



MARKETPLACE 2010 FAMILIARIZATION TOURS

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JANUARY 15-19, 2010 NATIONAL HARBOR, MD



FAM TOURS

Tuesday, Jan. 12 - Friday, Jan. 15

Tours are open to all ABA Marketplace registered buyers.

Tours will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at noon. Overnight accommodations for Jan. 11 will be provided for all tour participants who wish to arrive the day before. There will be some extra elements for each tour on the morning of Jan. 12 for those participants who arrive early.

Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Tour space is limited.

All tours will run regardless of number of participants.

FAM arrival and departure details will be discussed with each participant on a one-to-one basis.

Confirmations will be sent to all FAM tour participants upon receipt of registration form and registration fee. \$75 Registration Fee will be refunded at the end of the tour.

Hallowed Grounds

Hidden Treasures

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Voices of Freedom



Hallowed Grounds Tour

In 2011, America will mark a bittersweet anniversary – 150 years since the start of the American Civil War. This war was the deadliest war in American history, with more than 600,000 soldiers killed and an undetermined number of civilians. The issues surrounding the Civil War decisively shaped the United States, bringing changes that would later make this country a superpower.

Follow the path of the soldiers beginning in Fredericksburg, travel through Virginia's Piedmont area visiting Bull Run, the scene of two Confederate victories – the Battle of First Manassas and Battle of Second Manassas, which cleared the way for General Lee's first invasion of the North. Ball's Bluff Battlefield and National Cemetery is a poignant reminder of a disastrous Union defeat in the first year of the Civil War.

With one foot in the North, and one foot in the South, the Maryland counties of Washington, Frederick and Carroll tell a meaningful story of the Civil War – its causes, battles, heroes and villains. Learn about Monocacy, the battle that saved Washington, D.C. and South Mountain, where General Lee fought back General McClellan allowing time for Confederate troops to regroup for the Battle of Antietam, known as the single most bloodiest day in America's history, where more than 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing.

You will also meet with representatives from Jefferson County, Va. – the site of Harper's Ferry - and Gettysburg, Pa. At the conclusion of this trip, you will be able to produce a memorable tour for your groups to commemorate the Hallowed Grounds of the American Civil War.



Hidden Treasures Tour

Get off of the main thoroughfares and find some of America's finest gems – historic homes, gardens, wineries, museums, and quiet haunts that will add a new punch to any tour.

Maryland's history is steeped in horse racing – you will learn about this rich history as you get off the beaten track and visit the Maryland Hunt Club and Sagamore Farms, best known for its racehorses Discover, Bed o' Roses and Native Dancer.

Discover how railroads became the most important service in the country at the B&O Railroad Museum and the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. Tour lighthouses and go fossil hunting along the cliffs in Southern Maryland and learn of the culture and natural history through the collections at Calvert Marine Museum and Jefferson Patterson Park.

Older than Mount Vernon, older than Monticello, older than the nation itself, Sotterley Plantation stands majestically on the banks of the Patuxent River. It is the only remaining tidewater plantation in Maryland that is open to the public. Learn how this area shaped our religious culture through their Religious Freedom Byway.

One of Washington, D.C.'s hidden gems, Hillwood Museum & Gardens, the 25-acre grand estate of Post Cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post will surprise and delight your senses.

Middleburg, the "Nation's Horse and Hunt Capital," is historic, charming, horse-loving, laidback and stamped with understated elegance; this small town in Loudoun County is the embodiment of all the things that make Virginia's Hunt Country special. We will sample some of Virginia's finest wines and drive along the George Washington Memorial Parkway past wildlife preserves, historic homes and scenic overlooks.



Immerse Yourself Tour

Capture the charm, creativity and culinary excitement of the Capital Region in this FAM tour that takes you behind the scenes and has you up-close and personally involved in some of the region's most popular attractions. Discover the region's wine, music, culture and cuisine from an insider's perspective. You are sure to come away with a collection of new packages that your groups will savor!

Touch wonder at the Maryland Science Center, experience the oceans at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and come up close and personal with nature at the Patuxent Wildlife Museum. Enjoy high tea at Evergreen House, where there is a bathroom gilded in gold. Taste Maryland wines at the Carroll County Farm Museum as you experience mid-19th century rural life.

At the United States Naval Academy learn "Life on the Yard," as you will go through "boot camp." The William Paca House and Garden will teach you how the gardens are developed through a special garden director tour.

Go behind the scenes at Madame Tussauds and learn the history behind the wax figures. Discover new ways to incorporate arts-in-education into your tours at Wolf Trap. The Udvar-Hazy Center near Washington Dulles International Airport is the companion facility to the Air & Space Museum on the National Mall. Discover the thousands of aviation and space artifacts that cannot be exhibited on the National Mall. Opened to the public in 2006, the National Museum of the Marine Corps provides world-class interactive exhibits that will immerse groups in the sights and sounds of Marines in action.

This will be a tour you don't want to miss!



Voices of Freedom Tour

The Capital Region has shaped the political climate of the United States for more than 300 years. Monuments, memorials, historic homes, museums, and magnificent architecture are abundant in the region and this tour will show you some of the best. Just a few of the many sites you will visit are listed below.

Tour the homes of James Madison and Thomas Jefferson. Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, is a remarkable integration of classical architecture and modern innovation designed by Jefferson and built on a mountaintop where he played as a small boy. Montpelier, the splendid home of James and Dolly Madison, is a national treasure not to be missed. Enjoy lunch at historic Michie Tavern where costumed wait staff will serve a hearty colonial period fare buffet in this 200-year-old converted log house.

Visit Fort McHenry, the star-shaped fort that was the site of the British naval bombardment during the War of 1812 that inspired Francis Scott Key to write “The Star Spangled Banner.” Learn what Maryland has in store for the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 beginning in 2012 and culminating in 2014. Discover one of America’s oldest cities – Baltimore.

At the National Museum of the Marine Corps experience what it means to be a Marine! Enter a recruiting station, step aboard the bus taking you to boot camp, and hear the dreaded roar of the drill instructor issuing commands. See American history through the eyes of a marine. You will leave with an understanding of the Marine Corps motto “Semper Fidelis.”

And before the tour ends you will view the new 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon. One hundred eighty four individuals were lost in a single moment at the pentagon – linked forever through the horrific events that unfolded that day.

This will be a tour that you will not want to miss.



FAMILIZATION TOURS

Registration Form

Name _____

Delegate ID _____

Company _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Number _____

SELECT YOUR TOP TWO CHOICES:

Place a "1" next to your first choice and a "2" next to your second choice.

FAM TOURS - Arrivals for all FAMs is by noon on January, 12, 2010.

- _____ Hallowed Grounds Tour
- _____ Hidden Treasures Tour (FILLED)
- _____ Immerse Yourself Tour
- _____ Voices of Freedom Tour (FILLED)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- _____ Non-Smoking Room
- _____ One Bed
- _____ Two Beds
- _____ Handicapped Accessible
- _____ Dietary Restrictions _____

FEES

\$75.00 per Operator/Buyer delegate & guest

Please make checks payable to ABA. Participant's fee will be refunded upon completion of FAM Tour. No cancellations or refunds will be given after a reservation confirmation is sent to attendee by the FAM Tour Committee.

Mail or fax form to:

Marketplace Sightseeing Registration
American Bus Association
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Washington, DC 20005
Fax: 202-898-1575

Questions?

meetingsdept@buses.org/800-283-2877

You will receive a confirmation of your tour selections upon receipt of payment and registration form.