

Gettysburg & the Civil War

August 27 – 29, 2010

3 Days/4 meals

In three fateful days in 1863, 165,000 soldiers met on the Gettysburg Battlefield. More than 51,000 soldiers became casualties as they fought for their beliefs. It was a conflict of tremendous proportion – and because of it, the tides turned in the Civil War, leading to a Union victory. Months later, Abraham Lincoln came here to deliver his famous Gettysburg Address. From these words, a nation was inspired to heal and unite. Join us as we begin our journey through the story of how our country came to be.

Day 1 Upon arrival in Gettysburg our tour begins at General Lee's Headquarters, meet General Lee and tour the museum in the building used as the Confederate Headquarters during the 1863 battle in Gettysburg. Then tour the Shriver House Museum, dedicated to the civilian experience during the Battle of Gettysburg. The home of George and Hettie Shriver and their daughters, seven year old Sadie and five year old Mollie, appears much the way it did when it was built in 1860. Today, guides in period dress recount the harrowing story of the Shriver family's experiences during the battle and the lasting effects on their lives. Have DINNER at the Dobbin House Tavern, the oldest building in Gettysburg.

Day 2 Begin with BREAKFAST with "A day in the life of a Civil War Soldier" and on to the Gettysburg National Park new Museum & Visitor Center to visit the museum and the "Gettysburg Address" room. Stop at the American Civil War Museum, a self-guided museum tour describes the events in American history leading up to and through the American Civil War concluding with the Gettysburg Address. Next, on to the historic Gettysburg Train Station Museum, built in 1859, where Abraham Lincoln arrived when coming to stay at The David Wills House, before giving the Gettysburg Address. The David Wills Home was the center of the immense clean-up process after the Battle of Gettysburg and where President Lincoln put the finishing touches on the Gettysburg Address, the speech that transformed our nation's new birth of freedom. Tonight, DINE in the historic Inn at Herr Ridge where you may wish to ask President Lincoln or a Civil War soldier to join you!

Day 3 After BREAKFAST, the US Christian Commission Museum tells the story of Faith and Courage during the Civil War. Hear the story of Civil War civilian heroes that went to the battlefields with bibles, bandages and the love of Christ to care for the soldiers. Experience a Civil War chapel service in the USCC log chapel complete with log benches and a canvas roof. Now *hafta* round up folks for a visit to Boyds Bear Country...a perfect ending and a special farewell gift for *bein'* the perfect group. Then begin our journey homeward.....

\$550 single and \$450 double.