

Charms of the Chesapeake

September 6-9, 2012

3 Nights – 4 Days



Day One, Thursday, September 6, 2012

- 7:00am Depart Schenectady, NY. Enjoy **lunch on own** en route.
- 2:00pm Arrive in **Chestertown** and enjoy a **guided tour** of the town. Visit the **Geddes Piper House**, a fine example of Federal architecture, **Emmanuel Church**, the present church dating from 1767, there are many notable stained-glass windows including a Tiffany window, and **Sultana Pier**, home dock of the Sultana 1768 a reproduction of a Colonial schooner (**Note, the Sultana 1768 cannot be guaranteed to be in port due to its colonial history and environmental educational programs**).
- 4:00pm Depart.
- 5:00pm **Check in to the Holiday Inn Express Easton or similar. Baggage handling is included.**
- 6:00pm Depart.
- 6:30pm **Enjoy dinner this evening at Suicide Bridge Restaurant.** Set on the bank overlooking Cabin Creek, Suicide Bridge Restaurant offers a stunning panorama view, true waterfront dining, and a casual and authentic seafood experience. **Dinner includes a choice of entrée: Crab cakes or Prime Rib. All entrees are served with a Garden Salad, sides, dessert, soda and coffee.**
- 8:00pm Depart and return to the hotel for the evening.
Meals: D.

Day Two, Friday, September 7, 2012

- 7:00am Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** this morning at the hotel.
- 8:00am Depart with **GUIDE**
- Learn about **FDS's secret**. *Hint* – a bridge, a ship, and a false smokestack.
 - Visit the **Nathan of Dorchester** (*pending availability. The ship may be chartered for private sails and not be available*). Since the 1880s, skipjacks have sailed the *Chesapeake Bay*. While there once were as many as 800 or more of these beautiful vessels, today fewer than two dozen of the original dredge boats remain. Only a handful still dredge for oysters, the last remnant of America's only surviving commercial sailing fleet. The **Nathan of Dorchester** offers visitors a unique opportunity to experience the vanishing skipjack heritage of Maryland's Eastern Shore.
 - Drive by **Annie Oakley's House**. Currently a private residence, 28 Bellvue Avenue was once the former home of Wild West sharpshooter Annie Oakley.
 - **Harriet Tubman (Marker)**. This location on Greenbriar Road was the home of "The Moses of her People" because of her courageous work on the Underground Railroad. She freed more than 300 slaves.
 - **Historic High Street**. Here along a brick-lined street, one can find the homes and public buildings important to those who pioneered this community. Christ Church, with its spectacular stained glass windows, its graveyard, and the historic County Courthouse are the beginning of a walk through history that leads to the waterfront and the Choptank River. You

will find the homes of many prominent citizens. The architecture represents different periods and styles, including Federal and Queen Anne.

- Visit the **Bucktown Village Store** where Harriet Tubman displayed her first public act of defiance against slavery. Her injury would be a life-long source of suffering for her. In the mid-19th century, Bucktown was a larger community with two stores, a blacksmith shop, and shipyards on the *Transquaking River*. Here, between 1834 and 1836, Harriet Tubman received a blow to her head that fractured her skull while she attempted to assist a fellow enslaved man. This has been called Tubman's first public act of defiance. As a result of the injury, she experienced life-long health problems and spiritual visions that changed her views and guided the rest of her life.

9:30am Depart.

10:00am **Enjoy a wagon tour of SB Farms.** SB Farms raises Bison and markets bison products. Enjoy an up close guided tour of the herd from a wagon.

11:00am Depart.

Midday Tour **Berlin**, the film location of the movie *The Runaway Bride*. This charming historic town whose downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Place, representing nearly two centuries of architectural heritage, was established in the 1790's. These structures are well preserved or renovated and date from three distinct periods: Federal, Victorian, and 20th Century. Berlin's beautiful tree-lined streets, Victorian town center, museum and historic homes captivate those who visit.

- **Enjoy lunch on own while in Berlin.**

2:00pm Visit *Assateague Island*, a windswept and beautiful barrier island and home of the wild ponies that live in these salt marshes.

- See the **Wild Ponies.**
- See a **Film** at the **Visitor's Center.**

3:30pm Depart.

4:30pm Visit the **Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art.** The most comprehensive collection of wildfowl carving in the world invites you to explore this unique, indigenous North American art form from antique working decoys to internationally acclaimed contemporary sculpture and painting. Named for brothers Lem and Steve Ward of Crisfield, MD, whose skill and vision elevated decoy carving to fine art, the museum works to promote, preserve and perpetuate wildfowl art.

5:30pm Depart.

6:15pm **Enjoy a crab feast this evening at the Red Roost.** Dinner this evening includes All you can eat steamed crabs, Red Roost recipe fried chicken, shrimpies, clam strips, homemade hush puppies, and fresh local corn on the cob. Soda, iced tea, coffee and dessert are also included.

- Enjoy a **sing-a-long** this evening featuring the styles of American Standard, Dixieland, and Swing music.

8:15pm Depart and return to the hotel for the evening. **Guide will return in the morning.**

Meals: DCB, D.

Day Three, Saturday, September 8, 2012

7:30am Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** at the hotel this morning

8:30am Depart.

9:30am Arrive in **Annapolis**. Meet our **GUIDE** at the **City Dock** and begin our tour of **Annapolis**.

DISCLAIMER: All persons 16 years and older going on the tour must bring picture identification to enter the Naval Academy and all Maryland Government Buildings. There are no exceptions!

- **Annapolis** is **Maryland's Capital** city and home to more surviving Colonial buildings than any other place in the country. You can still walk the streets the colonists did and be sure to take in the view from the foot of City Dock! *Comfortable shoes are a must – this is a six block walking tour.*
- Visit the **outside** of the **Maryland State House**. The Maryland State House is the oldest U.S. State House in continuous legislative use. In the restored Old Senate Chamber, George Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, and

the Treaty of Paris was ratified ending the Revolutionary War. Exhibits depict life in Annapolis in colonial times.

Photo ID is needed for entrance into the building.

- Visit the **U.S. Naval Academy**. While walking the scenic grounds of the United States Naval Academy, known as the Yard, the contrasts in architecture reflect the long and colorful history of the academy. On this National Historic Site, the academy's tree-shaded monuments commemorate the courageous graduates and their contributions to naval history. Echoes of marching midshipmen from the 1800's still resound through the steps of new students. Located beneath the chapel is the crypt of John Paul Jones, naval hero of the American Revolution, whose battle cry "I have not yet begun to fight" has become a part of U.S. Naval tradition.

11:30am **Guide drops.** Depart.

12:00pm Arrive at **The Maryland Seafood Festival**. The festival is a Maryland tradition, an event held annually for more than 40 years, featuring The Capital Crab Soup Cook-off, live music performances, craft booths and family activities. Maryland's top restaurateurs and chefs participate in a weekend festival showcasing the great seafood that the state has to offer while bringing people together from all over the East Coast. **Admission and \$10 food tickets are included for each guest to use towards lunch or dinner.**

8:00pm Depart.

9:00pm Return to the hotel for the evening.

Meals: CB.

Day Four, Sunday, September 9, 2012

7:30am Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** this morning after checking out. **Baggage handling is included.**

8:30am Depart.

9:30am Arrive at **Tilghman Island and enjoy a morning boat tour**. Tours are conducted by a on board Marine Biologist/Historian on the Chesapeake Bay on the 49 Passenger M/V Express Royale berthed on Knapps Narrows in Tilghman Island, Maryland. Watch the Ospreys in their nests, and the Blue Herons fishing by the shore, see and touch Bay critters as we pass by Colonial Manor houses and working Watermen.

11:30am Dock and depart.

12:00pm Arrive in **Saint Michael's**, "The Town That Fooled the British." Three centuries of colonial heritage abound! You'll find charming antique shops, galleries and superb restaurants. The quaint streets are lined with Federal, Colonial and Victorian era homes.

- Enjoy **lunch on your own** at one of several restaurants that dot the beautiful harbor area. You might want to try the famous Maryland Steamed Crabs or Crab Cakes! **Free time** to shop and explore the shops after lunch.

Afternoon Depart for home.

Meals: CB.

PRICING FOR THIS TOUR

SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD
\$905pp	\$695pp	\$625pp	\$590pp

Tour includes: 3 nights accommodation, baggage handling at the hotel, 3 deluxe continental breakfasts, 2 dinners, admission to the Maryland Seafood Festival and \$10 festival food voucher, sightseeing cruise, admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity. Gratuity is not included for tour director and driver. All times are approximate and itineraries are subject to change. At times, circumstances beyond our control may cause a change within the itinerary.

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