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***Spring Break at the Homestead
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Day One, Wednesday, March 30, 2011

- Arrive and check in to **The Homestead** in **Hot Springs, VA**. **Baggage** handling included. This **Award Winning Luxury Resort** situated in Virginia's ancient **Allegheny Mountains** is a **National Historic Landmark** having welcomed its first guests a full 10 years before the

American Revolution began. Built around a therapeutic Mineral Spa, that was a favorite of Thomas Jefferson, it is now an elegant and sophisticated resort with southern charm that continues to attract Presidents & Princes to "take the waters".

- **Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception.**
- Enjoy **Afternoon Tea** at the resort.
RESORT NOTE: You'll receive a 20% discount on Homestead Logo items in the 1766 Shop.
- Enjoy **dinner** this evening in **The Main Dining Room. Full menu choices.** For over a century guests have enjoyed the traditions of The Homestead's renowned Dining Room. Musicians play nightly while couples dance the night away and kids of all ages have their first ballroom dance. The southern American cuisine is prepared to perfection. Entrees are complemented with outstanding wines (**all alcoholic beverages purchased on your own**) from across the globe. Desserts are always a much anticipated treat, each prepared by the resort's Pastry Shop, and Executive Pastry Chef. **Dress for dinner: Jacket required, tie optional for gentlemen & young men 12 years and older.**
- After dinner you may choose to enjoy a **Movie in the Resort's Theatre** *or* join others in the **Card & Game Room.**

Meals: Tea, D

Day Two, Thursday, March 31, 2011

Breakfast
Today

Breakfast at your leisure is included at the resort this morning.

Choose a **resort activity** – Your **VIP Resort Package includes a \$100.00 per person voucher to present at time of service** towards the resort activity of your choice. **Any charges incurred over the \$100.00 voucher are the responsibility of the guest.** (Some activities recommend advance reservations). Enjoy **lunch on your own** today while at the resort.

Golf - A Timeless Champion Among Virginia Golf Resorts:

- As the premier Virginia golf resort, The Homestead offers some of the country's most challenging and historic fairways. Our championship greens include the nation's finest mountain course - the legendary Cascades Course, designed in 1923 by William S. Flynn - as well as the historic Old Course and the Robert Trent Jones-designed Lower Cascades. So whether you're looking to hone your game or to walk the fairways where golfing legend Sam Snead began his illustrious career, our luxury golf resort in Virginia is the choice for you.

Taking the Waters – Spa:

- Do you need to get away? Are you looking for a relaxing luxury spa surrounded by the beautiful Alleghany Mountains? Imagine yourself in one of America's most historic spas, where you can refresh and revitalize yourself in nothing less than the most luxurious of surroundings. It is a place built on the centuries-old tradition of "taking the waters," but stands ready to bring you the most innovative of luxury spa treatments available today in a unique historic setting. It is The Homestead Spa, one of the premier luxury spas of the world.

Wilderness Wonders Presentation:

- When the Cascades Gorge Hike is not available because of inclement weather, join one of our naturalists for an exciting presentation by learning about the fossils and the local eco system, being the oldest mountain range in the world - the Alleghenies. Find out about the common things around you that aren't so common such as lightning, plants etc. Learn about how most of our medicines come from weeds; how orchids lure insects to mate with the flowers because they look like insects; survival tips about the woods and much more.

Archery:

- The Homestead Archery Range is designed for recreational archers. It consists of eight stationary targets that are set at varying distances for adults and children. Sessions can be booked in one hour time frames. Right and left hand bows as well as adult and youth model bows are available. There is a 3D Archery Range that has ten stations and is designed to offer the archer a unique experience of enjoying our natural surroundings. Begins in April.

ATV (4-Wheeler) Excursions:

- 4-Wheeling through the ancient Appalachian Mountains.

Cascades Gorge Tour:

- Enjoy one of the most popular activities at The Homestead as a Naturalist leads you through a series of beautiful waterfalls alongside a deep-Alleghany Mountain trail. Be entertained as our Naturalist highlights the many interesting plants and animals that inhabit this gorge. Approximately two miles in length, moderate hiking ability and endurance are a must. Don't forget your camera!

Canoeing (Seasonal):

- Paddle your way down the Jackson River with the whole family in one of our Homestead canoes. This river offers plenty of excitement for everyone. Designed for beginners as well as experts who love canoeing. Enjoy the beautiful scenery and take in all the incredible surroundings.

Falconry (Seasonal):

- Known as the "sport of kings," falconry is one of the oldest of the field sports with a history that stretches back nearly 4000 years. Learn about this unique form of hunting with trained birds of prey, including falcons, hawks and owls, at The Homestead's Mews. Beginner and intermediate lessons are available. At the conclusion of the lesson, the guest is given the opportunity to be photographed with the bird.

Fly-Casting Clinic:

- Experienced Orvis endorsed guides will provide you with a one-hour clinic of fly casting techniques. You know you've always wanted to try it so sign up and experience the feel of an Orvis rod in your hand as you learn to land a fly on the spot of your choice. This is a dry land clinic. (1 hour) Available year round, weather permitting.

Fly-Fishing:

- Fly-fishing is offered on the beautiful private waters of the Cascades Stream daily year around weather permitting. Our Orvis trained guides are available for lessons or guiding services. Licenses, equipment rental and stream use permits and fishing gear is available at Alleghany Outfitters, located on Cottage Row. Two-hour to full-day packages are available which include; stream permit, license, all rental equipment, and guide service. Advanced reservations for equipment, guide services and lessons are recommended by calling Alleghany Outfitters at 540-839-7760 or extension 57760. Available year round weather permitting.

Hiking & Biking:

- One hundred miles of hiking and biking trails wind over acres of mountains and valleys. A great opportunity to see the beautiful wildlife and nature of the Bath County area!

Horseback & Carriage Rides:

- The Homestead maintains a stable of approximately 50 horses, and offers English and Western style riding. Enjoy a trail ride through the forest, or try a leisurely carriage ride in an antique buckboard. Some of the carriages date back to the early 1900's.

Kayaking (Seasonal):

- Glide over Lake Moomaw at your own pace and enjoy the breath-taking scenery. Kayaking offers bunches of fun for the whole family so don't leave anyone out.

Mountain Bike Rental:

- Mountain bikes are available for rental in the lower level of the mountain lodge at the ski area. The hours will be from 10:00 - 4:00 daily. Helmets are required on Homestead property and they are provided. All bikes are rented on a first come first served basis. No reservations are needed. We have bike trails ranging from intermediate to extreme. Due to the terrain we have no level biking trails. Our easiest trail is 3.5 miles and takes an average of 75 minutes to complete. We have front suspension mountain bikes as well as children's bikes. Available year round weather permitting.

Paintball Games:

- Gather up your friends and join us at our Mountain Lodge for a fun and fast-paced game of paintball on our wooded course or our wide-open speedball course. Great fun for ages 12 and up. Tippman and GV semi automatic rental markers are used. Ages 12 & up.

Swimming:

- The magnificent Indoor Pool was built in 1904 and is fed by the naturally warm mineral spring waters upon which The Homestead was founded. It is open year round and located

adjacent to the Spa. The new Outdoor Pool features cabañas, a snack bar and beverage service, sunbathing areas, and a special pool just for kids, and is open seasonally.

Tennis:

- The Homestead has a deep tennis history and through the years, tennis legends such as Bill Tilden, Bobby Riggs, Kay Stammer and Helen Wills have all played at The Homestead. Today, the Homestead has four clay courts and two hard courts. Open seasonally (mid-March to mid-November).

Afternoon
Dinner

Afternoon Tea is included at the hotel.

Enjoy **dinner at your leisure** this evening in the **Main Dining Room**. **Full menu choices**. For over a century guests have enjoyed the traditions of The Homestead's renowned Dining Room. Musicians play nightly while couples dance the night away and kids of all ages have their first ballroom dance. The southern American cuisine is prepared to perfection. Entrees are complemented with outstanding wines (**all alcoholic beverages purchased on your own**) from across the globe. Desserts are always a much anticipated treat, each prepared by the resort's Pastry Shop, and Executive Pastry Chef. **Dress for dinner: Jacket required, tie optional for gentlemen & young men 12 years and older.**

Meals: B, Tea, Dinner

Day Three, Friday, April 1, 2011

Breakfast

Breakfast at your leisure is included at the resort this morning.

- **Check out. Baggage handling** included.
- Begin a tour of the **Homestead Resort**.
- Depart for Washington, D.C.
- Stop and enjoy **lunch on your own** today in historic **Winchester, VA**.
- Continue.
- Visit the **Smithsonian Institution's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center National Air and Space Museum**. The Udvar-Hazy Center provides space for the objects that tell the history of aviation and space flight. Over 335 air and spacecraft will be on display. The displays will include the Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR-71 Blackbird, Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, the B-17 Flying Fortress, an F-4 Phantom fighter, the B-29 **Superfortress "Enola Gay"**, and the de Havilland Chipmunk. Many artifacts will be on display for the first time. Visitors are able to walk among the exhibits and view them from elevated "skyways". There is an Observation Tower where visitors can watch air traffic at Dulles International Airport. On site there are restaurants, a large theatre, gift shops and more.
- **Check in** to the **Westfields Resort**. **Baggage handling** included.
Evoking the charm of Virginia's magnificent colonial estates, this spectacular and grand hotel combines sophisticated conference facilities, elegant accommodations, and exciting resort activities. It is a gorgeous facility detailed with beautiful antiques, marble, and artwork. A full-service spa and signature Fred Couples Golf Club are highlights. The resort is a superior conference facility with state-of-the-art technological capabilities. Restaurants on site include the elegant Fairfax Dining Room, open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, The Palm Court offering formal upscale dining, open for breakfast lunch, and dinner, Starbucks Coffee, open for breakfast, Wellington's Pub, open for lunch and dinner, and Westfield's Lounge open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Marriott Westfields Resort offers a mini-vacation within a vacation. Enjoy the full service Spa. Westfields Golf Courses near the hotel is a Fred Couples course that is fun and accessible for the novice while challenging and thought provoking for the experienced golfer. The resort has heated indoor and outdoor pools with towels provided and a tennis court. There is a Fitness Center on site; Horseback Riding, a Bike Trail, a Jogging Trail, and Miniature Golf are all within .03 miles to 5 miles of the hotel. Stop for a break at the elegant restaurants and pubs on site.
- Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **Brio Tuscan Grille**. Brio brings the pleasures of the Tuscan country villa to you. The Italians built their spacious country villas to escape the pressures of urban life and enjoy "La Dolce Vita" (the good life). They would mingle with family and

friends and eat freshly prepared food from their grounds while surrounded by natural beauty. In just this manner, Brio offers its guests "La Dolce Vita."

- After dinner continue with an **Illuminated Monument Tour**.
- Walk through The **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a "living memorial" to Kennedy, and authorized \$23 million to help build what was now known as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
 - See the world-famous **bronze bust** of **President John Fitzgerald Kennedy** in the Grand Foyer in the Kennedy Center.

Continue with an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour**:

- Drive by the **Lincoln Memorial**
- Drive by the **Washington Monument**
- Drive by **The White House**
- Drive by **The U.S. Capitol Building**
- Drive by other memorials and monuments as time permits
- Arrive at the resort for the night.

Meals: B, D

Day Four, Saturday, April 2, 2011

- Enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel this morning.
- Meet our **GUIDE** at the **Visitor's Center** of **Arlington National Cemetery**. No land in American is more sacred than this square mile. It is America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Robert F. Kennedy, Edward Moore (Ted) Kennedy, Audie Murphy, prizefighter Joe Louis, and thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war. The Cemetery is the former plantation and home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Arlington House, Space Shuttle Challenger Astronaut's Memorial, and Monuments to nearly every major sacrifice that affected our country are located within these 612 acres. The Tomb of the Unknowns speaks of a nation's debt to the many whose ultimate sacrifice helped make a nation free. Arlington averages 27 funerals a day. The crews, service members, and groundskeepers follow an elaborate choreography to ensure that each funeral feels like it is the only one taking place.
- **Tourmobile tickets are included for your visit.**
- Stop for a **photo opportunity** of the **Cherry Blossoms (pending bloom time)**.
- Stop at **The Jefferson Memorial**. The 19-foot statue of the third president stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the Declaration of Independence and Jefferson's other famous writings. Looking from the memorial across the *Tidal Basin* provides an unforgettable view of the city.
- Visit the **NEW September 11, 2001 Memorial at the Pentagon**. One hundred eighty four lives were lost in a single moment at the Pentagon – one hundred eighty four individuals forever linked through the horrific events that unfolded that day. Thousands of others lost their lives and suffered injury while millions wept.
- Stop at the **Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**. One of the largest bronze statues ever cast depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all Marines who have died in battle since 1775. The views of Washington from this memorial are spectacular.
- Enjoy **lunch on your own** at **Union Station** and free time to explore the shops. The city's main train station is a classic Beaux-Arts design of monumental proportions. Restored to its original grandeur in the 1980's, Union Station features a large food court, a movie theater, shops and kiosks. **Parking fee not included.**
- Stop for a **photo opportunity** of **The White House**.
- Visit the **National Archives (pending availability at time of purchase)**. The spacious rotunda of the National Archives contains the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. For the first time in modern history, all the pages of these documents are on display to the public. All the displays have been made accessible for

viewing by individuals in wheel chairs and children. At night, the display is lowered 20 feet into a bomb- and fireproof vault.

- Stop at **The National World War II Memorial**. This *newest memorial* honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world.
- Stop at **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. This privately funded memorial has drawn millions who have come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos.
- Stop at **The Lincoln Memorial**, overlooking the Reflecting Pool, was patterned on a classic Greek temple. Inside, inscriptions from his Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address flank the 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President.
- Stop at **The Korean War Veterans Memorial**. The triangular field contains nineteen ground troopers, clad in foul weather ponchos, fully equipped for battle. Representing those who supported the ground troops are hundreds of faces etched on a polished granite wall.
- Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **Tony and Joe's Seafood Place**, located in Georgetown's Washington Harbour. The restaurant offers sweeping views of the Potomac River, the Kennedy Center, and the beautiful Washington Harbour Fountains.
- Arrive at the resort for the evening. Free time to enjoy the resorts.

Meals: B, D

Day Five, Sunday, April 3, 2011

- Enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel this morning prior to **checking out**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Visit your choice of the **Smithsonian Institution's** museums on the **National Mall**. Enjoy **lunch on your own** today in any of the museums cafeterias* while visiting.
 - **National Air & Space Museum**. Experience the history of flight at one of the world's most visited museum, from the plane flown by the Wright brothers to the Apollo 11 command module. Features an incredible collection of aviation and space technology treasures.
 - **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden**. This donut-shaped building boasts a collection of 19th and 20th century paintings and sculptures.
 - **National Museum of African Art** is the only museum in the United States dedicated exclusively to the collection, exhibition and study of the traditional arts of sub-Saharan Africa.
 - **National Museum of American History**. The new central atrium with skylights dramatically opening the building. A grand staircase connects the 1st and second floors. Galleries with over 3 million objects including new galleries and exhibitions never displayed before. A special state-of-the-art gallery displaying the original **Star Spangled Banner**.
 - This very popular collection tops the list of must-sees for any visitor with a taste for true Americana. See the flag that inspired the Star Spangled Banner, Dorothy's Ruby Red Slippers, First Ladies' inaugural gowns, quilts, cars, locomotives, and much, much more.
 - ***National Museum of Natural History**. The Hope Diamond and dinosaur fossils and the world's largest African bush elephant top the amazing natural treasures on display along with a live insect zoo.
 - ***Experience something of the unique nature and welcoming spirit of The National Museum of the American Indian (pending availability)**. From the American Southwest, Hawaii, Canada, South and Central America you will feel the spirit of these native people. See items from the great American pyramid builders to the beautiful craftsmanship of North, Central, and South America's indigenous people.
 - ***National Gallery of Art** houses an outstanding collection of masterpieces that trace the development of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present. The original

West Building concentrates primarily on European works from the 13th century, while its contemporary counterpart, the **East Building**, highlights works of modern artists.

- Depart for home.
- Meals: B

**From \$839.00 per person
Double Occupancy**

**Minimum 35. Numbers below subject to price increase.
35 paid + 1 comp in double occupancy or higher.**

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and/or currency exchange rate changes(s).**

Tour includes: 4 nights accommodation, baggage handling, 4 breakfasts, 2 afternoon teas, 4 dinners, admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity, except gratuity is not included for guide service.

All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary. At times, circumstances beyond our control such as lines, traffic, closures, weather and late arrivals can severely restrict timing and cause items to be excluded. All timing, except scheduled appointments, is approximate. It is strongly suggested that the timed itinerary be utilized by the driver, escort, and/or group leader and guide only. We suggest that more general itineraries be supplied to the tour participants. Mid Atlantic assumes no liability for itinerary exclusions, nor guarantees that all sites be visited within the itinerary.

Note: At times Restaurant menus may change at the discretion of the Restaurant Management. These circumstances are beyond the control of Mid-Atlantic Receptive Services. Mid-Atlantic will notify the client of any changes that occur.

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