



The official destination marketing organization for Adams County

Itinerary Planning Tips and Suggested Itineraries

Bringing your group to Gettysburg is simple. Use these tips and suggested itineraries to plan your trip, or contact one of our Receptive companies to help plan your stay.

Welcome to Gettysburg

Itinerary Planning Tips

Is this your group's first time visiting Gettysburg? Limited on the amount of time you are able to spend in the area?

- ❖ Begin your visit getting acquainted with Gettysburg's battlefield at one of these locations:



Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center- (approximately 2 hours)

The featured film "A New Birth of Freedom" will orient your group to the Battle of Gettysburg and the American Civil War. Also see the restored "Battle of Gettysburg" cyclorama painting – the largest painting in the country depicting the third day's battle. Afterwards, take the group through the museum portion, where the story of the Battle and the war is told through 12 galleries that include artifacts, interactive exhibits and additional films.



Gettysburg Diorama at the Gettysburg History Center- (approximately 45 minutes)

See the entire 6,000-acre battlefield in 3-D miniature as you hear the story of the three-day battle and how it progressed. Learn and visualize the battle as it is narrated with light and sound effects.

- ❖ Allow time for the group to have **lunch** on their own, dine in a historic tavern or provide boxed lunches.

Looking to picnic? Head to Gettysburg Recreation Park- home to the Biser Fitness Trail, Walking Path and a skate park, four pavilions, five playing fields including basketball, baseball, soccer, and football, an amphitheater, two shuffle board pads and playgrounds.

- ❖ After lunch, **tour the battlefield** with one of our licensed battlefield guides (approximately 2 hours). Guides will step directly onto your motorcoach and direct your driver on where to go. There will be approximately four stops during the tour to get off of the coach and take photos.



Guides can be booked by any of the following attractions:

- GNMP Museum & Visitor Center
- Gettysburg Diorama
- Gettysburg Heritage Center

- ❖ Experience the civilian side of the story



Shriver House Museum-

(approximately 90 minutes)

Experience 'first-hand' the Confederate occupation as history comes to life through the harrowing story of the Shriver family. Step back in time as you walk through the Shriver's home which has been restored to its 1860s appearance- from the authentic sharpshooters' nest in the attic to the Shriver Saloon in the cellar.



Gettysburg Heritage Center

(approximately 1 hour)

Step back in time to the town of Gettysburg, and learn what the civilians experienced before, during and after the battle! Utilizing various historical documents, artifacts, interactive displays and 3-D photography, learn about ordinary people doing extraordinary things at a difficult time in our nation's history.



Downtown Walking Tour

(approximately 1.5-2 hours)

Take a walk with Gettysburg Licensed Town Historian Walking Tours, American Stories Historic Walking Tours or Grave Digger Tours and hear about the civilians' experiences during and after the battle using historic sites, period photography and first-hand accounts.



Historic Church Walking Tour

(approximately 2 hours)

Tour eight downtown churches featuring information about the buildings being used as hospitals.



Jennie Wade House

(approximately 1 hour)

Take a guided tour through the house where the only civilian killed during the Battle died. With minor changes and repairs, the museum remains much as Jennie must have known it in 1863.

Sample Itinerary Ideas

Gettysburg History in a Day- 1 Day

- ❖ 10:00a **Gettysburg Battlefield Tour**
with a Licensed Battlefield Guide
- ❖ 12:30p Lunch
- ❖ 1:30p **GNMP Museum & Visitors Center**
- OR -
- ❖ 3:15p **Gettysburg Heritage Center**
Learn civilian stories at:
Shriver's House Museum
- OR -
- ❖ 5:00p **Jennie Wade House Museum**
- ❖ 5:00p Dinner
- ❖ 6:00p Depart



Boy Scout Trip- 3 Days, 2 Nights

- 9:00a **GNMP Museum & Visitors Center****
- 10:30a **Battlefield Tour** with a Licensed Battlefield Guide
- 12:45p Lunch
- 2:00p **Eisenhower National Historical Site****
- 3:30p **A Day in the Life of a Soldier- In Their Shoes**
- 5:00p Dinner at Farnsworth House
- 7:00p Hickory Falls Entertainment Center

Day 1



Day 2

- 8:00a **Downtown Historic Walking Tour****
- 10:30a **Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo**
- 12:30p Boxed Lunch
- 1:30p **Boy Scout Trails**** (Billy Yank- 10 Miles, approx. 6 hours)
- 7:30p Dinner
- 8:15p **Ghost Tour**
- OR -
- Adventure Golf & Ice Cream

- 9:00a **Boy Scout Trails**** (Jonny Reb- 4 miles, approx. 2.5 hours)
- 12:00p Lunch
- 1:45p **Soldiers' National Cemetery****
- OR -
- 3:30p Tour of **Ironmasters Mansion/Hiking/Coal Making etc.**
Depart

Day 3



**Visitors Center, Soldiers' National Cemetery, Hiking Trails, and Downtown Walking Tour part of the Gettysburg Heritage Trails Badge Program: <http://newbirthoffreedom.org/gettysburg-heritage-trails-program>
Gettysburg Campgrounds: http://www.destinationgettysburg.com/visitor/gettysburg_campgrounds.asp

And You Thought We Were Just History- 3 Days, 2 Nights



Day 1

10:00a **GNMP Museum & Visitors Center**
 12:00p Lunch
 1:00p **Battlefield Tour**
 (Try a non-traditional tour of the battlefield on horseback, bike or Segway)
 3:30p **Eastern Museum of Motor Racing**
 5:30p **Catoctin Zoo** evening safari
 7:00p Dinner
 8:30p Ghost Tour

9:00a **Shriver House Museum**
 10:30a **Hollabaugh Bros. Farm Tour** (seasonal- fruit picking)
 12:00p Lunch
 1:30p **Seminary Ridge Museum**
 3:00p Winery Tour & Tasting
 6:00p Dinner
 7:30p Show or Movie at the **Majestic Theatre**

Day 2



Day 3

9:00a Antiquing in New Oxford
 10:30a **Gettysburg Heritage Center**
 12:00p Lunch
 1:30p **Land of Little Horses**
 3:30p **Mr. Ed's Elephant Museum**
 4:30p Depart

Authentic Adams County- 2 Days, 1 Night

10:00a Tour & Fruit picking (seasonal) at **Hollabaugh Bros. Fruit & Farm Market**
 12:00p Lunch
 1:00p Wine & Spirits Tasting and Tours
Reid's Orchard & Winery
Adams County Winery
Hauser Estate Winery
Catoctin Breeze Vineyard
Old Republic Distillery
Mason Dixon Distillery
 5:30p Dinner
 6:45p Candlelight Town Tour

Day 1



To extend your visit, plan your trip during the **National Apple Harvest Festival**, the first 2 weekends in October, **Apple Blossom Festival** the first weekend in May or **Peach Festival** in August.



Day 2

9:00a Antiquing in New Oxford
 11:00p **Savor Gettysburg Food Tour**
 3:00p **Amish Markets at Hanover**
 4:30p Depart

Get Active in Adams County- 3 Days, 2 Nights

3:00p Arrive & Check in
5:00p Dinner
6:30p Explore Downtown Shops
8:00p Adventure Golf & Ice Cream

Day 1



Day 2

8:00a Horseback Battlefield Tour
- OR -
GettysBike - Bicycle Battlefield Tour
11:00a Tour & Fruit Picking (seasonal) at **Hollabaugh Bros. Farm Market**
12:30p Lunch
1:45p **Historic Round Barn & Farm Market**
2:15p **Town Walking Tour** with a Licensed Guide
5:00p Dinner
6:30p Ghost Tour/Story Telling

9:00a **Strawberry Hill Nature Center**
12:00a Lunch
2:00p **Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo**
4:30p Depart

Day 3



Presidential Status- 2 Days, 1 Night



Day 1

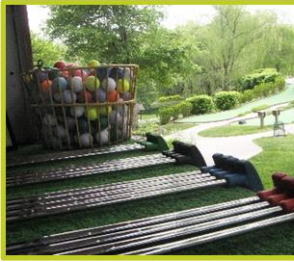
10:00a **GNMP Museum & Visitors Center**
11:30a **Eisenhower National Historical Site**
1:00a Lunch
2:30p **Hall of Presidents & First Ladies**
4:00p Hotel check-in/Downtown Shopping
6:00p Dinner with **President & Mrs. Grant**
8:00p Movie or Show at **Majestic Theatre**
- OR -
Ghost Tour/Story Telling

9:00a **David Wills House**
10:30a **Lincoln Train Museum**
12:00p Lunch
1:30p **National Cemetery**
2:30p Depart

Day 2



Historical Fun & More! - 3 Days, 2 Nights



Day 1

10:00a Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo
 12:30p Lunch
 1:45p Explore & More Children's Museum
 3:00p Hotel Check In/Downtown Shopping
 5:00p Dinner with a Living History Character(s)
 7:00p Adventure Golf & Ice Cream

9:00a Land of Little Horses
 11:00a Gettysburg Heritage Center
 12:30p Lunch
 1:45p A Day in the Life of a Soldier- In Their Shoes
 3:15p Jennie Wade House Museum
 4:45p Mister Ed's Elephant Museum
 6:00p Dinner
 7:30p Ghost Tour/Storytelling

Day 2



Day 3

8:30a Steam into History
 12:00p Lunch
 1:15p Hall of Presidents & First Ladies
 2:30p Shriver's House Museum
 3:45p Lincoln Train Museum
 5:00p Depart

Faith in Gettysburg- 2 Days, 1 Night

9:30a National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton
 11:30a Lunch
 1:30p Historic Church Walking Tour
 3:45p Hotel check-in
 5:00p Dinner
 7:00p Songs & Stories Performance
 - OR -
 Show or Movie at Majestic Theatre

Day 1



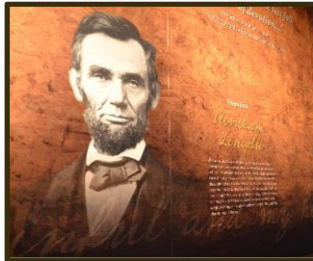
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9:00a Seminary Ridge Museum - Including their Faith & Freedom Experience program
 12:00p Lunch
 1:30p Shriver's House Museum
 3:00p African American Voices at Gettysburg, Underground Railroad Tour
 5:00p Dinner
 6:30p Depart

Dive Deeper into Gettysburg History- 2 Days, 1 Night

10:00a **GNMP Museum & Visitor Center**
 11:30a Gettysburg Battlefield Tour with a Licensed Battlefield Guide
 1:30p Lunch
 3:00p **Gettysburg Diorama**
 4:30p Hotel check-in
 6:00p Dinner with a Living History Character(s)

Day 1



Day 2

8:30a **National Civil War Museum**
 9:45a **Gettysburg Heritage Center**
 11:15a **Gettysburg Museum of History**
 12:30p Lunch
 2:00p Guided Town Walking Tour
 4:15p **David Wills House**
 - OR -
Jennie Wade House Museum
 5:00p Depart Gettysburg

Have additional time?

Consider one of the following options:

- ❖ **Visit a museum that you haven't seen before** - Gettysburg is home to more than 30 museums to enhance your experience.
- ❖ **Interact with History** - Step back in time with an interactive program by a Living Historian.
- ❖ **Explore the Countryside** - Everyone knows Gettysburg's Civil War history, but did you know of our rich agriculture?
- ❖ **Add in Some Fun** - Release some energy after sightseeing with a round of miniature golf or challenge yourself on one of our full golf courses, ride go-karts, go zip-lining, catch a show at one of our theatres.
- ❖ **Visit a Unique Attraction** - The Gettysburg area is home to a few rare attractions including The Catocin Zoo, Land of Little Horses, Mister Ed's Elephant Museum and the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.
- ❖ **Take a Short Drive** - Experience what the entire south central Pennsylvania region has to offer.

Gettysburg Receptive Tour Operators

If you would prefer to have someone else do the planning and booking process, reach out to one of our Receptive Tour Operators:

Gettysburg Group Reservations
800-447-8788
www.gettysburggroupreservations.com

NLC Tours, LLC
717-334-2256

Stars and Stripes Tours
877-723-1863
www.starsandstripes tours.com

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