

PRESIDENTS & PATRIOTS HISTORICAL TOURS

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Crossroads of Revolution: America's Most Surprising State

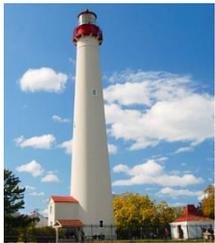
May 10 – 17, 2021

Monday, May 10, 2021 ~ Philadelphia ~ Whitman ~ Emlen Physick ~ Victorian Cape May

We meet as a group this morning at the **Marriott Old City** (formerly the *Sheraton Society Hill*) in **Old Town Philadelphia, PA**. In neighboring Camden, NJ we'll stop at the **Walt Whitman House** and nearby gravesite. Then it's on to lovely **Cape May, NJ** America's oldest seaside resort and a treasure-trove of Victorian architecture. After lunch at the **Blue Pig Tavern**, we'll visit the **Emlen Physick Estate** and enjoy a **Victorian Historic District Trolley Tour**. Dinner this evening is at **Harry's Ocean Bar and Grill**. Our lodgings for the night (*the first of two*) are at the **Montreal Beach Resort** (*each newly renovated suite features spectacular ocean views*).



Tuesday, May 11, 2021 ~ Cape May ~ Cold Spring ~ Cape May Lighthouse



After breakfast at the resort, we'll experience **Historic Cold Spring Village**. Boasting some 27 buildings on 30 acres, Cold Spring is a living history village recreating the first years of **American Independence**. Lunch at **Cold Spring Brewery** precedes a visit to **Cape May Lighthouse**, built in 1859. This afternoon and evening, free to enjoy this charming seaside gem. A short trolley ride brings you to the bustling Washington Street Mall. Shop, sunbathe, swim in the Atlantic – there's no shortage of diversions. A second night at the Montreal Beach Resort.

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 ~ Cape May ~ Long Branch ~ Drumthwacket ~ Princeton Battlefield

Breakfast at the hotel, then we're off to **Long Branch, NJ** and the **Church of the Presidents**, a former Episcopal chapel on the Jersey Shore where – *count 'em* – seven United States presidents worshipped, (**Ulysses Grant, Rutherford Hayes, James Garfield, Chester Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, and Woodrow Wilson**). After lunch we arrive in **Princeton, NJ**, famed college town and home to **Drumthwacket**, official residence of New Jersey Governors built in 1834. Our last stop is at **Princeton Battlefield**, where on January 3, 1777, Gen. Washington led American forces to victory over the British. Dinner, and then our lodgings for the next **five nights** are at the **Hyatt Regency Princeton**.



Thursday, May 13, 2021 ~ Princeton University ~ Grover Cleveland ~ Washington's Crossing ~ Trenton

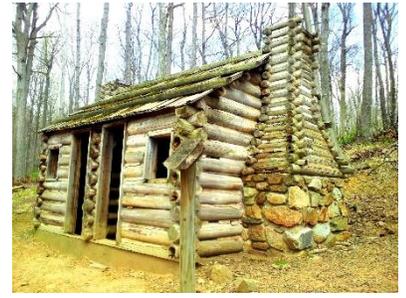
After breakfast at the Hyatt we'll tour the historic **Princeton Campus**, pausing at **Prospect House**, **Woodrow Wilson's** home when he was university president, to see the gardens originally planted by his wife Ellen, who later created the **White House Rose Garden**. We'll also pay our respects at the grave of **President Grover Cleveland**. After a picnic lunch we'll explore **Washington's Crossing State Park** where, on Christmas night, 1776, Gen. Washington and a 2,400-man detachment of Continental soldiers crossed the Delaware to make a surprise attack on Trenton. A turning point in the American Revolutionary War, the battlefield is preserved along with the **Battle of Trenton** site and the **Old Barracks Museum**. Dinner and overnight at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.



Over, please ...

Friday, May 14, 2021 ~ Monmouth ~ Morristown ~ Jacob Ford ~ Jockey Hollow

More Revolutionary history! New Jersey – *surprise* – counts more Revolutionary sites than any other state. After breakfast at the hotel we explore **Monmouth Battlefield**, one of the largest battles of the entire war. On a blistering hot June day British forces led by **Sir Henry Clinton** fought to a standstill Gen. Washington and his troops. On to **Morristown, NJ** and the **Jacob Ford Mansion**, used by Washington as his headquarters during the winter of 1779-80. Nearby **Jockey Hollow** recreates his army's winter encampment. Dinner and overnight at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.



Saturday, May 15, 2021 ~ Orange ~ Thomas Edison Laboratories ~ Glenmont ~ Caldwell ~ Weehawken

Today we meet another kind of revolutionary. After breakfast at the Hyatt we'll travel to **Orange, NJ** site of **Thomas Edison's**



Home & Laboratories. More than half of Edison's 1,000-plus patents were developed on site. We'll tour Edison's extensive laboratory complex where 20,000 sq. ft. of exhibits sprawl over two floors of the main laboratory building which were, until recently, closed to the public. Nearby is **Glenmont**, the estate Edison purchased in 1886 for his new bride Mina. The Edisons are buried on the grounds. Lunch today is at the **Poor House Pub**. After lunch, we'll visit **Caldwell**, birthplace of **President Grover Cleveland**. Our last stop today is in **Weehawken, NJ** site of the July 11, 1804 duel between **Vice President Aaron Burr** and **Alexander Hamilton**. Returning to Princeton, dinner on our own; overnight at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

Sunday, May 16, 2021 ~ Liberty State Park ~ Ellis Island ~ Peopling of Americas Center ~ Statue of Liberty & Museum

Breakfast is followed by a short ride to Liberty State Park and the ferry that takes us to **Ellis Island**. Built in a French Renaissance Revival style and now restored to its 1918 - 1924 appearance, this vast complex tells the moving story of some



12 million immigrants who entered America through its **Golden Door**. Today, descendants of those immigrants account for almost half of all the American population. The newly completed **Peopling of the Americas Center** bookends the Ellis Island era by chronicling immigration to America before the processing station opened in 1892 and after it closed in 1954, right up to the present day. *Optional ...*



genealogists may, for a small extra fee, digitally explore their own family roots in the Ellis Island archive established for that purpose. From here, we'll sail to nearby

Liberty Island to tour the remarkable new museum that accompanies the **Statue of Liberty**. Returning to Princeton, a special **Farewell Dinner** tonight, followed by a final night at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

Monday, May 17, 2021

Breakfast is again included this morning before departing Princeton, NJ per our own schedules.

\$3,975.00 p.p. Double Occupancy ~ \$4,895.00 p.p. Single Occupancy

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Seating on our tours is limited in order to maintain a small group environment. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$1,000.00 deposit will confirm your reservation.

This unique tour is personally led and hosted by noted author and presidential historian Richard Norton Smith. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.