



New York City with the Statue of Liberty

where we will visit the mansion, the sculpture garden and the Union Church, which is adorned with art by Matisse and Chagall. Vega will remain in New York until late in the evening.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7: Saturday, October 15

AT SEA: Enjoy the ship's superb facilities and attend lectures as the ship sails along the country's East Coast.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8: Sunday, October 16

NORFOLK & COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia: From Norfolk, drive to Colonial Williamsburg, the capital of the Virginia colony from 1699 to 1780. Today, Williamsburg is a living museum offering a glimpse of 18th-century life. Our guided tour leads past the Capitol, the courthouse, the Governor's Palace, and Bruton Parish Church, which has held Episcopal services since 1715. Also enjoy time at leisure to explore the museums and stroll the side streets filled with taverns, bakeries, and the restored houses of wheelwrights, coopers, apothecaries, and other tradesmen.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9: Monday, October 17

MOREHEAD CITY & NEW BERN, North Carolina: Arrive in Morehead City, home to large encampments of both armies during the Civil War, for an excursion to New Bern. Located on the confluence of two rivers, New Bern was one of the oldest colonial towns in North Carolina, founded in 1710, and the state's capital in the late 18th century. Its well-preserved historic districts include many homes, stores and other structures that date to the colonial period. Along the waterfront alone are 164 buildings listed in the National Register. After the American Revolution, New Bern attained great wealth and became known for its rich cultural life. Visit some of the stately homes, including Tryon Palace and its



Colonial Williamsburg

gardens, the administrative headquarters and residence of the British governors.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10: Tuesday, October 18

CHARLESTON, South Carolina: One of the loveliest cities along the Atlantic coast, Charleston is where the first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter. Our exploration of this prosperous and cosmopolitan seaport begins with a drive to historic Middleton Place, a carefully preserved 18th-century plantation that is a National Historic Landmark. Here we focus on the everyday lives of the enslaved people who worked the fields and labored in the stables, before visiting the House Museum and 65 acres of magnificent gardens. Returning to Charleston, tour the extensive historic district, including the 18th-century Heyward-Washington House, featuring an enchanting formal garden; the Calhoun Mansion, noted for its ornate moldings and sweeping stairwell; and the Nathaniel Russell House, one of America's most superb neoclassical buildings.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11: Wednesday, October 19

SAVANNAH, Georgia: Spend the day in Savannah, Georgia's oldest city, founded by James Oglethorpe in 1733. In 1864, the city fell to Sherman's troops and was spared destruction when President Lincoln intervened on its behalf. Today the fine avenues and open spaces form the cornerstone of the historic district's 1,000 Federal and Regency buildings and 21 verdant squares. Explore the historic district, including the elegant Federal-style Davenport House; the opulent Regency-style Owens-Thomas House; and the Romanesque Cotton Exchange. After this guided tour, enjoy free time to stroll Savannah's lovely streets and squares.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 12: Thursday, October 20

AT SEA: Cruising along Florida's coast. Enjoy Vega's elegant amenities and attend closing lectures.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 13: Friday, October 21

MIAMI, Florida/DISEMBARKATION: Disembark and transfer to the airport for return flights home.

Meals: B



Tryon Palace and Gardens, New Bern, North Carolina