

**Presidential Homes of Virginia**  
**Charlottesville, VA**  
**October 6 (Sun) - 8 (Tue), 2019**  
**3 Day Tour**

Day 1                      Sunday

6:00am                      Depart Phillipsburg, NJ (Phillipsburg Mall/Rear)

6:30am                      Depart Bethlehem, PA (L.V.I.P)

6:50am                      Depart Allentown, PA (Green Hills Commerce Center)

Arrive Mount Vernon, VA

**Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens including Distillery & Grist Mill** – lunch and time on own.

The estate, gardens, and farm of Mount Vernon totaled some 8,000 acres in the 18th century. Presently, an estimated 500 acres of this historic property have been painstakingly preserved along the banks of the Potomac River. Guests visiting the estate can view Washington's Mansion and many other original structures. The historic footprint also includes the tomb of George and Martha Washington and a memorial dedicated to the enslaved people who lived and worked on the estate. Interpretive spaces such as the Pioneer Farm and George Washington's Gristmill & Distillery provide a rich understanding of Washington's enterprising and profitable business ventures.

Depart for Charlottesville, VA

Check into hotel - Two (2) Nights

***Holiday Inn Monticello***

Dinner on own

Day 2                      Monday (B, L)

**Breakfast** at hotel

**House and Garden tour of Monticello**

Monticello was the primary plantation of Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, who began designing and building Monticello at age 26 after inheriting land from his father. Feel the power of place at Monticello. Learn about Thomas Jefferson, the ideas of freedom, and the realities of slavery that made the United States.

**Lunch included at Michie Tavern**

Historic Michie Tavern served as the social center of its community and accommodated travelers with food, drink and lodging. It remained in operation, in the Michie family, until 1910, when it came to be owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia. In 1927, the Tavern was purchased by Josephine Henderson, who had it moved seventeen miles from Earlysville to its present location, close to Monticello. This Virginia Landmark captures 18<sup>th</sup>-century life.

## Visit Highland the home of James Monroe

Highland, was the official residence of fifth President James Monroe and his wife, Elizabeth Kortright Monroe, from 1799 to 1823. Purchased in 1793, Monroe and his family permanently settled on the property in 1799 and lived at Highland for twenty-four years. Personal debt forced Monroe to sell the plantation in 1825. Before and after selling Highland, Monroe spent much of his time living at Oak Hill. President Monroe simply called his home "Highland." It did not acquire the additional name of "Ash Lawn" until after his death. The estate is now owned, operated and maintained by Monroe's *alma mater*, the College of William and Mary.

## Dinner on own at Charlottesville Historic Downtown Mall

The Historic Downtown Mall is celebrated as one of the most vibrant urban centers in small-town America. Stretching along 8 tree-lined blocks, the brick-paved, pedestrian-only mall has been called the "Community Living Room." It is home to more than 120 shops and 30 restaurants. Add in half-a-dozen art galleries, two historic theaters, multiple venues for live music, a movie theater, an ice skating rink—plus free concerts, "Art Walks," and a Saturday farmer's market, and, you get a diverse and entertaining place. Remarkably, in an age of chain stores, almost all businesses on the Historic Downtown Mall are locally owned.

Day 3                      Tuesday (B, L)

**Breakfast** at hotel

Arrive Montpelier Station, VA

**Tour of James Madison's Montpelier- boxed lunch included**

Tour the home of President James Madison, the Father of the Constitution and Architect of the Bill of Rights, and Dolley Madison, America's first "First Lady." The Montpelier estate features the historic home and grounds, gardens, historic buildings, exhibitions and archaeological sites.

Dinner on own

7:00pm                      Approximate arrival in Allentown, PA

<b>Price Per Person:</b>	<b><u>Single</u></b>	<b><u>Double</u></b>	<b><u>Triple</u></b>	<b><u>Quad</u></b>
	<b>\$680</b>	<b>\$535</b>	<b>\$489</b>	<b>\$465</b>

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