

Philadelphia and Annapolis

August 8 - 19, 2024
(12 days - 11 nights)



Needing to mark off Delaware and West Virginia from your 50-states list? This tour is for you!

Highlights Include:

- Independence Hall
- Battleship New Jersey
- Harborplace-Baltimore
- Fort McHenry - Baltimore
- Amish Country Tour
- Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
- Valley Forge National Historical Park
- United States Naval Academy
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- President Andrew Johnson's Historical Site

Thu, Aug 8

Everyone will be excited as we board our motorcoach to begin our tour of America's Colorful Heritage. Today will give us the opportunity of getting acquainted with fellow travelers as we make our way northward to our overnight destination of Tulsa, OK.

Tulsa, OK

Fri, Aug 9

After a restful night we continue through Oklahoma and into the "Show Me" state of Missouri which was home to Mark Twain and Walt Disney, as well as Harry Truman. By late afternoon we will cross the mighty Mississippi River at St. Louis and overnight in Effingham, IL.

Effingham, IL

Sat, Aug 10

Start your engines! While the museum is currently closed for renovations until 2025, we can still enjoy a tour at the infamous Indianapolis Motor Speedway; the most-visited attraction in the state. The 500-Mile Race was first held in 1911 as it has been ever since with the exception of the war years, 1917-18 and 1942-45.

Grove City, OH

Sun, Aug 11

Today we continue eastward across Ohio and into Pennsylvania, the keystone of the original 13 states and today is nicknamed the "Keystone State". Late afternoon we will arrive in Lancaster, the heart of the Amish Country, and enjoy a smorgasbord dinner.

Lancaster, PA

Mon, Aug 12

We begin the day with a local guide aboard our motorcoach as we tour the country roads and see the "plain people" tending their fields and driving their buggies as they carry on their daily routines. This afternoon we visit Valley Forge National Historical Park, located just outside Philadelphia, our home for 2 nights. Valley Forge was the winter/spring encampment of the Continental Army led by Gen. George Washington.

Philadelphia, PA

Tue, Aug 13

A local guide will join us for our tour of Philadelphia as we see many historical sights to include Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Christ Church and Elfreth's Alley. Afterwards we will visit The Battleship New Jersey. You will be able to enjoy some leisure time this afternoon and evening.

Philadelphia, PA

Wed, Aug 14

This morning we cross thru Delaware and into Maryland where we stop in Baltimore at Fort McHenry, "The Birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner." The flag flown over the star-shaped Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore, September 13-14, 1814, inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner." Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch at Harborplace, which overlooks the Inner Harbor and features a variety of restaurants and

Annapolis, MD

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stores. We continue to Annapolis, our home for 2 nights.

Thu, Aug 15 **Annapolis, MD**

Today will be an exciting day as we enjoy a walking tour of the United States Naval Academy and Museum. Established in 1845, it is the undergraduate college of the US Navy. There will be leisure time to stroll thru historic Annapolis, one of the oldest cities in the country.

Fri, Aug 16 **Wytheville, VA**

We enter West Virginia and stop at Harper's Ferry National Historic Park, located at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers. It was here in 1859 John Brown led his famous raids. We overnight in Wytheville, VA, a Confederate outpost during the Civil War.

Sat, Aug 17 **Nashville, TN**

We begin today with a visit to the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site. Johnson, our 17th president, was known as a "courageous commoner" as he was the first president who had neither been a military hero nor studied law. Today's drive will have us skirting the Great Smoky Mountains as we continue to Nashville.

Sun, Aug 18 **Texarkana, TX**

Heading west across Tennessee, we will again cross the Mississippi River, this time in Memphis. We route across Arkansas, stopping for a rest break in the capital city of Little Rock, before continuing into the "Lone Star State" of Texas.

Mon, Aug 19 **Home**

We begin the last leg of our journey homeward with memories of our tour whirling in our minds. We



will long remember the new friends we have made and the great places we have visited on our tour of Philadelphia and Annapolis.

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

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- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

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