

TRI-STATE TRAVEL

Presidential Homes of Virginia at Christmas

9 Days November 28 to December 6, 2023

Virginia is known as the Birthplace of Presidents because it has produced more former US presidents than any other state. On this Holiday themed tour, visit the home of six former presidents while enjoying American History and the breathtaking beauty of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

Tour Highlights:

- Visit Six Presidential Homes:
 - James Madison's Montpelier
 - James Monroe's Highland
 - Thomas Jefferson's Monticello
 - William Henry Harrison's Berkeley Plantation
 - John Tyler's Sherwood Forest Plantation
 - George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Colonial Williamsburg Christmas Tour
- Grand Illumination of Colonial Williamsburg
- National Museum of the U.S. Air Force
- American Revolution Museum
- National First Ladies Museum
- Virginia Living Museum Planetarium
 - Star of Wonder & Laser Holiday Shows
- Celebration in Lights
- Yuletide Dinner at Michie's Tavern
- Eight Nights First Class Lodging
- Eight Breakfasts
- Four Additional Dinners & One Drury 5:30 Kickback
- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, and Meals
- Luggage Handling
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

Per Person Prices:

\$2,999 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$2,825 TRIPLE...\$2,759 QUAD...\$3,635 SINGLE

\$500 per person deposit due with reservation

Final Payment due October 1, 2023

**Travel Insurance is available
and strongly recommended.**

(see page 2 for details)

**For Additional Information
Or To Make A Reservation Contact:**

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Day 1 – Dayton, OH – Travel today to Dayton, OH for a night at the Drury Inn Dayton North. Dinner is on your own, but you can take advantage of Drury's 5:30 Kickback menu of hot foods and cold beverages.

Day 2 – National Museum of the U.S. Air Force – Charleston, WV - Visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. The museum galleries are filled with military aviation history, many are rare and one-of-a-kind. A boxed lunch is included here. Continue travel to Charleston, WV and a night at the Four Points Sheraton. Dinner on own. **(B,L)**

Day 3 – Charlottesville, VA – Dinner at Michie's Tavern - Today travel to Charlottesville, VA for a Yuletide Dinner at Michie's Tavern, once owned by Patrick Henry's father. The Tavern is fully decorated for the holidays. Your menu will include Virginia Country Ham, Roasted Turkey and all the trimmings. End the day at the area Drury Plaza Hotel for a two-night stay. **(B,D)**

Day 4 - James Madison's Montpelier and Meet Dolley - James Monroe's "Highland" - Monticello - Holiday After Dark Tour & Dinner - This morning, tour Montpelier, the home of our 4th President James Madison, known as the "Father of the Constitution." The Montpelier estate features the mansion, garden, historic buildings, exhibits, and more. As you tour the Mansion, you learn about the fascinating lives of James and Dolley, she was America's "first" First Lady. You may even meet Dolley!

Next, tour of James Monroe's "Highland," home to the 5th President of the United States. Tour the home and grounds and enjoy a special program "Women of Highland" this guided tour illustrates the varied perspectives of free and enslaved women during major events of the early 19th century.

This evening, enjoy a Holiday After Dark Tour of Jefferson's Monticello, historically decorated for the holiday season. This tour offers an intimate look at how all people who lived on the Monticello mountaintop - enslaved and free - celebrated the holidays in Jefferson's time. You also enjoy an early Dinner at the Monticello Farm Table Café. Learn about Thomas Jefferson's enthusiasm for local agriculture. **(B,D)**

Day 5 – Williamsburg, VA - American Revolution Museum at Yorktown – Colonial Williamsburg – Grand Illumination - This morning, travel to Williamsburg, VA and visit the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. It is among America's foremost sites telling the story of the nation's founding during a time that the famous homes we visited were occupied by future Presidents. Through immersive exhibits and living history, get a national perspective, on the complexity of this country's Revolutionary heritage.

On arrival in Williamsburg this afternoon, take the Colonial Williamsburg Christmas Decorations Walking Tour, and learn of decorations before electric lights. You will also have free time to visit Colonial Shops. Enjoy the Grand Illumination Festivities, an adaptation of a common practice during the 18th century, when ordinary citizens celebrated extraordinary events – major military victories, or the arrival of a new colonial governor – by firing guns and using fireworks. The festivities begin with a variety of traditional holiday entertainment – Fifes and Drums provide 18th-century holiday music, balladeers and musicians perform. Enjoy the magnificent fireworks display will take place simultaneously at three locations in the Historic Area – Palace Green, the Magazine, and the Capitol. Stop enroute to your hotel for a late dinner on own. Check into the Hampton Inn for a two-night stay. **(B)**

Day 6 - Berkeley Plantation - Sherwood Forest Plantation - Virginia Living Museum Planetarium – Celebration in Lights - This morning, tour the Berkeley Plantation, site of the first Thanksgiving in 1619. Berkeley is also the birthplace of Benjamin Harrison a signer of the Declaration of Independence, as well as 9th President William Henry Harrison. During the holiday exhibit "Centuries of Christmas," the elegant 1726 mansion

is beautifully decorated with fresh greenery from Berkeley's gardens. Costumed guides will add a special touch to with stories of Christmas at Berkeley through four centuries.

Next, visit Sherwood Forest Plantation, home of the 10th U.S. President John Tyler. It has been the continuous residence of the Tyler family since 1842. He bought the home while he was still in the White House and renamed the plantation "Sherwood Forest" referring to his reputation as a political outlaw. Plantation greenery is fashioned into beautiful wreaths and garlands as part of the holiday decorations.

Tonight, dinner is included at a local restaurant. Then visit the Virginia Living Museum Planetarium for the Star of Wonder & Laser Holiday Show. Followed by the Celebration in Lights, Virginia's first drive-through holiday lights event. This winter wonderland is transformed by more than a million lights, creating animated holiday and fanciful scenes along the two-mile drive into Newport News Park. **(B,D)**

Day 7 - George Washington's Mount Vernon – Somerset, PA - Leaving the Williamsburg area, you motor toward DC to visit one of the nation's most beloved historic sites, Mount Vernon, home of our 1st President. Get a glimpse into 18th-century plantation life through beautiful gardens and grounds and intriguing museum exhibits. See a wonderful collection of Christmas Trees at the Visitors Center then tour the 1st floor of the Mansion. Continue to Somerset, PA and the Fairfield Inn for the night. Dinner is included at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

Day 8 - National First Ladies Library & Museum – Fremont, OH - This morning stop in Canton, OH to visit the First Ladies National Site. Tour the Ida Saxton McKinley House, the family home of First Lady Ida Saxton McKinley and the longtime residence of Pres. William McKinley, our 25th President. Also included is a Special Program on White House Pets. In this program you find out about the wild menagerie of animals that have roosted with Presidential Families at the White House. Late afternoon your group will arrive at the Holiday Inn Express in Fremont, Ohio for the night. Tonight, dinner is included at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

Day 9 - Depart for home – After breakfast, depart for home. **(B)**

The Travel Protection Plan: is not included but is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package.

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