Philadelphia, Heartbeat of the Revolution: Valley Forge, Trenton & Germantown

Program #22708  |  April 15-21, 2018

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**How to Enroll**

Please call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315 and reference Program #22708, “Philadelphia, Heartbeat of the Revolution: Valley Forge, Trenton & Germantown” from April 15-21, 2018 and say that you are a Cincinnati OLLI member.

**Program Price**

Double occupancy price: $1,599
Single occupancy price: $2,189

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Activity Rating: ACTIVE

Significant walking, stairs and climbing on and off buses.

Overview

Follow in the footsteps of George Washington and the Continental Army from Philadelphia to Valley Forge, across the Delaware to Trenton where American troops savored their first victory. Learn about Washington’s strategy and role in commanding troops in America’s fight for independence on visits to iconic locations of the American Revolution in Philadelphia and beyond including battle sites, 18th-century landmarks and Washington’s tactical headquarters.

Highlights

- Take field trips in Philadelphia to private libraries, explore Independence Hall, see the Liberty Bell and visit the new Museum of the American Revolution.
- Walk with a historical interpreter through Valley Forge National Park and imagine the Continental Army camped there in the winter of 1776.
- Cross the Delaware River, just like Washington and his troops did on that fateful icy night of December 24, and explore the Trenton Barracks where the battle won by American troops became a turning point in the Revolution.
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About Our Lodging

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Center City, 6 nights

Located in the heart of Philadelphia’s arts district along the Avenue of the Arts, the Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia sits just across from the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the Academy of Music, and Merriam and Wilma Theaters.

This 7-Day Adventure to Philadelphia Includes

- 6 nights of accommodations
- 12 meals: 6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners
- 7 Expert-led lectures
- 11 Field trips
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

About Road Scholar

This Philadelphia experience is offered through Road Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975. Road Scholar inspires adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures open minds to new ideas and deepen understanding of oneself and of the world’s peoples, places, cultures, history and environments. A true university of the world, Road Scholar’s meaningful — often transformational — educational adventures engage people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime.

About This Program

Experience Philadelphia

Philadelphia’s Rocky Steps, the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the American Philosophical Society are just a few of Philadelphia’s most iconic sites. Philadelphia was the site of America’s most famous icons: the Liberty Bell — “Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof” — and Independence Hall, where both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were debated and signed. In recognition of our founding principles of freedom and democracy that have influenced so many others around the world, Independence Hall has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, explore to the new Museum of the American Revolution, the first of its kind to trace the steps that lead to our break with the “Mother Country” of England and eventually to revolutionary war. Led by an educator, take a virtual journey through the American Revolution, encountering the events, people, and ideals of the founding of the United States through state-of-the-art design and technology. The collection of thousands of objects includes works of art, manuscripts, and printed pieces from the period. One particularly historic item is the original tent that George Washington used as his command center. Lunch and dinner will be on your own to sample the local cuisine and enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city.

Day 1: Sunday, April 15

Registration, Orientation, Welcome Dinner, Ben Franklin

Following registration, our program orientation and Welcome Dinner, Ben Franklin will join us to share his role in the steps leading up to the revolution.

Day 2: Monday, April 16

Washington’s Strategy, American Philosophical Society, Powel House

This morning, an expert will present Washington’s strategic battle plan for the American Revolution. Then, depart for a field trip to the American Philosophical Society to view documents not available to the general public. Following lunch, visit Carpenters’ Hall, where clandestine meetings were arranged to discuss breaking colonial America’s ties with England. Next door, visit the Second Bank of the United States that houses the “People of Independence” exhibit including portraits of 18th and 19th century political leaders, military officers, explorers and scientists, including many by noted artist Charles Willson Peale. At the Powel House, learn about the important social site of the Revolutionary era, especially after the dialogues ended at Independence Hall. Enjoy dinner at City Tavern with an 18th century ambience and cuisine — a faithful re-creation of the meeting place of movers and shakers who played a prominent role in the American Revolution.

Day 3: Tuesday, April 17

Valley Forge, Waynesborough

This morning, set out for a field trip to Valley Forge National Park. Valley Forge was the training center for the men who came as farmers and left as soldiers. A re-enactor will recreate the horrors of the winter of 1778 due to freezing weather and lack of food and shelter. Following lunch at a local inn, travel the route General Anthony Wayne took to his farm in Waynesborough, stopping at the memorial of the Paoli Massacre, a barbarous murder by the British of our soldiers while they were sleeping. In Waynesborough visit General Wayne’s ancestral home for an expert-led exploration. After dinner, reconvene for a presentation on Philadelphia’s material culture in the colonial era.

Day 4: Wednesday, April 18

Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, American Revolution Museum

Set out this morning on a field trip to Independence National Historical Park with America’s most famous icons: the Liberty Bell — “Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof” — and Independence Hall, where both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were debated and signed. In recognition of our founding principles of freedom and democracy that have influenced so many others around the world, Independence Hall has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, explore to the new Museum of the American Revolution, the first of its kind to trace the steps that lead to our break with the “Mother Country” of England and eventually to revolutionary war. Led by an educator, take a virtual journey through the American Revolution, encountering the events, people, and ideals of the founding of the United States through state-of-the-art design and technology. The collection of thousands of objects includes works of art, manuscripts, and printed pieces from the period. One particularly historic item is the original tent that George Washington used as his command center. Lunch and dinner will be on your own to sample the local cuisine and enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city.

Day 5: Thursday, April 19

Peter Wentz House, Cliveden House

Today, follow the route Washington and his soldiers took from Audubon to Germantown and the Peter Wentz Farmstead. It was here that Washington set up temporary headquarters during the autumn of 1777. Move on to Cliveden house in Germantown, built from 1763 to 1764. Cliveden was the country estate of Benjamin Chew, then the Attorney-General of Pennsylvania. The British captured Philadelphia in September 1777. When the Battle of Germantown erupted on October 4, six companies of British soldiers occupied Cliveden. The American forces attacked but, protected by the house’s thick stone walls, the British held out. Although not a military victory, this battle helped persuade France that the nascent American nation was worthy of support. Cliveden today is one of America’s best preserved and least altered historic sites. Musket burns from the Battle of German- town can still be seen on the entrance floor. It is now a designated National Historic Landmark.

Day 6: Friday, April 20

Washington Crossing, Trenton

The field trip today traces another signal event in the history of the Revolutionary War, following Washington’s path crossing the Delaware, one of the iconic images in American memory. It was December 25, 1776. So far in the Revolutionary War, the British had won victory after victory. American morale was low. General George Washington decided to take a huge gamble. He gathered his forces of 2,400 men and crossed the Delaware River — ferried by local fishermen — to attack a garrison of Hessian mercenaries camped at Trenton, New Jersey. The surprise attack was successful and the Hessians surrendered. The crossing site is now a National Historic Landmark. Following lunch at an historic inn, return to the hotel to freshen up before our Farewell Dinner.

Day 7: Saturday, April 21

Founding Fathers, Program Concludes

Wrap up our “heartbeat of the Revolution” experience with a presentation on our Founding Fathers and their legacy. The program concludes after lunch.