

## Heritage Academy's 26th Biennial American History Excursion

# The Independence Tour

**Williamsburg, Virginia | Washington, DC | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Sunday, October 5 – Saturday, October 11, 2025 (6 days / 5 nights)

### Eligibility

This tour is open only to **Heritage Juniors and Seniors**. No scholar with a failing grade (D or F) in any class at the end of the Spring Semester 2025 or with a major disciplinary referral will be allowed to register for this tour without principal approval. Scholars who do not presently qualify but who think they may eventually qualify should speak with the tour lead before registering for the tour and may be placed on an alternate list.

### Tour Fees

The cost of the tour is **\$2,300**. This covers airfare and other transportation, hotel accommodations (four per room), five full breakfasts, five dinners, and all site entrance fees.

Scholars are required to pay the full cost of the tour unless they meet the enrollment and grade requirements for a scholarship. Scholarships covering up to 25% of the tour fees will be awarded to scholars who have:

- 1) been enrolled at Heritage Academy for the two consecutive school years immediately prior to the tour, and
- 2) received straight As on their transcript for all classes taken at Heritage during those two consecutive years.

Tour fees must be paid according to the following schedule:

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
18 April 2025	\$800
23 May 2025	\$750
<u>29 August 2025</u>	<u>\$750 (\$175 if on scholarship)</u>
Total scholar fees	\$2,300 (\$1,725 if on scholarship)

### Additional Costs

By default, hotel accommodations will be arranged four per room. If scholars require some other scholar-per-room arrangement, the scholar(s) may be required to cover the following additional costs: (three-per-room: \$120; two-per-room: \$360; single-scholar room: \$1,040). Scholars will be required to cover the cost of any bags checked with the airline.

### Cancellation

Any cancellations after payment incur a \$250-per-scholar non-refundable charge. Any remaining funds will be refunded according to the following schedule:

Cancellations more than 90 days prior to departure:	75% refund
Cancellations more than 60 days prior to departure:	50% refund
Cancellations more than 30 days prior to departure:	25% refund
Cancellations fewer than 30 days prior to departure:	no refund

*See back for a tentative tour itinerary*



## HERITAGE ACADEMY – 2025 FALL INDEPENDENCE TOUR PHILADELPHIA, WASHINGTON, DC AND WILLIAMSBURG

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

- 9:30pm Arrive at Phoenix Sky Harbor
- 11:39pm Depart Phoenix, AA flight 1542

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6: MONTICELLO & WILLIAMSBURG

- 7:03am Arrive into Washington, DC (DCA) Meet your deluxe motor coach and tour manager at the airport. Stop for breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Dumfries, VA (provided)
- Depart for Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson (approx. 2.5 hours) with a photo stop at Montpelier en route
- Lunch on own
- Guided tour of **Monticello** (1pm arrival, 1:40pm tour)
- 3:30pm Continue on to Williamsburg
- 6:00pm Dinner provided at **Williamsburg Lodge**
- 7:30pm Check into the hotel in Williamsburg and recover from the long journey – **Embassy Suites Williamsburg** (or similar)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7: MOUNT VERNON

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00am Self-guided tour of **Colonial Williamsburg**
- Morning to enjoy sightseeing and shopping in Williamsburg and the surrounding area
- Lunch on own in Williamsburg
- 12:00pm Depart for Mount Vernon (approx. 2.5 hours)
- Tour of **Mount Vernon**, home of George and Martha Washington (3pm arrival 3:40 Mansion tour)
- 6:00pm Dinner provided at **Pizzeria Uno at Union Station**
- Photo stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial
- Check into your hotel in DC where you will stay for two nights – **Hampton Inn & Suites Falls Church** (or similar)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8: WASHINGTON, DC

- Breakfast at the hotel provided
- 9:30am Visit the US Capitol Building
- 11:30am Visit the **National Archives**
- 1:00pm Lunch at Fogo de Chao (provided)
- 3:00pm Tour of **Arlington National Cemetery** – view the changing of the guard and visit the JFK and RFK grave sites
- 5:30pm Dinner at Pentagon City Mall (on own)
- 7:00pm Guided tour of DC and see: Lincoln, Korean War, Vietnam War, Jefferson, & FDR Memorials, Washington Monument and The White House

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9: WASHINGTON & GETTYSBURG

- Breakfast provided
- 9:00am photo stop at the Supreme Court & Library of Congress
- 10:00am Morning tour of the Smithsonian Museums
- 12:00 departure for Gettysburg (approx. 2 hours)
- 2:00pm Visit **Gettysburg Memorial Park**, including the visitor's center, cyclorama, and a 3:30 guided battlefield tour
- 6:00pm Dinner at General Pickett's Buffet
- Depart for Philadelphia (approx. 2 hours) and check in **Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown City Center** (or similar)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10: PHILADELPHIA & VALLEY FORGE

- Breakfast provided
- 9:00am Depart for **Valley Forge**
- 11:30am Return to Philadelphia
- Lunch on own at Reading Terminal
- Visit Congress Hall, Liberty Bell, Ben Franklin's Grave
- Visit Historic Philadelphia at your leisure – possible destinations could include:
  - Betsy Ross House (additional entrance fee)
  - Franklin Museum (additional entrance fee)
  - Franklin Printing Office
- 3:00pm Tour of **Independence Hall**
- 4:00pm Group photo opportunity at the Philadelphia Art Museum "Rocky Steps"
- 5:30pm Freshen up for your dinner cruise
- 7:00pm **Evening Dinner Cruise** (arrive by 6:30)
- Evening for a final review meeting at the hotel

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11: PHILADELPHIA

- Breakfast provided
- 10:00am Morning to tour the **National Constitution Center**
- Visit to the **Museum of the American Revolution**
- 1:30pm Depart for the Airport
- 4:15pm Depart from Philadelphia, Southwest 3988
- 6:40pm Arrive Dallas
- 7:45pm Depart Dallas, Southwest 4599
- 8:25pm arrival into Phoenix