Gettysburg, Antietam, and Harpers Ferry

October 7 –10, 2021

FEATURED LECTURER
JAMES OAKES

A distinguished Professor at the City University of New York Graduate Center, James Oakes has been teaching and writing about slavery, antislavery, and the origins of the Civil War for nearly thirty years. He is the author of two books that have won the prestigious Lincoln Prize: The Radical and the Republican: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the Triumph of anti-slavery Politics (2007); and Freedom National: The Destruction of Slavery in the United States, 1861–1865 (2012). His most recent book is The Scorpion’s Sting: anti-slavery and the Coming of the Civil War (2014).
Dear Council Traveler,

We invite you to join us on a unique 4-day adventure with our featured lecturer, Professor James Oakes, a well known Civil War historian and acclaimed author, who most recently published Freedom National: The Destruction of Slavery in the United States. Travel back in time nearly 160 years and explore the pivotal events of the American Civil War. In Harper’s Ferry, wander through a charming town with a storied history and beautiful landscape at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers. Continue to Sharpsburg, where you will almost hear the echo of cannons and soldiers’ war cries as you revisit the Battle of Antietam. Spend a full day in Gettysburg, exploring Civil War art and thoughtful exhibits bringing the Battle of Gettysburg to life. Conclude your journey at the Soldier’s National Cemetery where President Lincoln delivered the famous Gettysburg Address. Throughout the program, learn from expert speakers and local guides about strategy and logistical challenges that our armies faced, in addition to morning lectures by Professor Oakes. This unforgettable experience through these historic sites will surely leave you profoundly moved. We have also offered flexible payment terms and conditions and penalty free booking policies. To make your reservation, please email travel@wacphila.org.

Sincerely,

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After arrival to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, check into the historic Gettysburg Hotel in the heart of town. In the afternoon, come together to meet your guides and fellow WAC travelers. Enjoy a Welcome Reception and dinner at the hotel, and the first formal presentation on this historic land and an overview of the itinerary ahead.

Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel  
Meals: R, D

**OCTOBER 8 — PRELUDE TO WAR**

After breakfast and a morning lecture at the hotel to set the stage for the day, make the journey to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, a town that is probably best remembered as the site of the 1859 raid. Originally, Harpers Ferry was key to colonial settlers because of its location at the confluence of the Potomac and the Shenandoah rivers. In 1859, abolitionist John Brown led a raid in hopes of arming slaves for a revolt. Many historians see this event as a tipping point leading up to the coming war. The town has now been preserved in its entirety by the National Parks system. After a historic tour of the area, enjoy lunch on your own in one of the quaint establishments and wander the cobblestone streets. In the afternoon, take a short drive to Sharpsburg, Maryland, the site of the Battle of Antietam, on September 17, 1862. Roughly 23,000 soldiers were killed in twelve hours of fighting which effectively ended the Confederacy’s first invasion North. Walk through the Battlefield, starting at Dunker Church, a house of peace in the midst of war, which withstood artillery fire from both sides. In the evening, return to Gettysburg for dinner together, comparing notes on these preludes to the tactical turning point, The Battle of Gettysburg.

Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel  
Meals: B, D
OCTOBER 9—SECOND INVASION NORTH

After breakfast, enjoy a full day focused on Gettysburg, the turning point of the war which tipped the scales in favor of the Union. Begin in the Gettysburg Cyclorama, immersing in the post-war art piece depicting the pivotal Pickett’s Charge. Take a private tour and explore the exhibits with the curator at the Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War. Head out into the Gettysburg National Military Park and visit the key sites of the battles including Seminary Ridge and Herr Ridge. Enjoy a picnic lunch before touring the cornfields, forests, and clearings that make up this hard-fought land with an expert guide. In the afternoon, examine the sites of Little Round Top, Cemetery Hill, and Pickett’s Charge. The Union’s victory here turned the public sentiment in the North, adding hope that a successful end to fighting and reunification was indeed possible. After a moving day at the battlefield, return to the heart of town for a festive farewell dinner at the historic Dobbin House Tavern built in 1776.

Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel
Meals: B, L, D

OCTOBER 10—REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

Enjoy a final breakfast at the hotel and a closing lecture on this historic land. Check-out from the hotel. (If you have spare time before your flight home, journey to the Soldier’s National Cemetery. This special place is open to the public from sunrise to sunset without a fee. From here, on November 19, 1863, President Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address. On July 1, 1863 the Union forces of the Army of the Potomac collided with the Confederate forces of the Army of Northern Virginia here for the most significant battle of the war.)

Meal: B
**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- All activities, sightseeing, and entry fees listed in the itinerary.
- Accommodations as described in the itinerary.
- All meals listed in the itinerary, including wine and beer at dinner.
- Transportation by private motor coach.
- Bottled water during all excursions.
- Whisper headsets for all tour participants.
- Comprehensive cultural information and reading materials.
- The services of World Affairs Council tour managers and hosts.
- All gratuities for participants and staff to cover drivers, wait staff at group meals, guides, and tour directors.

**THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Transportation to and from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- Personal expenses (including cab fares, laundry, personal items, room service charges).
- Food and beverage other than that specified in the itinerary.
- Travel insurance.
- Medical expenses.
- Costs associated with trip interruption or modification due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies or other causes beyond our control.

**HEALTH**

- All travelers must be at least 18 years of age by the date of travel. Trip participants must ensure that they are suitably fit to allow full participation.

**SPECIAL NOTE ON COVID-19**

We understand that travelers are wary of booking arrangements because of the growing concern of COVID-19. If authorities deem it unsafe to travel to Gettysburg, we will cancel the trip no later than 30 days before departure as safety is always our number one priority. In the event of cancellation on our end due to COVID-19 concerns, we will fully refund all participants less any unrecoverable costs.

**Rates**

$2,200 per person based on double occupancy

**Single Supplement**

$499

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Final invoiced payment is due 90 days before the trip, June 9, 2021. Cancellation after this period incurs cancellation fees. The deposit is non-refundable but may be transferred to future credit on another trip.

- 25% non-refundable if cancelled between June 8 and August 8, 2021
- 50% non-refundable if cancelled between August 7 – September 6, 2021
- 100% non-refundable if cancelled on and after September 7, 2021

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

- We strongly recommend the purchase travel insurance, including trip cancellation insurance. Information on recommended travel insurance will be shared in the welcome email and made available upon request.
Full Legal Name as it appears on your passport

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Emergency Contact Name, Phone Number & Email

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Dietary Allergies or Restrictions

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Medical Allergies/Physical Limitations/ Health Issues

ROOMING OPTIONS:

____ I will be sharing a room with my travel companion, and will required: _____ one bed in our room OR _____ two beds in our room.

____ I would like to be paired with another traveler of the same gender. I understand if that is not possible, I will have a room to myself and agree to pay the $499 single room supplement.

____ I prefer to have a private room to myself and agree to pay the $499 single room supplement.

PAYMENT:

Here is my deposit of $____ ($200 per person) for ___ person(s)

____ Charge my deposit to my ____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ American Express

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____ I / We have read the Terms and Conditions for this program linked here and agree to them.

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Signature

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Signature Traveler 2 (if applicable)

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Date