



Let Freedom Ring!

Philadelphia - Gettysburg - Amish Country - DuPont's Delaware
Featuring Your Exclusive TRIPS Party at Philadelphia's 4th of July Block Party and Fireworks!

Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, Gettysburg Battlefield, Eisenhower Farm, Amish Buggies, Valley Forge, DuPont Hotel and Mansion, Longwood Gardens, and Much More!

June 30 - July 7, 2020 8 Days and 7 Nights

Join us for Independence Day in Philadelphia and follow along the footsteps of Our Nation's Founding!

Spend this immersive week discovering America's Birthplace of Independence, and the towns and villages surrounding it that played such a vital part in America's fabled history. From Philadelphia's Old City to George Washington's Valley Forge you'll explore the patriotic sites of our Founding Fathers' greatest struggles and triumphs!

Plus, enjoy great views of Philly's July 4th Block Party and Fireworks from your TRIPS EXCLUSIVE Red, White & Blue All-American Party!!

Moving on from the Revolution to the Civil War, you'll visit the scene of its most iconic and deadly battle, Gettysburg Battlefield, carefully preserved for all time. You'll stay in the heart of America's Amish Country in Lancaster County to witness and learn about their quaint traditions, dress and beliefs, and get to sample their delicious hearty cooking! More facets of Our Great Land are revealed in visits to Eisenhower's "Summer White House" Farm, DuPont's Mansion while you stay at luxurious Hotel DuPont, Longwood Gardens and so much more!

Don't miss your chance to share in the excitement of America's July 4th Birthday in Philadelphia and beyond, on our amazing Let Freedom Ring tour!

Itinerary

June 30, 2020 - All Roads Lead to Gettysburg!

On arriving in **Philadelphia** today, you'll meet your TRIPS representative who'll assist with your transfer to a scenic countryside ride to historic Gettysburg! Enjoy your included **Welcome Dinner** featuring the delicious family-style dining of **Hickory Bridge Farm**, quaintly set inside a beautifully restored 165 year old barn. Then check in to the **CourtYard Marriott Gettysburg** to relax for the evening.

Overnight: Gettysburg - CourtYard Marriott (D)

July 1, 2020 - Gettysburg Battlefield and President Ike's Farm!

After your breakfast and hotel check-out, it's off to the **Gettysburg Museum and Visitor's Center**. Here, all the dramatic and tragic events that befell Gettysburg in July 1863 spring vividly to life, from those three fateful days of battle between the Northern and Southern armies that left a staggering 51,000 casualties! Hear **Abraham Lincoln's immortal words** in the film, **A New Birth to Freedom**. Feel the cannon and gunfire at the colossal **Cyclorama Painting Experience**, a towering 42 by 377 foot painting in the round that immerses you in the wild fury of **Pickett's Charge**! After lunch on your own, stroll in soldiers' footsteps with your licensed guide through several monuments and cannons still dotting the tragic landscape of **Gettysburg Battlefield**. Afterward, you'll visit the **Dwight D. Eisenhower Home and Farm**! Purchased in 1950 after his 30 year military career took Ike and Mamie all over the world, it became their peaceful weekend retreat and soon after, the 'temporary White House'. World leaders and dignitaries visited often, and after his Presidency, the farm was his retirement home. Late this afternoon you'll travel on to **Lancaster** to check into the historic **Cork Factory Hotel** in time for dinner on your own, as your hotel is ideally situated in downtown Lancaster.

Overnight: Lancaster - Cork Factory Hotel (B)

July 2, 2020 - Amish Country - Buggies, Bonnets and Pretzels!

After your hotel breakfast, you'll tour **Kreider Farms**, one of the largest dairy farms in the area. Every day, over 1,000 cows are milked - three times daily - in this high-tech view of farming! See the Maternity barn, the Milking Carousel and chicken houses, and of course cows, cows and more cows! Continue on to **Lititz, PA** for lunch on your own and time to shop in what's been called the '**coolest small town in America**' including the nation's oldest pretzel factory. Then you're off to enjoy a very special treat with our **Amish Total Experience Tour**! Your guide takes you through remote Amish farmlands where little ever changes on these backroads. Horses still plow the fields while old-time buggies go clip clop down the roads! You'll see and hear of all facets of Amish life, with fascinating local stops. At the **Amish Experience Theatre** you'll witness their one-of-a-kind show, "Jacob's Choice," telling the emotional story of an Amish family's journey from Europe to America. The "peppers ghost" cannon, and wind and rain effects fully absorb you into their Amish lives! Next, **Amish Country Homestead** is the only Amish house tour in Lancaster County designated as a "Heritage Site." Enjoy its authentic lived-in look as you explore nine rooms while your guide answers the "hows" and "whys" that baffle visitors about Amish dress, customs, and no modern conveniences. Enjoy dinner included at the **Plain & Fancy Farm**, Lancaster's world-famous original Amish-family-style restaurant. After a full day, you'll return to your hotel overnight.

Overnight: Lancaster - Cork Factory Hotel (B/D)

July 3, 2020 - From Hershey Chocolates to Valley Forge

Enjoy your hotel breakfast before checking out, then visit the **Hershey Story Museum with an included Tasting**, where you'll learn how Milton Hershey revolutionized the process of making milk chocolate, and how the orphan boys of the Hershey Industrial School became heirs to his fortune! Enjoy your tasty box lunch at the **Pantry Café at Hershey Store**, which features a unique selection of breakfast and lunch

specialties, plus homemade signature desserts, and a popular coffee and smoothie bar. Travel on to iconic **Valley Forge**, the hallowed site of General Washington and his Continental Army's epic struggle through the cruelly bitter winter of 1777-1778! Explore the troop's rough log huts, the General's Headquarters, and the Visitor's Center. You'll watch demonstrations of military life and training, strolling past over a dozen historic homes and sites to see living history reenactments. In **Philadelphia**, check into **Embassy Suites Center City**, then enjoy dinner at renowned **City Tavern**, where you'll dine just as the Founding Fathers did on their comforting Traditional American fare in a truly historic building.

Overnight: Philadelphia - Embassy Suites Center City (B/L/D)

July 4, 2020 - Your Exclusive Fourth of July Party!

Today you'll wake up at the very center of what America's all about - **in the birthplace of American Independence on Independence Day!** Enjoy your hotel breakfast, then head over to **Independence Hall** and the **Liberty Bell** for their colorful **Celebration of Freedom** ceremony and parade! Visit the **National Constitution Center**, the first museum honoring the U.S. Constitution with over 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, photographs, film, sculpture, text and artifacts, with time for lunch on your own. Then you'll want to make the very most of your free afternoon to explore the annual **Party on the Parkway**, one of the nation's largest free celebrations! And to cap off this unique day, you're invited to attend **TRIPS' Exclusive Red, White and Blue 4th of July All-American Party** with Buffet Dinner at the Embassy Suites, offering VIP suite views of **Philadelphia's Independence Day Fireworks** - a perfect way to end this very special **July 4th!**

Overnight: Philadelphia - Embassy Suites Center City (B/D)

July 5, 2020 - Old Philadelphia and Magnificent Hotel DuPont!

Following your hotel breakfast and check-out, visit the **Museum of the American Revolution**, whose exhibition takes you from the earliest stirrings of unrest through the War of Independence and creation of the American Republic. After lunch on your own, you'll travel onward to check in to the lavish and exquisite **Hotel DuPont**, among the world's grandest hotels, welcoming guests in elegant style since 1913 to the heart of downtown **Wilmington, DE**. Your **Welcome Dinner** at this historic hotel will ensure the ideal day's end before retiring to the DuPont's signature accommodations!

Overnight: Wilmington - Hotel Dupont (B/D)

July 6, 2020 - DuPont Mansion and Longwood Gardens

After your hotel breakfast, you'll visit either **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library** or **Hagley Museum and Library**, both historic DuPont mansions and estates exhibiting the scale, grandeur and beauty for which Delaware's most prominent family has long been famous. (The specific mansion visited will be based on final confirmation.) Enjoy lunch on your own before heading out to experience beautiful **Longwood Gardens**, voted the best botanical garden in America, with its renowned fountains and stunning horticultural displays! Your included dinner afterward is at a favorite local restaurant.

Overnight: Wilmington - Hotel Dupont (B/D)

July 7, 2020 - A Fond Farewell!

Enjoy your hotel breakfast before checking out to travel to Philadelphia for your flight home. **Magnificent memories of your Let Freedom Ring tour will stay with you for many years to come!**

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***** PLEASE NOTE! This tour may depart and return one day later based on tour participation.**

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\$3,898.00



per person/double occupancy
Single Supplement \$798.00



Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and strongly suggested.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Round trip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare to and from Philadelphia (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 7 nights lodgings in Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Lancaster, plus Wilmington's famed **Hotel DuPont!**
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- 6 Dinners and 1 Lunch
- **Exclusive TRIPS Red, White & Blue Fourth of July All-American Party!**
- All tours including Independence Hall and Liberty Bell, Gettysburg Battlefield, Amish Country, Eisenhower Home and Farm, Valley Forge, Hershey Story, Longwood Gardens, DuPont Mansion, and Kreider Farms
- Porterage of 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes, government fees, & service charges
- TRIPS ticket wallet, and luggage tags
- Full time escort throughout your tour

Call today to reserve your space!!

Reservations for "Let Freedom Ring!" are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$500.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to March 19, 2020. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before March 19, 2020.**

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

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