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***Shenandoah Summer Holiday***  
***with the Homestead Resort***  
***& Shenandoah Valley Music Festival***

**July 27 – 31, 2011**

**4 Nights – 5 Days**

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*We've made 'Finding the Perfect Tour' all 'About You'*

*Featuring: Two nights at the award winning Homestead Resort, the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival, music legends, dining in historic inns, plantations, manor homes, and more!*



***Bewitching, Beguiling, Be There!***

***Did you know? In the Native American Algonquin language, Shenandoah means "Daughter of the Stars"***

## Day One, Wednesday, July 27, 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.**  
**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 Two, Thursday, July 28, 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 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 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.**
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Meals: B, Tea, D

## **Day Three, Friday, July 29, 2011**

- **Breakfast at your leisure is included** at the resort this morning.
- **Check out. Baggage handling** included.
- Tour of the historic **Homestead Resort.**
- Arrive in **Staunton, VA.** Stop and enjoy **lunch on your own.**
- Tour the **Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Museum.** Among the period antiques and items from Wilson's political career exhibited here is Wilson's presidential limousine, a 1919 Pierce-Arrow sedan, on display in the garage.
- Visit the **Statler Brother's Museum and Gift Shop** containing awards and memorabilia, gold and platinum albums, their model class room, and a very special room containing some of the many gifts and tokens of appreciation given to the Statlers over the years by their many fans.
- Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **The Wayside Inn** – serving travelers since 1797, meals are served in eight antique filled rooms and feature authentic Colonial favorites.
- During the Civil War, soldiers from both the North and South frequented the **Wayside Inn** in search of refuge and friendship. Serving both sides in this devastating conflict, the Inn offered comfort to all who came and thus was spared the ravages of the war, even though Stonewall Jackson's famous Valley Campaign swept past only a few miles away.
- **Check in** to the **Hilton Garden Inn. Baggage** handling included.

Meals: B, D

## **Day Four, Saturday, July 30, 2011**

- Enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel this morning.
- Meet our **Patsy Cline 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.

- Visit **Long Branch**, one of the most elegant manor homes in Virginia Hunt Country. A young George Washington helped to survey the property. Purchased by Mr. Issacs in 1986, and completely restored, the rooms boast a superb collection of 18th and 19th century furnishings. Prior to his death in 1990, Mr. Isaacs traveled throughout Europe and the US to find antiques of great distinction. Be sure to see the gardens, dedicated to Sheila Macqueen, renowned British floral arranger.
- Enjoy **lunch on your own** along the Pedestrian Mall in historic downtown Winchester.
- Stop at **Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters**. Located in a quiet residential area, this Victorian house is where Jackson spent the winter of 1861-62 and planned his famous Valley Campaign.
- Enjoy a **country buffet dinner** at the historic **Shrine Mount Camp Hotel** in **Orkney Springs**.
- Join us at one of the Mid-Atlantic region's longest-running outdoor music events, the **Shenandoah Valley Music Festival**. The festival presents world-class music by a stellar array of performers. **2011 Performance Venue TBA**.
- **The Shenandoah Valley Music Festival**, one of the Mid-Atlantic region's premiere outdoor concert series, is held in the secluded village of Orkney Springs, Virginia. A rustic, open-air pavilion on the grounds of a historic mineral springs' spa and resort hotel, is home to all of the Festival's summer concerts.
- **The Shenandoah Valley Music Festival**, during its 47 year history, has gained a reputation throughout the Mid-Atlantic region as a place where - weekend travelers come to get away from it all - music lovers come to be entertained - friends come to enjoy a picnic - couples come to star gaze - and history buffs come to visit a bygone era. Over the years, the Festival has come to mean many things to many different people. These people all have one thing in common however, and that is regardless of their reason for coming to the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival, once they have discovered it, the Festival's music and unique character draw them back again and again!

Meals: B, D

### **Day Five, Sunday, July 31, 2011**

- Enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel this morning prior to **checking out**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Tour **Dodona Manor**. After years of renovations this home is open to the public. Dodona Manor was the home of George C. Marshall, citizen-soldier-statesman and author of the "Marshall Plan." Surrounded by gardens, in the historic district of **Leesburg, VA**, the home offered the Marshall's a retreat during WWII. Marshall named this home after his wife.
- Tour **Morven Park**, a classic example of Greek Revival architecture that bears a striking resemblance to the White House. Jackie Onassis frequently participated in foxhunting here and two governors have lived in the mansion. Don't miss the Museum of Hounds and Hunting and the Carriage Museum, which showcases more than 100 horse-drawn vehicles.
- **Lunch** included at **The Red Fox Inn**, built circa 1728. Some of the notables who have visited the Inn include Confederate General JEB Stuart and Colonel John S. Mosby. It was here during the Civil War that General Stuart met with Colonel Mosby and his famous mounted Rangers. The pine service bar still in use today was made from the field-operating table used by an army surgeon who served with Stuart's cavalry.
- Continue home.

Meals: B, L

## **Contact Us for Prices**

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

**Prices are Net, Non-Commissionable.  
Based on availability and pricing at time of reservations.**

**All proposals are subject to change.  
Rates may be adjusted based on fuel surcharges, tax change(s),  
and/or currency exchange rate changes(s).**

**Tour includes:** 4 nights accommodation, baggage handling, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, afternoon tea at the Homestead, 4 dinners, Shenandoah Valley Music Festival tickets, 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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