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## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN FREDERICKSBURG, VA WITH WHITE STAR TOURS

DECEMBER 1ST-4TH, 2023  
4 DAYS & 3 NIGHTS

\$725/PERSON FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  
\$925/PERSON FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\*Non-members of the BHC pay an additional \$25/person

Featuring historic properties of the Washingtons all decked out for the holidays including George's boyhood home Ferry Farm, the place he later bought for his mother, the Mary Washington House, his sister Betty's Kenmore Plantation and the Rising Sun Tavern, originally the home of Charles Washington (George's younger brother), this trip to Fredericksburg, VA, also includes a guided tour of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights lodging
- 3 Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners
- Broadway show at the Riverside Center of Performing Arts
- George Washington's Ferry Farm
- Hugh Mercer's Apothecary Shop
- Rising Sun Tavern
- Mary Washington House
- Kenmore Plantation
- Guided tour of Fredericksburg
- Guided Tour of the Battle of Fredericksburg
- A souvenir gift
- Luggage handling
- Tax & Meal Gratuity
- Motorcoach Transportation (does not include bus driver tip)



Courtesy of Kasandra Brabaw, Fredericksburg, VA Patch Staff



Courtesy of Mary Washington House Facebook Page



Courtesy of George Washington's Ferry Farm and Historic Kenmore Facebook Page



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# CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN FREDERICKSBURG, VA | TRIP ITINERARY

This sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with the Berks History Center and WHITE STAR TOURS, however, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary.

**DAY 1** A morning departure from Fecerra's Furniture parking lot (4710 Penn Avenue, Reading) has you heading into the state of Virginia, specifically Fredericksburg for the "Washington Family Tour!" Lunch will be on-your-own enroute to George Washington's Ferry Farm, located on the banks of the Rappahannock River; it is the site of George Washington's boyhood home where he, his sister Betty and his brothers Samuel, John and Charles grew up. At the age of 11, George inherited the plantation upon his father's death, and his mother, Mary Ball Washington lived here until 1772 when George bought a house for her in Fredericksburg. Later, check into your hotel and afterwards dinner (included) has been arranged for you this evening.

**DAY 2** Enjoy breakfast (included), then depart for a visit to the Rising Sun Tavern, which was built by Charles Washington in 1760; the building later operated as a tavern and served as the social center of the town until the mid-1800's. From here you will continue to the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop. Mercer was a friend and family physician of the Washington family who joined the Continental Army in 1776, but died heroically at the Battle of Princeton. Afterwards you will enjoy lunch-on-your-own in the downtown Fredericksburg area, as well as shopping. In the afternoon, you will visit the Mary Washington House, which was purchased by Washington for his mother in 1772. She spent the next 17 years of her life in this simple framed house which contains some of her prized personal possessions as well as many fine period pieces. A stroll in the restored English garden will be a special treat even if there's snow on the ground! Your day will end with a fantastic buffet dinner and Broadway show at the Riverside Center of Performing Arts.

**DAY 3** After breakfast (included), depart with your local guide for a tour of Fredericksburg, highlighting its rich history of thousands of years of habitation, followed by lunch-on-your-own in the area. In the afternoon, learn about the Battle of Fredericksburg while touring this National Military Park. The five-day battle occurred in December, 1862, and with nearly 200,000 combatants, this was one of the deadliest battles of the Civil War. It features the first opposed river crossing in American military history as well as the Civil War's first instance of urban contact. The battle was a crushing defeat for the Union, whose soldiers fought courageously, but fell victim to mismanagement by their generals. General Burnside's campaign did not go as planned, most importantly because of the late arrival of the pontoon boats needed to cross the Rappahannock River. After the tour, enjoy dinner at a popular restaurant (included) followed by a restful evening at your hotel.

**DAY 4** Following breakfast (included), check out and depart for a visit to Kenmore Plantation's mansion and grounds, located near Mary Washington's home. The elegant home and estate belonged to George Washington's sister, Betty and her patriot husband, Colonel Fielding Lewis. The home is known for its ornate plasterwork ceilings and Aesop's fable theme in the dining room. After your visit, and lunch (not included), depart for home with lasting memories of the Washington Family Tour of Fredericksburg, VA.

Trip cancellation protection is strongly encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur through NTA/AON Insurance via their website <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the Tour Operator Location #386097.

**THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING BHC & WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS!**