



**"FOUNDING FARMER"
Thomas Jefferson at Home**

May 1 - 6, 2011

Few of the founding fathers have the fascination of Thomas Jefferson. His achievements across so many domains dazzle us and his personal life continues to fill many volumes of controversial history.

But in Charlottesville itself, the town he essentially created, we can explore the life and writings of Jefferson in a rich and evocative way. What did he have to say about himself and about his home, the Commonwealth of Virginia? What did he have to say about the institution of slavery and about African Americans, the people who surrounded him in his daily life and whose labor made all of his accomplishments possible? He never resolved the contradictions between revolutionary and slave owner, imperialist and farmer, but all of his works were intended to exemplify his ideal of how a good life ought to be lived. We can explore these contradictions in his more intimate writings and consider how his struggles influenced the development of the United States.

Charlottesville frequently wins popularity contests among American cities, even though it's really a small town. It owes much of its glory to its historical richness. The University of Virginia still preserves at its heart "Mr. Jefferson's academical village," which he considered his greatest work. The tour of Monticello, his grand home, includes his magnificent garden. Just now central Virginia is undergoing an archaeological renaissance. We will visit Monticello, Montpelier (the home of James Madison), and historic Charlottesville, where investigations are uncovering new history, including much about the lives of slaves and freed African Americans, which until now were literally paved over.

OUR ITINERARY

Sunday, May 1

Participants will make their own arrival arrangements. Please contact us for any assistance with your flights or information on arriving in Charlottesville. Amid the vineyards, farms, orchards and miles of preserved natural beauty of Albemarle County lies the vibrant community of Charlottesville. Rich in history, it's home to two of Thomas Jefferson's masterpieces - Monticello and the University of Virginia.

Overnight: Omni Charlottesville Hotel

Monday, May 2

This morning we'll have our first discussion. After lunch together, we'll get to know Charlottesville with a walking tour led by an Albemarle Historical Foundation guide.

We'll stroll around the Court Square familiar to Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe and learn about the early years of Charlottesville, its citizens, businesses and buildings.

Overnight: Omni Charlottesville Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Tuesday, May 3

This morning we continue our discussion. In the afternoon, we head off to nearby Monticello. Here we'll get an intimate look at the extraordinary house Thomas Jefferson built and furnished for himself and his family. We'll see the books, gadgets, art, furnishings, and objects that reveal so much about the man. Leni Sorensen, the African American Historian at Monticello, will give us a special tour following our introduction to the house. As a folk singer, 1960s activist and then farm wife, who also holds a master's and Ph.D. from the College of William and Mary, Leni is the epitome of the public historian. Leni will offer a unique perspective on Jefferson's life at Monticello.

Overnight: Omni Charlottesville Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Wednesday, May 4

After this morning's discussion and our lunch, we'll take the trolley to the University of Virginia to visit Jefferson's "Academical Village". Jefferson's most important legacy is one for which the architecture is merely the outer trappings to underlying ideals: The Rotunda and adjoining Pavilions that form The Lawn at the University of Virginia founded what is today one of the top universities in the nation, fulfilling Jefferson's vision of creating a "bulwark of the human mind in this hemisphere." For Thomas Jefferson, learning was an integral part of life. The "academical village" is based on the assumption that the life of the mind is a pursuit for all participants in the University, that learning is a lifelong and shared process, and that interaction between scholars and students enlivens the pursuit of knowledge. We'll visit the grounds of the university and the rotunda with a student guide.

Overnight: Omni Charlottesville Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Thursday, May 5

Today we'll take a short drive to Montpelier, home of Thomas Jefferson's best friend, James Madison. Today, Montpelier has nearly 2,700 acres of rolling pastures, lawns, gardens, and woods in the heart of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Montpelier was the lifelong home of James Madison. Madison was raised at Montpelier, lived here after his marriage to Dolley, returned here after his presidency, and died here in his study surrounded by the books and papers that marked so much of his life's work. This evening, we dine at the excellent restaurant of the Barboursville Vineyards. This second-generation estate house at Barboursville plantation was designed by Thomas Jefferson, one of only 3 residences he designed for his friends. Now only ruins remain, but the design of the octagonal room at the focal point of the wings of the original house was adopted in the nomenclature of the vineyard's ultimate red wine. We'll enjoy the special wine pairing menu this evening at the Palladio Restaurant.

Overnight: Omni Charlottesville Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Friday, May 6

Participants will make their own departure arrangements.

Meals: Breakfast

Note: Each evening, we will post the location of following day's discussions and talks and confirm any additions or changes to itinerary. We are a small group and will cover the material included below but we may decide together to alter the order depending on other opportunities and how we feel.

TOUR COSTS AND DETAILS

US\$2195 per person

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of **US \$500** per person is required to reserve a space on this tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Single Supplement

If you wish to have guaranteed single accommodation, the single supplement for this trip is an additional **US\$575**. Please note that if you are travelling alone, and we cannot match you with a roommate, you will have to pay the single supplement for this trip. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.

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Tour Cost Includes:

- Twin share accommodations in hotels as specified or similar
- Meals as specified
- Sightseeing with qualified English-speaking guides
- All entrance fees to monuments and parks
- Hotels and local taxes
- Discussions as specified

Tour Cost Does Not Include:

- International flights
- Airport and departure taxes
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Travel insurance
- Visa fees
- Excess baggage
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional arrangements due to any emergency or other situation

THIS TOUR IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS

A note on accommodation

The Omni Charlottesville Hotel where we stay for five nights provides modern luxury adjacent to the historic downtown

Discussion Leader

Rosemary Gould has lived in Charlottesville for more than 20 years. She leads literature discussions for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and others. She is very excited about the prospect of sharing the riches of this little town she loves (not to mention its fascinating founder) with the delightful participants of Classical Pursuits.

Please note:

1. The itinerary described in these notes is intended as an example only. In the event of weather changes, logistical arrangements, or special events, we may make changes in the published itinerary or the accommodations.
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