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Faith and Our Nation

Faith, Freedom, and the First Amendment

Explore how faith influenced the development of our Nation

Journey through our shared story of Diversity and Liberty

❖ Philadelphia ❖ Baltimore ❖ Washington DC ❖ Gettysburg ❖

9 Days – 8 Nights

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Day One

Arrive in **Philadelphia** and explore Quaker heritage and faith that emerged as a new Christian denomination in England during a period of religious turmoil in the mid-1600s. Visit the **Besty Ross House**, home of the Quaker seamstress noted for sewing the first American flag. Tour **Cedar Grove**, a historic home in Fairmont Park administered by the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Learn about the Quaker influence in Philadelphia's history. Visit **Christ Church** and the cemetery where Benjamin Franklin is buried. Tour **Eastern State Penitentiary**. Eastern State, recognized for its grand architecture and strict discipline, was the world's first true penitentiary and prison designed to inspire penitence or true regret in the hearts of convicts. Enjoy dinner this evening. After dinner included check into our local hotel. Baggage handling and breakfast are included at all of our hotels. D

Day Two

This morning we depart to visit and learn the story of the **Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church** and tour **St. Peter's Church**, a place of worship for many of the founding fathers. Tour the **National Constitution Center**. This evening we'll enjoy a dinner buffet and entertainment onboard the **Spirit of Philadelphia**. B,D

Day Three

After breakfast check out and depart for **Baltimore**. Visit the **St. Jude Shrine**, the **Nationwide Center to St Jude Devotions**. Enjoy free time at the **Inner Harbor of Baltimore**. Continue to **Washington DC**. Tour the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. Built in the Byzantine Romanesque style, the Shrine contains the

world's most extensive collection of 20th-century mosaics and an impressive array of other artwork. Continue with a tour of the **Franciscan Monastery and Catacombs**. Dinner included this evening at a local restaurant. After dinner we'll depart on an **Illuminated Monument Tour** of DC's famous memorials, monuments, and buildings. Check into our local hotel for the night. B, D

Day Four

Today our guide takes us to **Capitol Hill** to tour the **U.S. Capitol Building**. In its early days, the Capitol building was not only used for governmental functions, on Sundays, church services were regularly held there - a practice that continued until after the Civil War. Visit the **Library of Congress** where two historic monumental bibles face each other—the Giant Bible of Mainz and the Gutenberg Bible. Visit the **Supreme Court Building**. Later we'll visit the **Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History** housing an extensive collection of historic religious treasures. Included in the collection are: the Bradford Cup from 1634; Retablo from around 1820, an icon of the Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe; a Torah Mantle made in Germany of silk and brought to San Francisco by Jewish immigrants during the California gold rush; the Jefferson Bible owned by Thomas Jefferson; Butsudan, made in a Japanese American internment camp during World War II; a Bible Quilt made around 1885; and an 1844 Sunstone from a Mormon Temple. Stop for a **photo opportunity of The White House**. Drive **Embassy Row** and tour **Washington National Cathedral**, the largest church in the United States. Dinner included this evening in a local restaurant. B,D



Day Five

Visit **Arlington National Cemetery** by tram. See the Kennedy gravesite and the **Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers**. See the original Declaration of Independence and Constitution at the **National Archives**. Tour the **Newseum**, the only interactive

museum of news. The Newseum's **First Amendment Gallery** displays 45 words on the building from the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Visit the **Clara Barton Apartment and Office of Mission Soldiers**. Dinner included this evening in a local restaurant. B,D

Day Six

After breakfast check out and depart. Tour the **Ratner Museum** – a walk through the Hebrew Bible. Continue to the **Washington Temple Visitor Center**, and the **Grotto of Lourdes** in Emmetsburg, Maryland. Lunch included today at the Cozy Buffet. After lunch visit the **Seton Shrine**. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first saint born in America. Continue to **Gettysburg**. Check into our local hotel. Dinner included this evening in a local restaurant. B,L,D

Day Seven

Begin today's touring with a **Christian Battlefield Experience**. The **United States Christian Commission** brings to life the greatest untold stories of the American civil war. Visit the **Gettysburg Museum**. See the **Cyclorama** and view a **film**. Tour the **Jennie Wade House**. Learn the poignant story of the only civilian casualty of the Battle of

Gettysburg. The **Jennie Wade House** is the first museum in America to tell the story of faith and courage from the civil war battlefields by a group of heroes that served the troops with bibles and bandages. This evening we'll enjoy dinner in the **historic Fairfield Inn** where **Abraham Lincoln** will join you during dinner. B,D

Day Eight

Tour **Ephrata Cloister**. Conrad Beissel, who attempted to influence his German Baptist Brethren with his more emotional and spiritual mysticism, particularly his teachings regarding Sabbath (Saturday) worship and celibacy, founded this "experiment in faith" in 1732. Meet our local Mennonite Guide and take a **tour of the Amish Farmlands** around Lancaster. The Amish are known for simple living, plain dress, and reluctance to adopt many conveniences of modern technology. Visit the **Mennonite Information Center**. Take a **buggy ride**. Enjoy dinner included. After dinner return to the hotel for the evening. B,D

Day Nine

Enjoy breakfast prior to checking out and departing. Tour the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**. Located on Beacon Hill, and overlooking Peace Valley, many Catholics and non-Catholics come and spend time in prayer and reflection. Enjoy lunch included at the **Pearl S. Buck Home**. After lunch visit **Pennsbury Manor**, William Penn's 17th century estate. Although born into a distinguished Anglican family and the son of Admiral Sir William Penn, Penn joined the Religious Society of Friends or Quakers at the age of 22. The Quakers obeyed their "inner light", which they believed to come directly from God, refusing to bow or take off their hats to any man, and refused to take up arms. After visiting Pennsbury Manor we'll depart for home. B,L

Tour includes: 8 nights accommodation, baggage handling, 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 8 dinners, admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, except gratuity for Guide Service is NOT included.

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