The Michiganders Are Coming!

The American Revolution Tour

October 15-23, 2022
9-day, 8-night tour
$2,195 per person*

Register today at hsmichigan.org/motr or by calling (800) 692-1828

* Includes motorcoach transportation; all lodging; all dinners and breakfasts; some lunches; and all admission fees, taxes, and gratuities. HSM membership required. Price is per person based on double occupancy.
Our nation was born in Philadelphia. In 1776, the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House—now known as Independence Hall—to debate the Declaration of Independence. At nearby Valley Forge, the Continental Army suffered through the winter of 1777-1778. In 1787, delegates returned to Independence Hall to debate, draft, and sign the Constitution. You’ll rediscover the amazing story of the United States’ war for independence on The Michiganders are Coming! The American Revolution Tour. The custom-designed tours include transportation, lodging, admission fees, all dinners and breakfasts, taxes, and gratuities. Dinners are always at locally owned restaurants, so you’ll experience the local dining scene. We learn a lot, eat more than we should, and return with great memories.

**DAY 1**  
*October 15, Saturday*

We leave Michigan on Saturday morning and board in four locations: Grand Rapids, Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Dundee. The Lansing location is at our office building on the city’s west edge; the other three locations are Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Park and Ride lots. You can leave your car all week. As we motor through Ohio, you can snooze, watch a movie on the coach’s DVD system, or play one of Bob’s Useless Trivia Games.

Dinner on this night is at the historic Titlow Tavern & Grille in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The tavern, named for founder George Titlow, opened well over a century ago as the Hotel Titlow and has been serving travelers ever since. Our Michiganders on the Road dinners always include dessert—we must keep our strength up for the full nine-day tour!

Lodging tonight is at the Comfort Suites in Uniontown. All of the hotels on our tours offer a complimentary breakfast, so we can be ready to hit the road in the morning.

**DAY 2**  
*October 16, Sunday*

In many ways, the American Revolution originated with the French and Indian War. Today, we will visit the place where that conflict began: Fort Necessity National Battlefield. In 1754, French and Native-American forces defeated Virginia and British troops led by a young George Washington at this frontier post in western Pennsylvania. The French avenged the death of Ensign Joseph Coulon de Jumonville, who was the leader of a French detachment that Washington had attacked a few weeks earlier.

We’ll tour Jumonville Glen, where the initial fighting occurred; Fort Necessity; and the grave site of Major General Edward Braddock, who was killed during the disastrous assault on Fort Duquesne—now the city of Pittsburgh—in 1755.

Lunch, which is included, is at The Historic Stone House Restaurant & Inn. From there, we will push on to eastern Pennsylvania, eat dinner at Yellow House Hotel in Douglassville, and repair to the Fairfield Inn & Suites in nearby Pottstown.
We will begin the day at Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, which showcases an early American ironworks. Operating from 1771 to 1883, Hopewell and other “iron plantations” helped transform the United States’ economy from agricultural to industrial. In addition to the “furnace group”—the blast furnace, waterwheel, blast machinery, cast house, and charcoal house—the site’s restored structures also include the ironmaster’s home, company store, blacksmith’s shop, barn, and workers’ houses. The park’s 848 acres and historic buildings interpret the business, technology, and lifestyle of a growing nation.

After a lunch stop at a local shopping mall, we’ll travel a few miles to one of the iconic sites of the American Revolution: Valley Forge.

General George Washington brought his 12,000-man Continental Army into winter camp at Valley Forge in December 1777, after British forces captured Philadelphia. Soldiers built a city of log huts as their winter quarters. They suffered from disease and a lack of clothing and food during their six-month encampment at Valley Forge, and between 1,700 and 2,000 of them died. But the Continental Army was able to use the time to train and reorganize, and in the spring of 1778, it stood toe-to-toe with the British at the Battle of Monmouth.

In 1893, Valley Forge became Pennsylvania’s first state park, and it became a National Historical Park in 1976. The site offers a visitor’s center, reconstructed log cabins and earthenworks, and the restored stone house that served as George Washington’s headquarters.

We’ll tour Valley Forge with a National Park Service ranger before heading to dinner at the appropriately named Black Powder Tavern. We’ll spend the next five nights at the Hampton Inn in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. No more packing up your luggage in the morning!

Today, we drive into Delaware to visit one of America’s finest museums—the Hagley Museum. The Hagley opened in 1957 and stands along Brandywine Creek. The estate, home to the du Pont family and its gunpowder works, includes the du Pont home, gunpowder yards, a nineteenth-century machine shop, and extensive Renaissance Revival-style gardens. The museum itself focuses on early American industrial history and the powder works, including stories of company employees that illustrate how new machinery and production methods changed their lives.

We’ll take a guided tour of the museum, and you’ll have time to explore at your own pace. Lunch will be on your own at the museum’s Belin House Organic Café.
We’ll continue on to Dover, Delaware, in the early afternoon and tour the John Dickinson Plantation. Built in 1739-1740, the plantation house—called Poplar Hall—was home to Revolutionary War leader John Dickinson. A leading Patriot, Dickinson served in both the First and Second Continental Congresses and wrote the final draft of the 1775 Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms. He also penned the first draft of the 1776-1777 Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union.

We’ll enjoy a guided tour of the Dickinson Plantation and have dinner at the William Penn Inn in nearby Gwynedd. The inn was established in 1714 and is Pennsylvania’s oldest continually operated country inn.

The Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia is among the best, biggest, and newest museums, so we’ll spend much of the day exploring it. The 118,000-square-foot museum opened in 2017 and offers 32,000 square feet of exhibits. Its collections include objects, art, manuscripts, and printed works from the American colonies, Britain, and France. The museum tells familiar stories of the Founding Fathers, Lexington and Concord, the Boston Tea Party, and Betsy Ross, but it also provides visitors with a more inclusive picture of the Revolution. Exhibits explore the stories of enslaved and free Africans, Indigenous peoples, and women, revealing history that other museums have often omitted. The exhibits further examine the challenges of creating a new nation and how the American experience affected people around the world.

The popular museum is often crowded—but not for us! We’ve arranged a special tour and will get in one hour before it opens to the public. Afterward, you’ll be free to explore the exhibits at your own pace and have lunch on your own at the museum’s Cross Keys Café.

In the afternoon, the Philadelphia Trolley Works will take us on a two-hour narrated tour of Philadelphia. It’s a great way to see the City of Brotherly Love, learn about its rich history, and orient yourself within it. Dinner will be downtown at National Mechanics bar and restaurant. As the name implies, it’s in the old Mechanics National Bank, which was designed by famed architect William Strickland and built in 1837.

Day six of our tour takes us to the place our nation began: the National Constitution Center and Independence Hall, both of which are part of Independence National Historical Park. The National Constitution Center is an interpretive museum that explores the history of the United States’ founding document. We’ll experience Freedom Rising, the center’s multimedia theatrical performance; explore the interactive exhibit “The Story of We the People”; and visit Signers’ Hall and its 42 life-size bronze statues of the
Founding Fathers. The center also exhibits a rare original copy of the first public printing of the Constitution.

Following those main exhibits, we'll continue to tour the National Constitution Center and enjoy an included boxed lunch in the center's cafeteria. Afterward, we'll head to Independence Hall. Built in 1753 as the Pennsylvania State House, this is where both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were debated and adopted. The building also served as the principal meeting place for the Second Continental Congress. Nearby is the Liberty Bell, an iconic symbol of American independence.

Dinner tonight is nearby at The Plough & The Stars. It’s an authentic Irish pub—warm and cozy—with great food and a delightful atmosphere.

Monmouth Battlefield State Park preserves the site of a key battleground in the American Revolution. In June 1778, George Washington's troops attacked the British Army's rear guard at Monmouth Court House after General Sir Henry Clinton abandoned Philadelphia and marched for New York. The ensuing battle was inconclusive, but the Continental Army had fought bravely and held the field at the end. Patriots celebrated Monmouth as a victory, and for the first time, Washington was hailed as the “Father of His Country.”

We'll see an introductory video at the visitor's center and experience a guided tour of Monmouth Battlefield itself. Afterward, it's off to lunch, which is included, at the Town Diner in East Windsor, New Jersey, followed by an afternoon tour of the Old Barracks Museum in Trenton.

The Old Barracks Museum is the last of five barracks authorized by the colonial legislature in 1758 to house soldiers in the French and Indian War. In December 1776, those barracks figured in the Battle of Trenton when George Washington crossed the Delaware River and took the Hessian garrison by surprise. After the American Revolution, the barracks served as a military hospital.

Dinner tonight will be at the oldest inn in the United States. Located in Bristol, Pennsylvania, the King George II Inn was established in 1681.

These are driving days back to Michigan—but don’t worry, we’ll still be stopping at some cool places to eat and a comfortable hotel to sleep. We’ll watch movies; play a couple more of Bob’s Useless Trivia Games; and reflect on all we’ve seen, all we’ve learned, and all we’ve eaten.
Yes! I (we) want to join Michiganders on the Road® for The Michiganders Are Coming!: The American Revolution Tour for $2,195* per person.

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☐ I would like to pay the full tour price of $2,195 per person. Price is based on double occupancy.

☐ I would like to pay the $250 per person deposit for the tour. The balance of $1,945 per person will be due on or before the reservation deadline of August 31, 2022. Deposits are fully refundable on or before August 31, 2022. Deposits or payments made after the reservation deadline cannot be refunded.

☐ Are you a member of the Historical Society of Michigan? (Membership is required to participate in this tour.)

☐ Yes, I am already a member.

☐ I want to become a member for $39.95 so I can go on this tour. This membership includes Michigan History and Chronicle magazines.

☐ I am a single person and would like single-room accommodations. I understand there will be a $450 surcharge for this service.

☐ I am a single person and would like to be paired with another single of the same gender so that my reservation can be based on double occupancy.

☐ I would like to have vegetarian meals.

☐ A check for $________________________ is enclosed, payable to Historical Society of Michigan.

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