

April 17-22, 2026

In 2026, the United States turns 250 – and there's no better way to honor this historic milestone than with a patriotic journey through Virginia. Experience the unforgettable Virginia International Tattoo, tour Monticello and Colonial Williamsburg, and explore the heart of our nation's founding history. With coastal charm, rich culture, and festive celebrations, this tour brings America's story to life!

Highlights & Inclusions

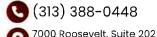
Virginia Beach Boardwalk
Monticello Tour & Lunch
Virginia International Tattoo
Colonial Williamsburg Tour
Richmond History Tour
St. John's Church & Patrick Henry
Black History Museum
National Aviary Visit
Patsy Cline Tribute Show
Grand Concourse Lunch
5 Nights Lodging
12 Included Meals
Professional Tour Manager
Motorcoach Transportation







Custom Holidays



Allen Park, MI 48101

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TOUR PRICE PER PERSON

DOUBLE: \$2,499 SINGLE: \$2,999 TRIPLE: \$2,299

\$200 Deposit Due with Registration

Travel protection (optional) is available during online registration.

FOR RESERVATIONS VISIT:

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Registration Code: AME260417

Tour Registration Ends: February 13, 2026



DAILY ITINERARY OF AMERICA'S HISTORIC HEARTLAND













Day 1 – Friday, April 17 | Begin Your Journey to America's Historic Heartland (D)

Our patriotic journey begins as we depart Michigan and head toward Virginia, a cradle of American ideals and independence. Along the way, we make a stop at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh—America's world-renowned bird sanctuary. Wander through lush habitats, spot colorful and rare species, and enjoy lunch on your own at their café. In the evening, we arrive in Harrisonburg, VA, and check in at the elegant Hotel Madison. Share a welcome dinner with fellow travelers as we settle in and prepare for the incredible week ahead.

Day 2 – Saturday, April 18 | Voices of History in Richmond (B, D)

After breakfast, we explore Richmond, where past and present intertwine. Stroll through Carytown, known for its independent shops and historic charm, and delve into powerful narratives at the Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia, housed in a former armory built by Black craftsmen. We continue with a guided tour of St. John's Church, where Patrick Henry delivered his legendary call for liberty. Visit Jackson Ward, the heart of Black entrepreneurship and culture, and see the home of pioneering banker and activist Maggie L. Walker. End the day with dinner at a local restaurant and an overnight stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites.

Day 3 – Sunday, April 19 | Tattoo Spectacle & Seaside Arrival (B, L)

Today we head to the Murray Center for a lively buffet lunch with a preview of what's to come. Then the excitement builds at the *Hullabaloo* at Scope Plaza, a festive outdoor gathering featuring cultural performances, military bands, highland dancers, and the chance to interact with service members from around the world.

Take your premium reserved seat for the main event: the Virginia International Tattoo—a grand display of tradition, pageantry, and global unity inspired by the famous Edinburgh Tattoo in Scotland. This two-hour spectacle blends precision, music, storytelling, and emotion. With performances by international bands, fife and drum corps, Celtic dancers, and stirring tributes to American values, the Tattoo is a heartfelt celebration of heritage and shared ideals. It's more than a show-it's a moving tribute to community and country.

Following the performance, we make our way to Virginia Beach, where we check in for a two-night stay at the Holiday Inn & Suites along the scenic boardwalk. Enjoy a free evening to explore shops, seaside restaurants, and oceanfront views on your own.

Day 4 – Monday, April 20 | Colonial Williamsburg Comes Alive (B, D)

After breakfast, we visit Colonial Williamsburg, where 18th-century life is brought to vivid reality. A local guide will lead us through historic sites including the Capitol Building, Governor's Palace, and artisan workshops. Hear stories of everyday life, revolution, and the people who shaped a new nation. Enjoy lunch on your own and free time to explore Merchant's Square, filled with charming shops and colonial flair. After freshening up at the hotel, we head to Grand Affairs banquet hall for a spirited Revolutionary Patriots Dinner, where costumed reenactors portraying Jefferson, Washington, and Henry roam the room, sharing tales of liberty and rebellion. Enjoy a delicious meal, live music by The Rondels, and dancing in true celebratory style.

Day 5 – Tuesday, April 21 | Monticello & Mountain Charm (B, L, D)

This morning, we visit Monticello, the iconic mountaintop home of Thomas Jefferson. Tour the first floor of the house and explore the gardens, grounds, and exhibitions that reveal the complexities of Jefferson's legacy. Enjoy an included box lunch with views overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. In the afternoon, we travel to Winchester, VA, and check in at the stately George Washington Hotel, where classic elegance meets comfort. After dinner at the hotel, enjoy a toe-tapping performance by a Patsy Cline tribute artist, honoring the legendary singer who was born right here in Winchester.

Day 6 – Wednesday, April 22 | A Grand Farewell & Journey Home (B, L)

We begin the day with breakfast and travel to Pittsburgh's Grand Concourse, an architectural gem of the Gilded Age, for a farewell luncheon in a former 1901 train station. Surrounded by stained glass and marble columns, we'll toast to the memories we've made and the stories we've shared in celebration of 250 years of American independence. Then we head home, hearts full from an unforgettable journey through history, heritage, and the spirit of freedom.

Itinerary is subject to change.

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