

**First Church Travelers**  
*presents...*  
**Heritage of America**  
*Escorted by Cheryl Luce*

March 31 - April 11, 2011



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**12 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners**





## Heritage of America

**Highlights...** New York City • Philadelphia • Amish Country • Gettysburg  
Shenandoah Valley • Monticello • Colonial Williamsburg • Mount Vernon • Washington, D.C.  
Smithsonian Institution

**Per Person Rates: Double \$2,875; Single \$3,900; Triple \$2,825 \* (see terms)**

**Included in Price:**

Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$50 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Portland Intl Airport

**Not included in price:**

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$165 per person

**Day 1: Thursday, March 31, 2011**

**Arrive New York City - Tour Begins**

Your tour begins today in New York City.

**Day 2: Friday, April 01, 2011**

**New York City**

Enjoy a day of leisure.

**Day 3: Saturday, April 02, 2011**

**New York City**

Meet your fellow travelers this morning at a welcome breakfast at a traditional NYC diner. Then, a local guide leads you on a fascinating tour of the "Big Apple." You'll see Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Little Italy, Chinatown, the Empire State Building, United Nations, the Chrysler Building, and other time-honored landmarks. A memorable visit to Ground Zero is sure to be a moving moment. This afternoon, discover "the city that never sleeps" at your own pace. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 4: Sunday, April 03, 2011**

**New York City - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Lancaster**

★ **Travel to Philadelphia and embark on a tour of "the Birthplace of a New Nation" which highlights the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.**★ Independence Hall is rich in heritage as the location of both the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the drafting of the Constitution. Continue on to the Amish Country of

Lancaster, the second largest Amish community in America. *Today dinner will be included.*

**Day 5: Monday, April 04, 2011**

**Lancaster**

Visit Wheatland\*, the gracious Federalist home of James Buchanan, the 15th U.S. President. Sample the true taste of Amish Country with a stop at the Kitchen Kettle Complex where small batches of jams, jellies and relishes are handcrafted daily. Next, a local guide introduces you to the fascinating history and traditions of the Amish people during a tour of their farmlands. As you learn more about their self-sufficiency and peaceful lifestyle, you will understand how their "life apart" is an expression of their religious faith and dedication. ★ **Tonight, enjoy dinner in the home of an Amish family, for an Amish feast\*\* - a true highlight of your tour.**★ *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 6: Tuesday, April 05, 2011**

**Lancaster - Gettysburg - Shenandoah Valley, Virginia**

Journey to Gettysburg, site of the Union victory that marked a turning point in the Civil War. A guided tour of the site illuminates those three historic days in 1863 and the decisive battle that changed the course of American history forever. Travel to Shenandoah National Park via the famous Skyline Drive, along the crest of the Blue

Ridge Mountains, where scenic expanses of Shenandoah Valley wilderness extend in all directions. Tonight you'll overnight\*\*\* inside the park! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 7: Wednesday, April 06, 2011**

**Shenandoah Valley - Charlottesville - Williamsburg**

★ **Visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson.**★ Jefferson was not only the third U.S. President and author of the Declaration of Independence, but he was also an accomplished inventor and true "Renaissance man." This afternoon, arrive in the historic town of Williamsburg. Tonight, begin your journey into Revolutionary-age America by dining in a Colonial Williamsburg tavern specializing in colonial fare. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 8: Thursday, April 07, 2011**

**Colonial Williamsburg**

Begin the day by viewing "Story of a Patriot," a short film which introduces you to Colonial Williamsburg, one of the largest



and best living history museums in the world. Costumed re-enactors populate the streets and buildings, bringing the customs and sentiments of 1770 to life. Tour Governor's Palace and Gardens before enjoying time to wander the cobblestone streets and explore some of the eighty-eight historic buildings independently. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 9: Friday, April 08, 2011  
Williamsburg - Washington, D.C.**

Visit Mount Vernon, the beloved home of the first U.S. president, George Washington. Wander the beautiful plantation grounds he adored and tour the home, filled with 18th century artifacts. Then, travel to Washington, D.C. Explore the world-famous

Smithsonian Institution's countless treasures, containing the largest and most extensive collection of artifacts in the world, such as the fabled Hope Diamond and the actual Apollo 11 Command Module. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 10: Saturday, April 09, 2011  
Washington, D.C.**

★Your day begins with a visit to Arlington National Cemetery to view the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites.★ Visit the White House Visitor Center where you will gain insight into the many transitions this historic residence has undergone. Your tour of our nation's capital affords you wonderful views of the Capitol building, the White House, monuments and

museums. Drive along Embassy Row and stop at the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. Toast the end of a wonderful trip this evening at a farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 11: Sunday, April 10, 2011  
Washington, D.C.**

Enjoy a day of leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 12: Monday, April 11, 2011  
Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends**

Depart for home

*Experience It!* \_\_\_\_\_ *Shenandoah National Park*

The establishment of Shenandoah National Park in 1935 was the culmination of an effort that took almost four decades. Shenandoah National Park lies astride a beautiful section of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Skyline Drive, a 105-mile road that winds along the crest of the mountains through the length of the park, provides vistas of the spectacular landscape to the east and west. The park holds more than 500 miles of trails and is home to many animals, including deer, black bears and wild turkeys, which flourish among the rich growth of an oak-hickory forest. Your overnight stay in the park may be at Skyland Resort, built in 1886 by George Freeman Pollock, Jr. who was influential in establishing Shenandoah as a national park. Pollock chose the perfect spot for his summer retreat which, at 3,680 feet, is now the highest point on the Skyline Drive.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

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| Day | 1-3    | Sheraton New York, New York   |
| Day | 4, 5   | Eden Resort Inn and Suites, Lancaster, PA   |
| Day | 6      | Skyland Lodge, Shenandoah Valley, VA or<br>Holiday Inn Charlottesville, Charlottesville, VA |
| Day | 7, 8   | Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel,<br>Williamsburg, VA   |
| Day | 9 - 11 | Doubletree Crystal City, Arlington, VA  |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Please Note:**

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we

are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*\*\*On occasion, particularly at the beginning or end of the season (March and late October through November), your accommodations may be outside of Shenandoah National Park if park accommodations are not open or available. This has been reflected in the tour price.

\*Admission to Wheatland may not be available at all times; on those occasions, you will visit Eisenhower Farm.

\*\*The Amish family-style feast may not be available on all dates; on these occasions, we will substitute a dinner at a local establishment.

During your stay at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel, the included breakfast will be Continental Deluxe.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

**For more information contact**

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## Cherry Blossom Season in Washington, D.C.

Cherry Blossom season colors the city in a sea of pink and white. Thousands of trees now grow along the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park, East Potomac Park, and on the Washington Monument grounds. The original trees were a gift from Japan in 1912. Enjoy the many activities and festivities that take place during this beautiful herald of spring. Learn of the history and lineage of these beautiful trees.

Please Note: Blooming will vary slightly from year-to-year due to weather conditions.

### IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

#### IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

All airlines will ask for identification when you check-in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

\*Airline Fuel Surcharges: Our air inclusive vacations are priced including airline fuel surcharges. These fuel surcharges are assessed by the airlines and are subject to increase without notice. Government taxes and fees are additional.

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**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at

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