



# HISTORICAL JOURNEY

CIVIL WAR:  
THIS HALLOWED GROUND



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The **Civil War: This Hallowed Ground Tour** covers the key events of the Civil War, from First Bull Run/Manassas to the Confederate surrender at Appomattox. You'll explore why and how they fought, studying military strategies and visiting battlefields where 750,000 Americans—volunteers, immigrants, ex-slaves, and draftees—lost their lives. Key questions include what motivated these soldiers, how the Confederates won early victories despite fewer resources, and how the tide turned after Gettysburg, leading to their surrender. This tour highlights the courage and resilience of a generation that forever changed American history.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Bull Run/Manassas, Gettysburg to Appomattox** - Visit the battlefields that included victories for both sides and led to the Confederate surrender
- **Harpers Ferry** - See where John Brown's Raid helped trigger the conflict in 1859 at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers
- **Sharpsburg/Antietam** - Visit the site of the bloodiest day of war in American history, with 23,000 casualties
- **Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Spotsylvania** - Visit the battlefields that led up to Gettysburg, the turning point in the war in the East

# HISTORY



## **Day 1: Welcome Reception**

Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport, meet your group, and enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.

## **Day 2: Bull Run/Manassas**

Visit the battlefields of the First and Second Battles of Bull Run/Manassas, where Confederate forces won decisive victories.

## **Day 3: Harpers Ferry & Antietam**

Explore Harpers Ferry, the site of John Brown's raid, and visit Antietam, the bloodiest single-day battle in U.S. history.

## **Day 4: Gettysburg - Days One and Two of the Battle**

Tour the Gettysburg battlefield with a guide, visiting iconic sites like Little Round Top, the Peach Orchard, and the Visitor's Center.

## **Day 5: Gettysburg - Day Three of the Battle**

Explore Pickett's Charge and visit the site of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, with free time to explore the town.

EXPLORE



**Day 6: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania & Richmond**

Visit key battle sites in Virginia, ending with the Confederate capital, Richmond.

**Day 7: Richmond & Petersburg**

Tour the Petersburg National Battlefield, the Crater, and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier.

**Day 8: Appomattox**

Follow Lee's retreat route and visit the site of the Confederate surrender at Appomattox Court House.

**Day 9: Airport Transfers**

Morning transfers to Washington Dulles or Richmond airports for departures.

AMENITIES

### **HOTELS**

- Three and four-star hotels
- Eight(8) hotel nights
- Standard rooms

### **MEALS**

- Breakfast - Daily at tour hotels
- Some lunches and dinners
- Receptions - Two (Welcome and Farewell)

### **INCLUDED**

- Professional historian lecturing and answering questions from the Welcome Dinner to the Farewell Dinner
- Tour manager to handle guest needs and on-the-ground logistics
- Entrance fees to all museums, sites, and parks
- Private motor coach
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Educational road book of maps and historical information

### **ACTIVITY LEVEL**

This tour requires walking on uneven terrain. In general, guests walk about three miles over the course of each day.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

- There are some meals on your own
- Flights
- Gratuities for historian, tour manager, and bus driver
- Travel Insurance - always highly recommended
  - To get a quote on travel insurance, click [USI Travel Insurance](#) or call 1-800-937-1387.