

Heritage Academy's History Department Presents

The Independence Tour

Williamsburg, VA | Washington, DC | Philadelphia, PA

Sunday, September 6 – Saturday, September 12, 2026 (6 days / 5 nights)

Eligibility

This tour is open only to **Heritage Scholars who will be enrolled in US Government during the 2026–27 school year**. No scholar with a failing grade (D or F) in any class at the end of the Spring Semester 2026 or with a major disciplinary referral will be allowed to register for this tour without principal approval. Scholars who do not presently qualify but who think they may eventually qualify should speak with the tour lead before registering for the tour and may be placed on an alternate list.

Tour Fees

The cost of the tour is **\$2,350**. This covers airfare and other transportation, hotel accommodations (four per room), five full breakfasts, five dinners, and all site entrance fees.

Scholars are required to pay the full cost of the tour unless they meet the enrollment and grade requirements for a scholarship. Scholarships covering 25% of the tour fees will be awarded to scholars who have:

- 1) Have been enrolled at Heritage Academy for two consecutive school years immediately prior to the tour, and
- 2) Have received all As for all classes during those two consecutive years.

Tour fees must be paid according to the following schedule:

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
15 April 2026	\$500
15 May 2026	\$620
15 June 2026	\$620
<u>15 August 2026</u>	<u>\$610 (\$23 if on scholarship)</u>
Total tour fees	\$2,350 (\$1,763 if on scholarship)



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Additional Costs

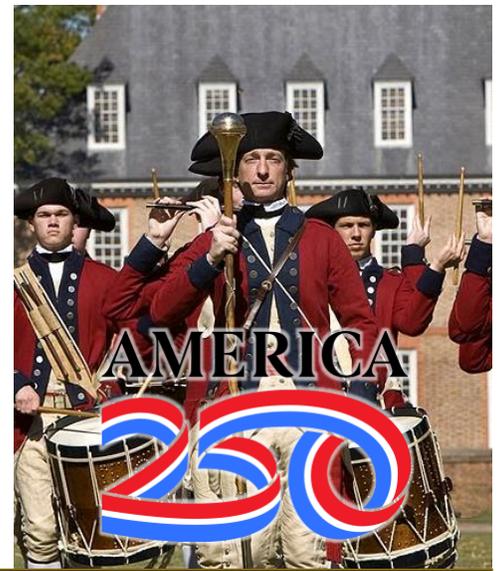
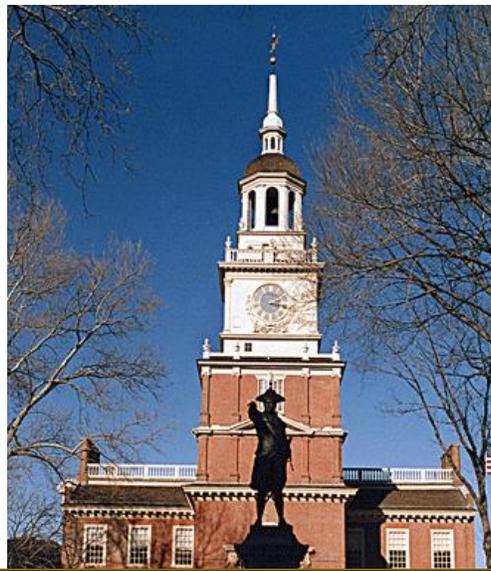
By default, hotel accommodations will be arranged four per room. If scholars require some other scholar-per-room arrangement, the scholar(s) may be required to cover the following additional costs: (three-per-room: \$120; two-per-room: \$360; single-scholar room: \$1,040). Scholars will be required to cover the cost of any bags checked with the airline.

Cancellation

Any cancellations made after an initial payment will incur a \$200-per-scholar non-refundable charge. Any remaining funds will be refunded according to the following schedule:

75% of tour cost:	90 days prior to departure
50% of tour cost:	60 days before departure
No refund of tour cost:	30 days prior to departure

See back for a tentative tour itinerary



HERITAGE ACADEMY – 2026 FALL INDEPENDENCE TOUR PHILLY/DC/WILLIAMSBURG – COMMEMORATING AMERICA 250 YEARS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

- 9:30pm Arrive at Phoenix Sky Harbor
- 11:29pm Depart Phoenix, AA flight 1542

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: MONTICELLO & WILLIAMSBURG

- 7:00am Arrive into Washington, DC (DCA) Meet your deluxe motor coach and tour manager at the airport. Stop for breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Dumfries, VA (provided)
- Depart for Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson (approx. 2.5 hours) with a photo stop at Montpelier en route
- Lunch on own
- Guided tour of **Monticello**
- Continue on to Williamsburg
- Dinner provided at **Kings Arms Tavern**
- Check into the hotel in Williamsburg and recover from the long journey – **Embassy Suites Williamsburg** (or similar)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: MOUNT VERNON

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Self-guided tour of **Colonial Williamsburg**
- Morning to enjoy sightseeing and shopping in Williamsburg and the surrounding area
- Lunch on own in Williamsburg
- Depart for Mount Vernon (approx. 2.5 hours)
- Tour of **Mount Vernon**, home of George and Martha Washington
- Dinner provided at the outstanding local burger house, **Good Stuff Eatery** in Crystal City
- Photo stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial
- Check into your hotel in DC where you will stay for two nights – **Hampton Inn & Suites Falls Church** (or similar)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: WASHINGTON, DC

- Breakfast at the hotel provided
- 9:30am Visit the US Capitol Building
- 11:30am Visit the **National Archives**
- 1:00pm Lunch at **Fogo de Chao** (provided)
- 3:00pm Tour of **Arlington National Cemetery** – view the changing of the guard and visit the JFK and RFK grave sites
- 5:30pm Dinner at Pentagon City Mall (on own)
- 7:00pm Guided tour of DC and see: Lincoln, Korean War, Vietnam War, Jefferson, & FDR Memorials, Washington Monument and The White House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: WASHINGTON & GETTYSBURG

- Breakfast provided
- 9:00am photo stop at the Supreme Court & Library of Congress
- 10:00am Morning tour of the Smithsonian Museums
- 12:00 departure for Gettysburg (approx. 2 hours)
- 2:00pm Visit **Gettysburg Memorial Park**, including the visitor's center, cyclorama, and a 3:30 guided battlefield tour
- 6:00pm Dinner at **The Barn Resort Buffet** in Gettysburg
- Depart for Philadelphia (approx. 2 hours) and check in **Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown City Center** (or similar)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: PHILADELPHIA & VALLEY FORGE

- Breakfast provided
- 9:00am Depart for **Valley Forge**
- 11:30am Return to Philadelphia
- Lunch on own at Reading Terminal
- Visit Congress Hall, Liberty Bell, Ben Franklin's Grave
- Visit Historic Philadelphia at your leisure – possible destinations could include:
 - Betsy Ross House (additional entrance fee)
 - Franklin Museum (additional entrance fee)
 - Franklin Printing Office
- Tour of **Independence Hall**
- Group photo opportunity at the Philadelphia Art Museum "Rocky Steps"
- 5:30pm Freshen up for your dinner cruise
- 7:00pm **Evening Dinner Cruise**
(Possible alternative to the dinner cruise could be attending a Philadelphia Phillies Game as they take on the Houston Astros)
- Evening for a final review meeting at the hotel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: PHILADELPHIA

- Breakfast provided
- Morning to tour the **National Constitution Center**
- Visit to the **Museum of the American Revolution**
- 2:30pm Depart for the Airport
- 5:35pm Depart from Philadelphia, American 2300
- 7:37pm arrival into Phoenix