

SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2025

CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS THE ROAD TO GETTYSBURG

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Civil War Battlefields | Itinerary and Highlights (subject to change)

Day 1: ARRIVE IN BALTIMORE, MD | GETTYSBURG

- Upon arrival to Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Take time to settle in and refresh before joining fellow travel companions and an Orbridge Travel Director for a lecture by a local historian followed by a special welcome reception featuring a robust introduction to the enlightening itinerary ahead. Then be seated for a relaxing dinner followed by the remainder of the evening at leisure. Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel (R,D)
- Day 2: GETTYSBURG | CYCLORAMA After breakfast set off to explore Gettysburg war-related sites, each setting the stage for understanding the context and impact of events that unfolded in this historic town. Gettysburg itself is a living testament to the sacrifices made during the Civil War. Continue to Gettysburg National Military Park Visitors Center-the gateway to Gettysburg Battlefield. This complex offers a comprehensive understanding of the Civil War's most pivotal battle. Through interactive exhibits, artifacts and educational resources. gain invaluable context for exploring the battlefield. Next visit the restored Cycloramaone of only three remaining. This artistic marvel, painted by renowned artist Paul Philippoteaux, provides a panoramic view of the Battle of Gettysburg. Break for lunch and free time on your own before gathering this afternoon for a lecture discussing the battles of Harpers Ferry and Antietam. Later visit Gettysburg Railroad Station, where Lincoln arrived, for an immersive virtual reality experience.

Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel (B,D)

Day 3: GETTYSBURG | HARPERS FERRY, WV | ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD, MD | GETTYSBURG, PA Board a motor coach for Harpers Ferry, a historic town that played a pivotal role in the Civil War, serving as a strategic military outpost and a symbol of abolitionist resistance. At Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, learn of the town's storied past and its enduring legacy in the fight for freedom. Continue to Antietam. As the site of the bloodiest single-day battle in American history, Antietam National Battlefield holds immense significance. Walking in the footsteps of soldiers who fought and died on these hallowed grounds, gain a profound appreciation for the sacrifices made. Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel (B,L)





Day 4: GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD | SHRIVER

HOUSE This morning join local expert guides for a comprehensive tour of Gettysburg Battlefield. Hear of the strategies, tactics and human experiences that unfolded during the pivotal three-day conflict. From Little Round Top to Pickett's Charge, each landmark offers insights into the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought here. Next visit the Shriver House. This meticulously preserved home provides a glimpse into civilian life during the Civil War, offering a poignant contrast to the battlefield experiences of soldiers. During a guided tour learn about the Shriver family and gain a greater appreciation for the human cost of war. This evening gather with fellow travel companions for a special farewell reception, providing time to reflect on this transformative experience and the indomitable spirit of America's past. Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel (B,L,R,D)

Day 5: GETTYSBURG | BALTIMORE, MD | DEPART BALTIMORE After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



What's Included

- 4 nights accommodations at Gettysburg Hotel (or similar)
- 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners plus special welcome and farewell receptions
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director as well as local guides
- Admission and fees throughout
- All activities as described in the 5-day itinerary, unless noted otherwise
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers and porters
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Accommodations (subject to change)



Your Travel Director: Enriched by the wealth of knowledge and expertise provided by your Orbridge

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Travel Director, you'll bring home a deeper understanding of the vast impact and historic significance of the American Civil War.

GETTYSBURG HOTEL



This historic property is ideally situated within walking distance to the Gettysburg Battlefield and other area attractions plus downtown boutiques and restaurants. Enjoy well-appointed rooms and modern amenities.



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an immersive journey as we visit iconic sites of the American Civil War, each providing opportunities to remember and reflect upon our nation's history. Learn how Harpers Ferry inflamed sectional tensions. Discover why Antietam changed the course of the conflict and allowed Abraham Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. And walk through Gettysburg Battlefield, gaining insight into why it's considered the most important engagement of the American Civil War.

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