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September 26 – October 1, 2011

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The Journey Through Hallowed Ground is an experience where visitors time-travel through over 400 years of American history along the Route 15 corridor National Scenic Byway. The sites are genuine, the scenery is breathtaking, the history is bursting with patriotism, and the hospitality is beyond compare.

Day One, Monday, September 26, 2011

- Arrive in **Gettysburg**.
A divided Nation held its breath, and mourned, as two great armies collided in the fields near a small Pennsylvania town.
- Tour the **Gettysburg Museum/Visitor Center**. Opened to visitors in spring 2008, the museum houses one of the world's largest American Civil War collections displaying over 38,000 artifacts and 350,000 printed documents and photographs. Exhibits and broad interpretation provide visitors with an understanding of the Gettysburg Campaign in its comprehensive context of the Civil War and American history.
- Enjoy **lunch on your own** today in the **cafeteria** of the **Gettysburg Museum**.
- See a **movie about Gettysburg** in the "*new*" **state-of-the-art theatre**.
- See the **Cyclorama Center** at the Gettysburg National Military Park. The center features a breath-taking panorama of Picketts charge measuring 356 by 26 feet. A sound and light program recreates scenes of the fighting. Backpacks and large purses will not be allowed in any of the National Park buildings. All items carried into the buildings are subject to examination and search.
- Meet our **Civil War GUIDE** at the **entrance** of the **Gettysburg Museum** and depart.
- **Gettysburg Battlefield** is America's largest Civil War Battlefield, containing more than 40 miles of scenic avenues. Over 1600 monuments and cannon dot the landscape in memory of those who fought and died here. The Northern and Southern armies met here in July 1863, and in three days of battle left 51,000 casualties. President Lincoln dedicated the national cemetery on the battlefield in November 1863.
- **Check in** to the **Wyndham Hotel Gettysburg**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Depart. **General Robert E. Lee** boards the motorcoach. Depart along the route General Lee's army used when retreating from Gettysburg. General Lee will give an account of the retreat.
- Enjoy **dinner** this evening at the **historic Fairfield Inn**. Built nineteen years before the *Declaration of Independence*, The Fairfield Inn was originally the Mansion House of Squire Miller, an original founder of the Fairfield, PA. In the 250 years that have passed, the Mansion House has hosted many famous Americans such as Patrick Henry, Thaddeus Stevens, Generals Robert E. Lee & J.E.B. Stuart, baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Plank and The Eisenhower's
- While visiting, take the **Inn's History Tour** which will transport you through time pointing out interesting sites such as where President & Mrs. Eisenhower enjoyed their dinners, you can see the room General J.E.B. Stuart stayed in or where General Robert E. Lee ate, view the room where Statesman Patrick Henry (1736-99), famous for the quote: "Give me liberty or give me death" conducted meetings, as well as many other historically interesting sites and stories including the hidden **Underground Railroad room**. Travel back four centuries and EXPERIENCE AMERICA...Then and Now!
- **Abe Lincoln** will join you at the historic Fairfield Inn this evening.

Meals: D

Day Two, Tuesday, September 27, 2011

- Enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel this morning.
- Depart along our Journey.
- Visit the **Boonsborough Museum of History**. The museum has an extensive Civil War collection, displays of ceramics, glassware, weapons, and ancient artifacts.
- Stop at the **Antietam Visitor Center**. The Antietam Visitor Center has a theater, exhibits, observation room, and museum store. The audiovisual programs include: "*Antietam Visit*," an award-winning film, shown on the hour. This 26-minute movie recreates the battle, as well as, President Abraham Lincoln's visit to Union Commander General George B. McClellan. ***DID YOU KNOW? Robert E. Lee's son, Robert Jr., was a private with the Rockbridge Artillery who fought at the Battle of Antietam.***
 - Take a **GUIDED** tour of **Antietam National Battlefield**. Antietam Battlefield was the scene of the Civil War's bloodiest one-day battle on September 17, 1862 – and

- brought Gen. Lee's first northern invasion to an end. It is marked by monuments, battlefield exhibits and a visitor's center.
- Stop at the **Pry House Field Hospital Museum**. This building, used by the Union high command during the battle, now houses medical exhibits emphasizing the challenges faced on the Antietam battlefield. Abraham Lincoln visited the house two weeks after the battle.
 - Enjoy **lunch on your own** today.
 - Continue to Harper's Ferry.
 - **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park** is located at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers in the states of West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Meriwether Lewis, John Brown, "Stonewall" Jackson, and Frederick Douglass are just a few of the prominent individuals who left their mark on this place.
 - The shots fired in Harpers Ferry during a raid by John Brown in October 1859 are regarded by many as the first of the Civil War.
 - After months of training and planning at the Kennedy Farm a few miles away in Maryland, Brown led his tiny "army" into Harpers Ferry late in the evening of October 16. His objective: Capture the armory there, then inspire and arm a slave rebellion.
 - The plot never had a chance. After causing quite a commotion, Brown and a few survivors were trapped and captured October 18. He was taken to nearby Charles Town where he stood trial and was hanged.
 - Continue along the Journey.
 - **Check in** to the **George Washington Hotel – Wyndham Historic Hotel**, Winchester, VA. **Baggage** handling included.
 - At the **George Washington Hotel – A Wyndham Historic Hotel** the pristine beauty of the Shenandoah Valley has truly met its match. With marble floors, soaring ceiling heights, and the original front desk, this deco stunner still has all the appeal and ambiance of a wonderful bygone era. The Hotel has been recently renovated offering all the modern conveniences a traveler could want.
 - Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** this evening at the hotel.

Meals: B, D

Day Three, Wednesday, September 28, 2011

- Enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel this morning prior to **checking out**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Meet our **GUIDE** and being a tour of **Patsy Cline's hometown** - She began her radio career at Winchester Radio Station WINC in 1946 at age 14. We'll see her home, Radio Station WINC, and pay a visit to her gravesite. Many seniors in the area still recall when Patsy played at area clubs in her early career.
- Tour the *new* **Museum of the Shenandoah Valley** interpreting three centuries of life in the Shenandoah Valley. The 50,000 square foot museum contains five main exhibition galleries that include miniatures houses, the superb collection of Julian Wood-Glass, antiques, quilts, historical artifacts, and much more! The view from the upper gallery overlooking the magnificent gardens is spectacular. Take time to stop by the museum store and snack shop.
- Visit **Glen Burnie**. The vernacular Georgian house was built in 1794-95 by Robert Wood, a son of the founder of Winchester. The house contains a prestigious collection of 18th century and early 19th century American furniture and English and American decorative arts of the period. The grounds surrounding the historic house are landscaped with 25 acres of formal gardens. There are pattern gardens, rose gardens, perennial, herb and formal vegetable gardens, even a Chinese and water garden. Plus, there are sculptures, fountains, an historic family cemetery, even a charming garden pavilion completely furnished with antiques.
- Enter **Skyline Drive**. It is not just a road through the park; it is a way to experience it. You will pass rock cliffs, and vistas, and probably deer and other wildlife; drive through tunnels of trees, past wildflowers and ferns, and (in late spring) by banks of mountain laurel in bloom. **Make several photo opportunity stops along the way.** 75 overlooks offer a place to stop

and absorb the view and the peace. The 35-miles-per-hour speed limit allows you the opportunity to truly enjoy the ride and helps to ensure the safety of wildlife along the road. Exit to Interstate 81 at Route 33.

- Stop along Skyline Drive and enjoy our **gourmet box lunches** complete with **Virginia wines**.
- In the splendor of the Virginia countryside sits **Montpelier**, the home of James and Dolley Madison. Madison was the 4th President of the United States and **Father of the Constitution**. The home had grown to a 55-room mansion after Madison's death. It has been returned to its original 22-room size when the Madisons lived there. This is a National Treasure not to be missed! Even the cellars have been restored to the time the Madisons lived there. When you step into the library you are in the room Madison used to research, think, and define the basic concepts of American democracy.
- The new **Visitor's Center/Museum galleries** at Montpelier displays of how Montpelier looked during the ownership of the wealthy DuPont family before restoration began. The Visitor Center includes a gift shop, café with indoor and outdoor seating, and theatres.
- See **introductory theatre presentation**.
- On the scenic roads of Route 20 in Orange County, Virginia stands a **century-old train depot**, home to the local **Montpelier Station**, Virginia post office. On February 21, 2010, the depot became the home of James Madison's Montpelier's newest exhibit— **The Montpelier Train Depot: In the Time of Segregation**.
- **Check in** to the **Courtyard North, Charlottesville**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Enjoy **dinner on your own** this evening.

Meals: B, L

Day Four, Thursday, September 29, 2011

- Enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel this morning prior to **checking out**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Meet **Thomas Jefferson** (reenactor) at the **Rotunda, University of Virginia**.
- Jefferson's architectural talents are evident in the classic beauty of the **University of Virginia**. He patterned the **Rotunda** in his original "**Academical Village**" after the Roman Pantheon, and is still the focal point of the grounds.
- Arrive at **Monticello**.
- Tour the **Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith Education Center**. The Visitor Center is built around an open courtyard with fountain that visitors immediately began tossing Jefferson nickels in to. The green energy saving buildings includes galleries, educational facilities, theatre, gift shop, and a great café with indoor and outdoor seating. Mr. Jefferson would be proud!
- See *Thomas Jefferson's World*, in the **Carl and Hunter Smith Education Center** a **14-minute introductory film** that dramatically present Jefferson's ideals and accomplishments and illustrate Monticello's central importance to his life and work. The film is shown on a 16-by-9-foot screen in a 2,400-square-foot theater with 125 seats. **This free film shows every 20 minutes**.
- Tour new **Robert H. and Clarice Smith Gallery**:
 - **The Words of Thomas Jefferson**, an innovative exhibition in which quotations by and about Jefferson are projected in light.
 - **Thomas Jefferson and 'the Boisterous Sea of Liberty'**, an exhibition tracing the development and ongoing influence of Jefferson's ideas about liberty through an **interactive presentation** on a wall of high-definition screens.
 - **Monticello as Experiment: 'To Try All Things'**, an exhibition that explores Jefferson's use of Monticello as a laboratory for his belief that "useful knowledge" could make life more efficient and convenient.
 - **Making Monticello: Jefferson's 'Essay in Architecture'**, an exhibition covering the architectural origins, construction, and 40-year evolution of the iconic Monticello house.
- Tour **Monticello**, the mountaintop home of Thomas Jefferson. The house is a remarkable integration of classical architecture and modern innovation designed by Jefferson and built on the mountain top where he had played as a boy. Mr. Jefferson named his home Monticello,

meaning *Little Mountain* and always used the Italian pronunciation of Monticello (*mon-ti-chel-oh*). We'll also visit the spectacular Gardens and Mulberry Row, the plantation "street" along which Monticello slaves lived and labored.

- Enjoy a **buffet lunch** today at historic **Michie Tavern**. Costumed waitstaff serve a hearty Colonial period fare buffet in this 200-year old converted log house.
- 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.**
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: B, L,D

Day Five, Friday, September 30, 2011

- **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 cabana's, 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 Tea** is included at the hotel.
- 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: B, Tea, D

Day Six, Saturday, October 1, 2011

- **Breakfast at your leisure** is **included** at the resort this morning.
- **Check out. Baggage handling** included.
- Begin a tour of the historic **Homestead Resort.**
- Depart for home.

Meals: B

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

Tour includes: A Gift from the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, 5 nights accommodations, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 afternoon tea, 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.

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