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AN AUTUMN JOURNEY TO PRESIDENTIAL HOMES IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

OCTOBER 13-14, 2019

See the brilliant colors of the fall season in this beautiful area as we visit the homes of three of our early Presidents: Monticello (Thomas Jefferson), Montpelier (James Madison), and Highland (James Monroe), along with other highlights on this mini-overnight Presidential excursion!

Departure/return times and pickup locations are as follows:

	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Kohl's, Westminster Rt. 140 & Market St. (Rear of parking lot)	7:15 A.M.	8:45 P.M.
Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville at Rts. 26 & 27 (Drop-off/pick-up only)	7:30 A.M.	8:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13: We will travel south along scenic routes to historic **Michie Tavern**, built in 1784, which served as the social center of its community and accommodated travelers with food, drink and lodging during the 18th century. Servers dressed in period attire will assist with our buffet lunch served in a rustic tavern setting featuring delicious Southern fare including colonial fried chicken, black-eyed peas, buttermilk biscuits & more. After lunch, have time to browse the unique shops on property. This afternoon, we will visit **Monticello**, the home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, third president of the United States, and founder of the University of Virginia. Situated on a mountaintop outside Charlottesville, Monticello, a 5,000-acre plantation, is the only historic house in the U.S. on the United Nations' World Heritage List. Get an intimate look at the extraordinary house Thomas Jefferson built and furnished for himself and his family while on the guided house tour which includes the rooms on Monticello's first floor. See the furnishings, art, books, gadgets and other objects that reveal Jefferson's unique mind. In the cellar area, visit the dependencies at your leisure and check out the Crossroads Exhibition, as well as the restored wine cellar, kitchen, smokehouse, and slave quarters. Visit the historic gardens which were a botanic showpiece, a source of food, and an experimental laboratory of ornamental and useful plants from around the world. See Thomas Jefferson's revolutionary Vegetable Garden, a 1,000-foot-long terraced hanging



garden with seasonal vegetables planted throughout the year. Explore the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, including four exhibitions featuring historic objects, interactive technology, and ground-breaking research. We will then check into our overnight accommodations at:

HILTON GARDEN INN (434)979-4442
1793 Richmond Road
Charlottesville, Virginia 22911



Dinner & free time will be on your own this evening in **downtown Charlottesville** where you will find an abundance of eateries/restaurants, boutique shopping, entertainment, and more housed in historic buildings in this vibrant area.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14: Get the morning started with a buffet breakfast at the hotel before heading to the home of our fifth President, James Monroe. Take a guided tour of **Highland** where Monroe lived with his family from 1799 to 1823, including the site of the recently discovered 1799 Main House, the 1818 Presidential Guest House and more. Learn the significance of Highland to the Monroe family, as well as how recent archaeological discoveries have upturned the understanding of this plantation. Mystery and misunderstanding surrounded the site for years—only now are historians and archaeologists peeling back the layers of history to uncover Highland’s—and Monroe’s—true past. Next, we will visit **Montpelier**, the home of the fourth President of the United States, architect of the Constitution, and one of the most revered thinkers in American history. Learn about Madison the man, The Constitution & Bill of Rights, Slavery - Madison’s worst regret - and Dolley Madison, America’s first First Lady. History often focuses on his mild demeanor and small stature, however, he is arguably one of the most important figures of the Founding Era. As we venture home this afternoon, we will take in the natural beauty of the autumn colors and Blue Ridge Mountains along the way. A meal stop is scheduled in Luray late this afternoon at the lovely **Mimslyn Inn**, which opened in 1931, showcasing its classic Georgian Revival architecture which rises gracefully from the rolling hills of the historic Shenandoah Valley. After our delicious meal, we will complete our travels home with fond memories of our Presidential getaway.

PRICE PER PERSON:

SINGLE	\$440.00	(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation,
DOUBLE	\$375.00	lodging, luggage handling, 1 breakfast, 2 lunches,
TRIPLE	\$350.00	admissions, and tax & gratuities on meals included)
QUAD	\$340.00	

A DEPOSIT OF \$100 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF BOOKING. ALL RESERVATIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 30, 2019. Luggage tags and itineraries are mailed about 10 days prior to the trip. Bills are not mailed for balances due.

Our motorcoach is equipped with restroom, reclining seats, air-conditioning/heating as needed, luggage compartments, and electrical outlets.

In order to accommodate our tour members who are non-smokers or who cannot tolerate cigarette smoke, we must insist that no smoking be allowed on board our coach. The

consumption of alcoholic beverages by any tour member while onboard our coach is strictly prohibited. Rill's Bus Service reserves the right to change itineraries and reservations, if in the best interest of the customer.

In the event of a cancellation, any non-refundable expenses for reserved seat tickets, admissions, meals, or lodging may be forfeited. Rills will guarantee full refund only if the cancelled reservations can be resold to another customer.

Trip cancellation insurance is available through Travel Guard Insurance. An application and coverage information will be mailed to you upon request to Rill's Bus Service. A completed application with payment should be mailed to: Travel Guard, 3300 Business Park Drive, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54482. For specific questions regarding cancellation insurance, call Travel Guard at (800)826-1300. You will need to refer to Agency #50810 (Rill's Bus Service as agent).

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