 – 6 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy a 5-night, single-hotel stay at an upscale, all-suites Alexandria, Virginia hotel
- Visit Baltimore and tour Fort McHenry, the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House, the Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum and enjoy an narrated cruise through Baltimore Harbor
- Visit Maryland's capital city of Annapolis and tour the United States Naval Academy
- Explore the magnificent manors of the Potomac including George Washington's Mount Vernon, George Mason's Gunston Hall, Woodlawn Manor House and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House
- Visit sites along John Wilkes Booth's escape route including Ford's Theatre, the Surratt House and the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House
- Explore Old Town Alexandria with a local guide including Christ Church and an included dinner at historic Gadsby's Tavern
- Washington, D.C. nighttime "Illumination Tour" and tour of President Lincoln's Cottage

Tour Inclusions

- 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- 9 Meals 1 dinner, 3 lunches, 5 breakfasts
- Services of a professional GTT tour director
- Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- Admissions per the itinerary
- Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach
- Airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$1,999 per person Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$800 Roundtrip airfare from \$595 per person



Our nation's dramatic history and colonial charm come alive on this new 6-day tour to Virginia and Maryland's charming Chesapeake Bay region at a delightful time of year. While enjoying a single-hotel stay in historic Alexandria, Virginia, we'll explore the bustling port city of Baltimore, the serene shores of Annapolis, the magnificent manors of the Potomac and iconic landmarks that figured into America's storied past. Join us as we trace the footsteps of presidents (and a Presidential assassin), explore quaint river towns, and savor the flavors of the south on this captivating journey through the heart of American history.

Day 1 – Welcome to Alexandria, Virginia

Optional transfers from our departure points will have us at LAX for a morning flight arriving at Dulles International Airport this evening. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight arrival time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the hotel.* Upon arrival, we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and continue to **Alexandria, Virginia**, a charming historic city with a small-town feel. Begin a five-night stay at an upscale, all-suites hotel with the balance of the evening at leisure to enjoy a complimentary, nightly reception in the hotel lobby and a variety of eateries within walking distance of the hotel.

Day 2 – Baltimore, Maryland

After an included, daily, made-to-order breakfast, we'll travel to **Baltimore, Maryland** and visit **Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine**. Watching the American flag gallantly streaming over the fort during our nation's valiant defense of the fort during the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the words of the "The Star-Spangled Banner." We'll continue to the



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Accommodations

 Nights 1-5 Embassy Suites by Hilton Alexandria Old Town Alexandria, VA

Optional Roundtrip Airfare

Airfare is available as an optional add-on as advertised on the front of this brochure. Because airfare generally increases closer to departure, it's best to purchase airfare as soon as possible to lock in the lowest price and best schedule.

Optional Airport Transfers

Roundtrip airport transfers are available from our departure points in these cities for \$129 p.p.

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• Full payment due at time of booking

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Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

Star-Spangled Banner Flag House – the historic 1793 house where Mary Young Pickersgill sewed the 30 x 42-foot garrison flag which flew over Fort McHenry. Enjoy an included lunch at **Miss Shirley's** – featured on *Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives* and voted "Maryland's Favorite Restaurant," it features eclectic Southern inspired food with a Maryland twist. We'll visit the **Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum** where George Herman "Babe" Ruth was born on February 6, 1895. The museum is not only a national shrine to "The Great Bambino" but also the Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Colts and Johnny Unitas. This afternoon we'll enjoy a narrated **Baltimore Harbor Cruise** to learn about the renaissance of Baltimore's waterfront and the harbor's incredible history. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 3 – Annapolis, John Wilkes Booth Escape Route

This morning we'll travel to Maryland's charming capital city of **Annapolis** and visit the **United States Naval Academy**. On a docent-guided, historical walking tour (approximately 1 mile in length) we'll get the inside scoop on admissions and the midshipmen experience while exploring the stunning campus. After time at leisure at **Annapolis City Dock**, we'll travel along southern Maryland's scenic backroads and follow the escape route of John Wilkes Booth. We'll stand where history happened at the **Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum**. This two-story, early Victorian farmhouse furnished with original family furnishings and pieces from the 1860s is where Dr. Mudd treated Booth's broken leg. We'll visit the **Surratt House Museum** where Booth stopped to retrieve weapons and supplies. This evening we'll enjoy a candlelit dinner at **Gadsby's Tavern**, the Old Town Alexandria restaurant where George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams also dined. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 – Northern Virginia's Potomac River Area & D.C.

This morning we'll explore Northern Virginia and visit charming and historic sights along the Potomac River. We'll tour **Woodlawn Manor House**, built on land that George Washington gifted to his nephew and stepgranddaughter, as a wedding gift. The Federal-Georgian-style house was designed in 1805 by architect Dr. William Thornton, who also designed the U.S. Capitol Building. We'll also tour the **Pope-Leighey House**, a "Usonian" style house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and constructed in 1941. We'll continue to **Gunston Hall** for a docent-guided tour of the 18th century plantation home of George Mason, one of our Founding Fathers. The boxwood gardens, believed to have been planted during Mason's residence, lead from the house to a hillside overlooking the Potomac River. Enjoy time at leisure for browsing and lunch on your own in **Occoquan, Virginia** a charming 18th century town which sits along its namesake river. This afternoon we'll visit **The National Museum of the United States Army**, which opened in 2023 and features incredible architecture and intricate details. Various galleries, cutting edge simulations and interactive experiences will immerse you in 245 years of American soldiers' experiences and shine a light on the U.S. Army's fascinating history. This evening we'll join a local guide for a **Washington, D.C. Illumination Tour**. (Breakfast)

Day 5 – Alexandria, Mount Vernon

This morning we'll visit **Christ Church**, the English country-style church built in 1773 and where both George Washington and Robert E. Lee were known to have worshipped. We'll join a local guide for a tour of **Old Town Alexandria** and see Robert E. Lee's boyhood home, the Carlyle House and the Spite House – the skinniest house in America at 7 feet wide! Enjoy an included lunch at the **Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant** and savor the flavors of early America in a colonial setting. We'll visit **George Washington's Mount Vernon**, the southern plantation that overlooks the Potomac River. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the grounds and 50 acres of gardens that include the tombs of George and Martha Washington and a Revolutionary War encampment. Walk through Washington's mansion and explore the expansive museum that features sculptures, paintings, and diverse artifacts related to the life, times and accomplishments of the "Father of Our Country." Enjoy dinner on your own this evening in Old Town Alexandria, the nationally designated historic district. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 6 – Washington, D.C., Journey Home

This morning we'll travel again into **Washington, D.C.** and visit **President Lincoln's Cottage**, the summer home where Lincoln and his family lived for over a quarter of his presidency while Lincoln led the country through a grave national crisis and developed the Emancipation Proclamation. After an included lunch at a locals' favorite, we'll step back in time at **Ford's Theatre National Historic Site**, appearing as it did the night of April 14, 1865 when Lincoln was assassinated. Explore the museum that features exhibits and artifacts from that fateful night. At the **Petersen House** see three rooms furnished in 1865 period pieces including the bed where Lincoln died. Late this afternoon we'll return to Dulles International Airport for a scheduled nonstop flight arriving in Los Angeles this evening. *Those guests making their own flight arrangements can request the group's flight schedule (subject to change) to coordinate a flight departure time that would allow them to be included on the complimentary transfer to the airport.* Back in L.A, those guests with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective destinations. (Breakfast, Lunch)