WALKING
GETTYSBURG
with
James M. McPherson
SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2020
Dear Princetonian,

The echoes of the American Civil War, nearly 160 years ago, and a nation ripped asunder by ideology and socio-political forces, reverberate through to the present. We are pleased to invite you to explore Gettysburg, site of the Civil War’s bloodiest battle, alongside legendary Princeton historian James M. McPherson—perhaps the most sought-after Princeton alumni experience.

While some visitors to the battlefields seek the grounds their ancestors fought on, others come to see where America was tested and became the country it is today. Whether your intellectual curiosity is sparked by enlightening conversations with historians, or your love of the outdoors is stoked by exploring the pristinely preserved rural battlefields, you will find something to pique your interest on this exceptional educational travel program for all ages.

Walking Gettysburg is sure to sell out quickly! Reserve your space through the online registration link or call the Princeton Journeys team at 609-258-8686.

With kind regards,

Bridget St. Clair
Executive Manager
James M. McPherson is widely acknowledged as America’s pre-eminent Civil War historian. Listing his many awards and honors alone would take far more than the 272 words of the Gettysburg Address. Among many other things, Jim has been the president of the American Historical Association, he has received the Pritzker Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing, he has been awarded honorary degrees from eleven colleges or universities (including Princeton), and he has written more than twenty books, winning a number of prizes, including the Pulitzer Prize for Battle Cry of Freedom.

Since 1984, Alumni have cherished Civil War battlefield trips with Professor McPherson, which for many have become the high points of their Princeton education. In 2018, Jim and his wife Pat were presented the Award for Service to Princeton and the following words were used to describe Jim’s legacy at the University:

Jim McPherson is a rock star – as will attest any number of the thousands of Princeton students, parents, and alumni who have hopped a bus and visited Gettysburg or Fredericksburg or any other Civil War site with him over the past 40 years.
**ITINERARY**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020—GREETINGS IN GETTYSBURG**
Join fellow Princetonians at our home for the weekend, the Gettysburg Hotel, for a Welcome Reception and Dinner with opening remarks by Professor James McPherson.

Meals: Welcome Reception and Dinner
Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2020—SECOND INVASION NORTH**
Take a hearty breakfast at the hotel, as we prepare to focus our day on the Battle of Gettysburg, the turning point of the war which tipped the scales in favor of the Union. Head out into the Gettysburg National Military Park and visit the key battle sites, including McPherson's Ridge, Oak Hill, Barlow's Knoll, the Peace Orchard, Devil's Den, and Little Round Top. Enjoy a picnic lunch before touring the cornfields, forests and clearings that make up this hard-fought land. After a moving day at the battlefield, return to the heart of town for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel
SEPTEMBER 12, 2020—THE HIGH WATER MARK OF THE CONFEDERACY

After breakfast at the hotel, we return to the battlefields. Examine the sites of the Culp's Hill, Pickett's Charge, Cemetery Ridge, and Cemetery Hill. Victory here turned the public sentiment in the North, fostering hope that a successful end to fighting and reunification was, indeed, possible. Enjoy a "mess" style lunch on the battlefield grounds. In the afternoon, tour the David Wills House, the heart of the post-battle clean-up, offering a civilian perspective of the war that came to the Wills' front door. After another day immersed in history, come back to the modern world for a farewell dinner as a group.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Gettysburg Hotel

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020—REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

Enjoy another breakfast at the hotel and proceed to directly to the battlefield. Journey to the Gettysburg Cyclorama, immerse yourself in the post-war art piece depicting the pivotal Pickett’s Charge. Enjoy a private tour and explore the exhibits at the Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War, including the Morgan Freeman narrated film, “A New Birth of Freedom.” Tour the waving flags and headstones of the Soldiers’ National Cemetery and gain a unique appreciation for the sacrifices of previous generations. From here, on November 19, 1863, President Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address. Return home with a deeper understanding of how this pivotal time in our history still reverberates today.

Meals: Breakfast
PROGRAM DETAILS

THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES

- All activities, sightseeing, and entry fees listed in the itinerary.
- Accommodations as described in the itinerary.
- All meals listed in the itinerary, including wine and beer at dinner.
- Transportation by private motor coach.
- Bottled water during all excursions.
- Whisper headsets for all tour participants.
- Comprehensive cultural information and reading materials.
- The services of Princeton Journeys tour managers and hosts.
- All gratuities for participants and staff to cover drivers, wait staff at group meals, guides, and tour directors.

THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Transportation to and from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- Expenses of a purely personal nature (including cab fares, laundry and other personal items, room service charges).
- Transportation of luggage in excess of weight allowance.
- Travel insurance (we strongly advise that each participant arrange for their own travel insurance).
- Food and beverage other than that specified in the itinerary.
- Medical expenses.
- Costs associated with trip interruption or modification due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies or other causes beyond our control.

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Rates

4-Day Gettysburg Program Rate
$1,863

Single Supplement
$479