



Civil War Battlefields Itinerary and Accommodations

October 3-7, 2027

Itinerary:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception

Day 1: Arrive in Baltimore, MD | Gettysburg, PA

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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 your Orbridge Travel Director, Principia Lifelong Learning scholar and host, and fellow travel companions for a special welcome reception featuring a brief introduction to the enlightening itinerary ahead.

Then be seated for a relaxing dinner followed by the remainder of the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Gettysburg

Day 2: Gettysburg

(B,L)

After breakfast join a guided tour to explore Gettysburg, 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 Visitor 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 view the restored Cyclorama—one of only three remaining. This artistic marvel, painted by renowned artist Paul Philippoteaux, provides a panoramic view of the Battle of Gettysburg, one of the Civil War's defining moments.

Break for lunch followed by leisure time to explore independently.

This afternoon rejoin the group for a lecture discussing the battles of Harpers Ferry and Antietam.

Overnight: Hotel Gettysburg

Day 3: Gettysburg | Harpers Ferry, WV | Antietam National Battlefield, MD | Gettysburg, PA

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Enjoy breakfast before boarding a motor coach for a full day touring poignant historic landmarks.

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. During a visit to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, learn of the town's storied past and its enduring legacy in the fight for freedom.

Break for lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Maryland.

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 on these hallowed grounds, gain a profound appreciation for the sacrifices made during the Civil War.

Overnight: Hotel Gettysburg

Day 4: Gettysburg Battlefield | Shriver House

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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.

Following lunch on your own 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 docent-led 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: Hotel Gettysburg

Day 5: Gettysburg | Baltimore, MD | Depart Baltimore

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After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Accommodations:

Hotel Gettysburg

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.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, writing desk and chair, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, alarm clock, coffee and tea maker, iron and ironing board, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

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