

Historic Trails & Blue Ridge Mountains



September 18 - October 1, 2021

Tour Highlights: From colonial settlements and Civil War sites to the magnificent Blue Ridge Mountains and stunning Great Smoky Mountains, this southern U.S. tour features historic sites, spectacular scenery, and fun experiences all along the way. You'll overnight in the Washington DC area, Gettysburg, Shenandoah National Park, Beckley, Lexington, Kentucky, Gatlinburg, Asheville, Lexington, Virginia, and Williamsburg.

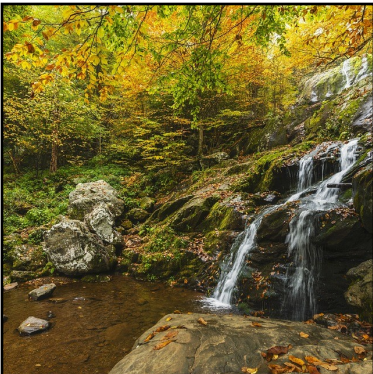
Day 1, Sat., Sept. 18 Washington D.C. Area. Welcome to our Nation's Capital! Enjoy time at leisure to relax or do some independent exploring before meeting your Tour Director this evening to answer any questions.

Day 2, Sun., Sept. 19: Washington D.C. Area - Gettysburg. Today begins with a guided sightseeing tour that shows you the graves of American heroes, including those of John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, in beautiful Arlington Cemetery. Your guided tour of the capital continues, with photo stops at Capitol Hill and the White House, and visits to the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials. Afterward, cross the Mason-Dixon Line into Pennsylvania, and visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Tonight, we offer an optional outing to a local restaurant to enjoy the flavor of the area.

Day 3, Mon., Sept. 20: Gettysburg - Harpers Ferry - Shenandoah National Park. This morning enjoy a guided visit to the hallowed Gettysburg Battlefield, site of the decisive Civil War campaign and where Abraham Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address in November 1863. Afterward, head for Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, where, in 1859, John Brown made his ill-fated raid on the U.S. Arsenal. The park shares 2,178 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. En route to Shenandoah, crest the Blue Ridge Mountains for magnificent vistas of the Shenandoah Valley. Overnight in Shenandoah National Park. (B)

Day 4, Tue., Sept. 21: Shenandoah National Park - New River Gorge - Beckley. Travel through lumber and limestone country into wonderfully wild West Virginia. After a lunch break in Lewisburg, a pre Civil War town, travel to Fayetteville and stop at New River Gorge Bridge, the world's third-longest steel-span bridge, rising 876 feet above the river. Then, on to Beckley, the heart of West Virginia's "smokeless" coal industry, for an overnight stay.

Day 5, Wed., Sept. 22: Beckley - Charleston - Kentucky Horse Park - Lexington, KY. Before entering Kentucky, we stop in the state capital of Charleston, West Virginia, one-time home of American frontiersman Daniel Boone. As you cross the state border, the scenery changes to green pastures, white-board fences, and the columned estates of Kentucky bluegrass country—backdrop for the movie Seabiscuit. Arrive in Lexington, the "Heart of the Bluegrass." This afternoon, enjoy a fascinating visit to the Kentucky Horse Park, from where legends like Man o' War and Secretariat conquered the racing world. (B)



Tour Inclusions

- Estimated round-trip airfare from Madison
- Airport transfers in Washington D.C.
- 13 nights hotel accommodations
- 6 breakfast (B)
- Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary
- Professional Tour Director and local guides
- Luxury coach transportation with professional driver
- Baggage handling for 1 bag/person up to 50 lbs. (including gratuity)
- Burkhalter Tours Host from Madison (with 14 paid travelers)

Tour Price Per Person

Double Occupancy: \$3,523
Cash Discount Price: \$3,371
(Pay by check/cash)
Single room supplement: \$910

Ask about current booking discounts!
Price is subject to change after airfare is finalized.

Day 6, Thu., Sept. 23 : Lexington - Hodgenville - Bardstown - Lexington, KY. Travel on the Bluegrass Parkway and stop at Sinking Spring Farm, a one-room cabin where the nation’s 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, was born. Visit the Lincoln Museum, dedicated to Lincoln’s life and times. Be sure to walk out to the center of Town Square for a photo op in front of the Lincoln Statue and the Lincoln Boy Statue. Afterward, we head to Bardstown and visit the fourth-largest Civil War Museum in the United States. Unlike the other museums, this one focuses mainly on the War of the Western States. End your day by visiting an authentic Bourbon Distillery. You’ll learn about the production of the finest Kentucky Straight Bourbon, and enjoy a tasting. Return to Lexington, where the evening is free for independent activities.

Day 7, Fri., Sept. 24: Lexington, KY - Gatlinburg. Travel to Tennessee, with a stop at Corbin for a short visit to Colonel Sanders’ original fried chicken restaurant, which is now a museum. This afternoon, visit the fascinating Museum of Appalachia, with 65 acres of farmland and a number of historic cabins, barns, and other buildings—even a frontier privy! The next two nights are in Gatlinburg at the foot of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Day 8, Sat., Sept. 25: Gatlinburg. As one of America’s most popular mountain retreats, Gatlinburg offers something for everyone. The day is free for independent activities.

Day 9, Sun., Sept. 26: Gatlinburg - Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Asheville. Drive right through the center of the Smokies along the spectacular Newfound Gap Road, peaking at 5,046 feet. Continue into North Carolina and stop at the 7,500-acre grounds of the Biltmore Estate, built by George Vanderbilt, grandson of railroad magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt. Overnight in the Asheville area, hometown to singer Roberta Flack.

Day 10, Mon., Sept. 27: Asheville - Blue Ridge Parkway - Mount Airy - Lexington, VA. Blue Ridge Parkway runs from the Great Smokies to Shenandoah National Park without a single traffic light along its 470-mile route. Take in a portion of the parkway today, from Fancy Gap to Roanoke. Visit Mount Airy, North Carolina, Andy Griffith’s hometown. Affectionately known as Mayberry, the town is the inspiration for the setting of The Andy Griffith Show that ran in the 1960s. There is time to stroll Main Street, visit Floyd’s Barber shop and enjoy a taste of the past at Walkers soda fountain. This afternoon stop at the tranquil setting of Mabry Mill, one of the most photographed spots in the country. Next up: a visit to Natural Bridge, a 215-foot-high arch in a wooded setting, once owned by Thomas Jefferson. George Washington’s initials are still visible on the cliffside, from his work here as a young surveyor. (B)

Day 11, Tue., Sept. 28: Lexington, VA - Monticello - Richmond - Williamsburg. Visit the graceful home of the third U.S. president, Thomas Jefferson. The Monticello Estate reflects Jefferson’s skills as an artist, architect, and designer. It is the only house in the U.S. that is on the UNESCO World Heritage list of international treasures. Enjoy an orientation tour of Richmond, capital of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Stop at the Capitol Building for photographs before making our way to Williamsburg, between the James and York Rivers, where the very earliest English settlers established their first colonies. (B)

Day 12, Wed., Sept. 29: Williamsburg - Excursion to Colonial Williamsburg. Today is dedicated to Colonial Williamsburg, where American heritage is proudly preserved in the reconstructed buildings and historical displays. Stroll down quaint streets and browse through homes, gardens, taverns, shops, and exhibits. In the Hall of Burgesses, listen as costumed interpreters debate the controversial steps that led to the Declaration of Independence. (B)

Day 13, Thu., Sept. 30: Williamsburg - Mount Vernon - Washington D.C. This morning, visit Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George and Martha Washington, overlooking the banks of the Potomac River. Take time to explore the most popular historic estate in America. The final leg of your journey takes you back to Washington DC, where you overnight in close proximity to quintessential D.C. The evening is free for independent activities. (B)

Day 14, Fri., Oct. 1: Washington D.C. Your vacation ends this morning with your transfer to the airport. You can extend your vacation with extra nights and explore the nation’s capital further.



Tour Hotels (subject to change)

- Washington D.C.: Holiday Inn Alexandria Carlyle & Washington Marriott
Wardman Park
- Gettysburg: Quality Inn Gettysburg Battlefield
- Shenandoah National Park: Skyland Resort
- Beckley: Hampton Inn Beckley
- Lexington: Hilton Lexington Downtown
- Gatlinburg: Glenstone Lodge
- Asheville: Holiday Inn & Suites Asheville Biltmore Village Area
- Lexington: Best Western Lexington Inn
- Williamsburg: Comfort Inn Williamsburg Gateway



TOUR APPLICATION

TOUR NAME: Historic Trails & Blue Ridge Mtns. TOUR DATES: Sept. 18 - Oct. 1, 2021 TOUR #: H3147

Note: The name on your tour documents and airline tickets must match your photo I.D. name. One form per address, please.

Name 1 Name Tag Name:

Birthdate Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male TSA KTN or Global #

Name 2 Name Tag Name:

Birthdate Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male TSA KTN or Global #

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell

Email Roommate Name

Special requests - please understand that we cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.

Accommodations: Double Occupancy ☐ 1 bed ☐ 2 twin beds Single Occupancy ☐ 1 bed

Room requests: Dietary requests:

Air Request: ☐ Air with group ☐ Customized individual air

Airline Seat Request (Not Guaranteed): ☐ Window/next ☐ Aisle/next ☐ Other

Tour Extension: ☐ Air Extension ☐ Other arrangements:

Any special celebration?

Any special assistance required: Burkhalter Agent:

Medical conditions the host should be aware of:

Physician name/clinic: Phone:

Emergency Contact Name:

Relationship to you Phone:

Travel Protection? ☐ Yes, Cosmos Plan (\$249) ☐ Maybe, please provide info on other plans ☐ No, thanks

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions for this tour (see back).

Signature REQUIRED

PAYMENT

Amount enclosed: \$300 per person deposit required and insurance paid in full - Final due by July 1, 2021

Payment: ☐ Cash or check payable to Burkhalter Tours ☐ Credit card (call us with your card info if you prefer not to mail it)

CC # Expiration date Security Code

Name on credit card:

RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION			
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TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I.D./Citizenship: Names must match the traveler's photo I.D. Complete I.D. name, gender and birth date are required to confirm reservations per TSA/airline requirements.

Deposits and Payments: Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. Most major credit cards are also accepted, although a cash discount may be offered. A deposit of **\$300 per person** (*plus Cosmos insurance premium if you choose to buy that*) is required to secure reservations. All tour confirmations are subject to receipt of signed tour application and payment verification. Final payment is due by **July 1, 2021**

Cancellations/Refunds: All cancellations are subject to a \$50 Burkhalter Tours service fee that may not be covered by tour operator insurance. In addition to the service fee and possible airline penalties, tour cancellation penalties are as follows:

Cancel prior to July 1, 2021: Deposit is non-refundable

Cancel after July 1, 2021: Trip is non-refundable

No refund will apply on unused portions of the tour. If a roommate cancels, the remaining traveler may have to pay any single room supplement that is incurred. Name changes and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees. Once issued, airline tickets are 100% non-refundable.

Travel Insurance is strongly advised in order to protect your investment. Coverage for trip cancellation/interruption/delay, and medical emergency expenses is available from Cosmos for **\$249**. Other plans may also be available. Ask your agent for information.

Tour Conditions: This tour is a regular Cosmos departure and no minimum number of Burkhalter travelers is required for the tour to operate. With 14 paid travelers, A Burkhalter Tours host may accompany the group to provide additional service throughout the tour. All arrangements are based upon tariffs in effect on date of brochure production and are subject to change. Once deposit has been received, any changes to air or land arrangements may be assessed a \$50 revision fee. Revision fees may be higher once air is ticketed. Itinerary is subject to change by the tour operator.

Air Transportation: The airfare portion of the tour price may be an estimate and is subject to change until ticketed. Airline seat assignments can only be requested after final payment and may be limited in availability. If specific seat assignments are vital to your enjoyment of the tour, we recommend individual air reservations. Deviations from the group air schedule may result in a different airfare. Routing and schedules are subject to change.

Accommodations/Transportation: Tour hotels are superior tourist or first class properties with private ensuite facilities. Rooms typically have two beds. Hotels are subject to change. Touring coaches are deluxe vehicles with panoramic windows and seats that partially recline. Single travelers are allocated one seat only.

Traveler Fitness: Travelers should be in reasonably good health, able to climb stairs and board a motorcoach in a timely manner, and walk moderate distances, sometimes over uneven ground. Individuals with physical and/or cognitive limitations must be accompanied by an able individual who will assume complete responsibility for them - tour personnel cannot and will not provide such assistance.

Passenger Consent Agreement: Department of Transportation regulations require that we inform you that your purchase is subject to supplemental price increases beyond our control that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Such increases may come about due to increased fees, fuel surcharges, government tax increases, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination of these events. Post-purchase price increases may be applied to your invoice due to these unforeseen cost increases from suppliers. While a post-purchase price increase is very rare and not anticipated, Burkhalter Tours will inform you of any increases as soon as possible. By signing the tour application and making your deposit, you are acknowledging that you have been made aware and accept the fact that such increases may occur, and that you agree to pay Burkhalter Tours and our contracted suppliers accordingly.

Responsibility: Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc., Hello America Tours d.b.a Burkhalter Tours, Cosmos their sales agents and tour personnel and any IATAN and connecting ARC carriers act only in capacity of agent for the passenger in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and any means of transportation and, as such, hold themselves free of responsibility for any damages from any causes whatsoever, including any loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of defect in any vehicle or for the conduct of such other parties. Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours will not be responsible for any damage, expense or inconvenience caused by late transportation arrivals or departures, or by any change of schedule or other conditions; nor will they be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, baggage or any article belonging to the passenger. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to, acts of war, terrorism, disease or acts of God, to withdraw the tour or to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations will be made without notice. Additional expenses, if any, will be borne by the passengers; conversely, refunds will be made to the passengers if any savings is effected thereby. Although no changes or substitutions are anticipated at the time of brochure production, participants must accept whatever changes are required. Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours are not responsible for financial or physical harm to any passenger resulting from acts of war, terrorism, disease or acts of God. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this tour at any time. Public carrier companies, including airlines, involved in or used in connection with this tour are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or any event during the time the passengers are not on board their conveyance or aircraft. Tickets of airlines or other public carriers issued in connection with this tour shall be the sole contract between the carrier and the passenger. Payment of deposit on the cost of the travel arrangements described in this brochure signifies the acceptance on the part of the purchasers and/or passengers of the limitations of Burkhalter Travel Agency, Inc. and Burkhalter Tours' responsibility and to the terms and conditions set forth in the passage contract (air ticket) issued by any IATAN or ARC carrier and/or their agents in connection with the land and/or surface arrangements described herein.