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Bus Tour – Homes of the Presidents

September 11-12, 2025

Bus Departs Frederick Community College, Frederick, MD

Approximate departure times: Frederick 6:30 AM



Visiting the homes of James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe provides a unique and enriching experience that connects visitors to the lives of three of the most influential figures in early American history. Each home offers insights into their personal lives, political philosophies, and legacies, as well as the complex history of the United States.

Day 1, Thursday, September 11, 2025

Your day begins with one of Bucket List Tours' morning **SWEET TREATS**. Our first tour is **JAMES MADISON'S MONTPELIER**, which is the lifelong home of the father of the Constitution, architect of the Bill of Rights, and fourth president of the United States. As a monument to James Madison and the Enslaved Community, a museum of American history, and a center for constitutional education, Montpelier engages the public with the enduring legacy of Madison's most powerful idea: government by the people. <https://www.montpelier.org>

Onward to **LUNCH AT MICHIE TAVERN**, the rustic restaurant setting renders a lunch dining experience rich in southern culture and hospitality for families to enjoy. Get a taste of the 18th century, where costumed wait-staff serves a hearty colonial period fare in this 200-year-old converted log house. The buffet includes southern fried chicken, marinated baked chicken, hickory-smoked pork barbecue, stewed tomatoes, black-eyed peas, buttermilk biscuits and so much more. Enjoy beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and surrounding area in our enclosed courtyard. <https://www.michietavern.com>

Next, we visit **JAMES MONROE'S HOME, ASH LAWN-HIGHLAND**, is a great opportunity to explore the life and legacy of the fifth President of the United States and a key figure in early American history. Monroe played a significant role in shaping U.S. foreign policy and expanding the nation, and his home provides visitors with a deeper understanding of his life and contributions. James Monroe's Role in History: Known for the Monroe Doctrine, which shaped U.S. foreign policy for much of the 19th century, His doctrine warned European powers against interfering in the Americas, asserting the Western Hemisphere as the United States' sphere of influence. <https://highland.org>

We will check into our hotel, the **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, CHARLOTTESVILLE**. You will have a brief time to freshen up before we depart for free time at **CHARLOTTESVILLE'S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MALL**. A visit to Charlottesville isn't complete without a stop at the Downtown Mall. With a wonderful mix of restored and renovated buildings, visitors can enjoy shopping, dining, and entertainment along the brick-paved pedestrian area. The Downtown Mall is a vibrant collection of more than 120 shops and 30 restaurants housed in historic buildings along the city's Main Street. Dinner is on your own.

Accommodations: Holiday Inn Express, 870 Pantops Corner Way, Charlottesville, VA 22911. Phone 434-212-1000.

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/charlottesville/chorr/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_-EX-_-US-_-CHORR

Meals: Sweet Treat, L

Day 2, Friday September 12, 2025

Enjoy **BREAKFAST** at your hotel before checking out. We begin our day at **THOMAS JEFFERSON'S, MONTICELLO** a historic plantation home of the third President of the United States, located near Charlottesville, Virginia. It sits atop a hill and is renowned for its neoclassical architectural style, which Jefferson personally designed. The name "Monticello" is derived from the Italian word for "little mountain," reflecting its location on an elevated ridge. The house is a blend of Jefferson's vision, incorporating elements of Palladian architecture and classical design. It features a distinctive dome on the roof, symmetrical facades, and open spaces, all designed with Jefferson's emphasis on both beauty and functionality. The interior is equally remarkable, with rooms showcasing a mix of European

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and American styles, reflecting Jefferson's intellectual interests and his role as a statesman. The surrounding grounds at Monticello include meticulously designed gardens, orchards, and a working farm, all integral to Jefferson's vision of self-sufficiency. The plantation was also the site of slavery, with Jefferson owning hundreds of enslaved individuals over the years, and their lives and labor played a significant role in maintaining Monticello. <https://www.monticello.org>

One of Charlottesville's unknowns is the **ROTUNDA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**, which is a must for anyone interested in American history, architecture, and the legacy of Thomas Jefferson. The Rotunda, designed by Jefferson himself, is the centerpiece of the University of Virginia campus and holds deep historical and cultural significance. The Rotunda is one of the most iconic neoclassical buildings in America, symbolizing the ideals of knowledge and reason. It draws inspiration from the Roman Pantheon and reflects Jefferson's admiration for classical architecture and Enlightenment ideals. The building's rotunda, with its massive dome and striking portico, is a stunning architectural achievement. <https://rotunda.virginia.edu>

A stop on Virginia's Wine Trail is our final stop of the tour. Enjoy a **FLIGHT** of your choice at **KESWICK VINEYARDS**. While you're here you will enjoy all the natural beauty of Keswick, Virginia, the foothills of the Southwest Mountains, and be surrounded by the original vineyards planted in 1999 at our outdoor tasting bar and courtyard. Experience award-winning and decadent wines. The tasting room is like no other. It has a retractable roof, sliding glass walls, and front electric windows that can be lowered creating an outdoor feel to our building. Yet, if it were to be raining that day, we could enclose the space. Lunch is included at the winery.

<https://keswickvineyards.com>

Meals: B, L

Tour includes: Round Trip Deluxe Motorcoach, 1-Night Lodging, Sweet Treat, 1 Breakfast, 1 Box Lunch, 1 Lunch Buffet, Admission to Montpelier, Monticello, Highland, Rotunda at University of VA, Wine Flight, Water and Snacks on the Motorcoach, Experienced and Knowledgeable Tour Representative, and all Taxes.

The hotel for this tour has a strict reservation schedule due to high demand in the area. Deposits need to be made by June 9th to confirm we have enough people to make this tour take place.

Cost Per Person: 1 person per room \$603.00, 2 people per room \$523.00
3 people per room \$495.00. 4 people per room \$482.00

Accepting - Checks, Credit Card, Money Order, Venmo, Or ACH Transfer

Early Bird Discount if signed up before May 11, 2025. \$25.00 Per Person will be deducted from your final payment.

\$100.00 per person is due to reserve your seat; the balance is due July 9, 2025. Your reservation is guaranteed when the deposit is made.

Deposits are not refunded after June 9th, and full payment is non-refundable after July 9th. A \$30.00 per transaction refund fee will be applied if you cancel before June 9th. All monies will be refunded if we don't have enough people to make this trip take place.

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The President's Homes Tour, September 11-12, 2025

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Please identify the pick-up location – Frederick, MD

Bed Type Preference 1 King or 2 Queen. We will do our best to honor your request.

Names Participating in the Tour _____

Number of people participating in the tour _____ @ \$_____.00 per person. Total amount due _____

Number of people participating in the tour _____ @ \$100.00 per person deposit. Total amount due _____

Please list everyone's cell phone number _____

Email dresses _____

Mailing addresses _____

Allergies _____

Emergency Contact _____



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