

FRANKLIN'S PHILADELPHIA . . . Historic Philadelphia, Gettysburg & Valley Forge

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Thanks to founder William Penn's smart and simple grid street design, the second-largest city on the East Coast is a relatively easy city to navigate. Philadelphia is proud that it is the birthplace of America, built on independence and innovation . . . much of which you'll be seeing with your Great Day! Tours Guide. This tour is even more inclusive than last year's offer, making 2012 your opportunity to enjoy so many historical sites in Philadelphia as well as those we've planned along the way.

Our Colonial-attired Philadelphia guide will be showing us a number of sites . . . the most historic square mile in the United States including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Franklin Court, the Betsy Ross house, Christ Church and Elfreth's Alley. We'll be seeing many more sites during our driving tour, including those along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway (the Champs Elysees of Philadelphia), the Rodin Museum and the Philadelphia Museum of Art with its "Rocky" steps (as seen in the movie of the same title). We'll be stopping at lunch time at the Bourse Building in the heart of Philadelphia but save room for one of the most unique dining venues at historic City Tavern in the heart of the city . . . "When John Adams arrived in Philadelphia during August, 1774 to attend the First Continental Congress, he was greeted by leading citizens and immediately taken to the City Tavern that he would call the most genteel tavern in America." A year later Paul Revere rode up to the Tavern with the news of the closing of the port of Boston by the British Government. This visit should be a delicious highpoint of the tour, and long remembered.



During this four-day adventure we'll also be visiting Gettysburg, where history lives. We'll be stopping at the new Visitors Center and experiencing a narrated tour through the 6,000-acre Gettysburg National Military Park. As we tour the battlefield, there are close to 1,400 monuments and markers dotting the landscape, linking the present with the past on the very soil where the conflict occurred. We'll be dining right in Gettysburg at the oldest and most historic house, built in 1776, in candlelit elegance.

Valley Forge, where General George Washington and his beleaguered Continental Army endured the winter of 1777 - 1778, still brings history alive to this day with the soldier huts, parade grounds, the Memorial Chapel, Memorial Arch and even its farmhouse that he used as his headquarters.

In addition, we will be having a hearty buffet at a restaurant known as the "Tea Room". Prior to the repeal of Prohibition during December 1933, it was a popular gathering place for gentlemen customers having 'tea' (wink, wink) with their friends. The 'tea' was actually illegal liquor being served in tea pots, hence the name "Tea Room".