## Historic Virginia Natural Bridge & Lexington April 8 (Tue) - 10 (Thu), 2025 3 Day Tour

Meals Included: 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Tuesday (D)
Depart William Penn Park & Ride - Lot C-1
Depart Bethlehem, PA (L.V.I.P)
Depart Allentown, PA (Calvary Temple)
Arrive Harrisonburg, VA
Lunch on own
Natural Bridge State Park

Before becoming a state park, the bridge was privately owned for nearly 250 years. In 1774, Thomas Jefferson purchased it and 157 surrounding acres from King George III of England for 20 shillings.

The 215-foot tall bridge was carved out of limestone by Cedar Creek as part of the karst terrain created by erosion. With 1,500 acres, today's Natural Bridge State Park offers much more than the bridge. Find beautiful forests, rolling meadows, mountain vistas, the James River valley, and cascading 30-foot waterfall. Among the park's six miles of hiking trails is the universally-accessible Cedar Creek Trail that leads from the bridge to the Salt Peter Cave, Lost River, and Lace Falls.

Check into hotel – (2) Nights

Natural Bridge Historic Hotel & Conference Center

Dinner included at the hotel

## Day 2 Wednesday (B) Breakfast at hotel

Depart hotel for Lynchburg, VA Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest

Poplar Forest is a plantation and retreat home in Forest, Virginia, that belonged to Thomas Jefferson, Founding Father and third U.S. president. Jefferson inherited the property in 1773 and began designing and working on his retreat home in 1806. Here, you'll find award-winning, thought-provoking and meticulous historical restoration, both inside and outside the walls of Jefferson's house, through archaeological discoveries and research that continues to uncover new knowledge about Thomas Jefferson and the free and enslaved people who formed the community at Poplar Forest. Poplar Forest was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1971 and is now operated as a historic house museum.

Lunch on own in Lynchburg
The National D-Day Memorial

On June 6, 1944, Allied troops battled insurmountable odds to secure freedom for the world. At this awe-inspiring memorial, the memorial shares the stories and pay tribute to their valor, fidelity, and unimaginable sacrifice. Stories are everywhere at the National D-Day Memorial. You can find them in the poignant statues, meaningful artifacts, engaging tour guides, and directly from the valiant men and women who served on that fateful day and beyond.

Return to hotel
Dinner on own at the Pink Cadillac Diner

Day 3 Thursday (B,L)

Breakfast at hotel

Virginia Military Institute Museum

From the mounted hide of Little Sorrel, "Stonewall" Jackson's favorite horse, to the seven Medals of Honor awarded to VMI alumni, the museum chronicles the story of the nation's first state-sponsored military college. Special exhibits on the career of Gen. George C. Marshall, VMI Class of 1901, known as the "Architect of Victory" during WWII and author of the "Marshall Plan," and the world-class Stewart Firearms Collection are featured in the museum.

## Stonewall Jackson House Museum

Jackson's Home is nestled in the famous and beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Lexington is still reminiscent of the time when Thomas and Anna Jackson made the town their home. Come walk in Jackson's footsteps and discover the man who became a legend.

## Lexington Carriage Company – Historic Tour by Horse Drawn Carriage

The Lexington Carriage Company offers an intriguing way to explore the rich history of this 19th century college town, slowed to the pace and rhythm of hoof-beats. During this fully narrated tour, your horse-drawn carriage will take you past many historic places of interest including: The Stonewall Jackson House, Lee's Tomb and the University Chapel, Washington and Lee University, Virginia Military Institute, The Lee house, Historic residential district dating from the 1820's to the 1880's, and Stonewall Jackson's Tomb.

Boxed lunch included Dinner stop on own

9:30pm Approximate arrival to Lehigh Valley

 Price Per Person:
 Single
 Double
 Triple
 Quad

 \$878
 \$697
 \$649
 \$620

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