



AMERICAN COVENANT

OCTOBER 16 – OCTOBER 28, 2023



OCTOBER 16, 2023

Today we will fly into Rochester. Check your pre-travel information sent to your email. Reminder, travel insurance provides protection for your investment in this trip.



OCTOBER 17, 2023

We will begin our day with a tour of the Smith Family Farm and visit the replica log home where Joseph lived with his family and where Moroni later appeared in the bedroom loft. You will have time to spend in the Sacred Grove on your own to ponder on the events that laid the foundation of our faith and Church. We will then visit the Grandin Press where the Book of Mormon was printed in early 1830. Later that evening, we will make our way to the Hill Cumorah where the young prophet was led to the stone box and the gold plates.



OCTOBER 18, 2023

From Palmyra, our tour will take in the beautiful scenery aboard our comfortable touring bus en route to Sharon, Vermont. It was here on December 23, 1805, when Joseph Smith Jr. was born to Lucy Mack Smith and Joseph Smith Sr. We'll see the doorstep stone of the home where the Prophet was born and a 50-foot-tall granite obelisk monument.



OCTOBER 19, 2023

This morning we will explore Dorchester Heights in Boston. This is the central area of South Boston. It is the highest area in the neighborhood and commands a view of both Boston Harbor and downtown. We will visit Bunker Hill. Tim Ballard and Bruce Porter will share critical insights about the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Siege of Boston in June 1775 the first stage of the American Revolutionary War. We will also see the USS Constitution, Old Ironside, which is the oldest commissioned warship in the world still afloat. We will also relive the most important event leading up to the American Revolution on a self-guided tour of the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum. You'll explore an authentically restored tea ship and throw the fated tea into famous Boston Harbor.



OCTOBER 20, 2023

Today we will begin our adventure in Pilgrim history by visiting the National Monument to Forefathers with renowned local historian Leo Martin. This 81-foot-tall granite statue was built to honor the passengers of the Mayflower. Tim Ballard and Bruce Porter will share insights from the sculptor who designed the monument depicting the virtues of Faith, Morality, Education, Law, and Liberty. Afterwards we will visit Plimoth Plantation to experience a "living history." We'll see upclose how the pilgrims lived and meet historical reenactors who speak and look the way the pilgrims did. This is a Smithsonian-affiliated museum.



OCTOBER 21, 2023

Today we will visit the birthplace of the Constitution. Philadelphia is home to America's home--Independence Hall. Here the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were both debated and signed. We'll learn about our founding fathers and how the hand of the Lord guided the birth of a new nation and its founding documents. Tim Ballard and Bruce Porter will provide a perspective and connections that build upon all we will experience in this special setting. We'll have lunch and time at the famous Reading Terminal Market. This is one of the country's largest and oldest public markets that will offer so many choices for lunch and shopping.



OCTOBER 22, 2023

There are still so many details about Gettysburg that many Americans know nothing about. We'll talk about Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the reason Lincoln traveled here for this historic speech. Our visit to this historic site will focus on the fight for Little Round Top when the 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment, commanded by Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, fought its most famous engagement there, culminating in a dramatic downhill bayonet charge. We'll have a special presentation by Tim Ballard here about stories that still circulate about a figure on a white horse directing troops in combat below who could not be struck with a Confederate ball!



OCTOBER 23, 2023

The Lincoln Memorial is not the only site in our nation's capital where our 16th president is recognized. Another spot on our tour is Ford's Theatre, the site of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination. Here you will learn about the events of April 14, 1865, and the lasting impact of Lincoln's assassination on our nation. Then, it's on to a site known originally as Anderson Cottage, now designated as President Lincoln and Soldiers' Home National Monument, or President Lincoln's Cottage, now a national monument on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home or the Armed Forces Retirement Home. We'll have a great chance to explore the famous monuments and memorials of Washington, D.C., by moonlight on an open-air trolley and enjoy an entertaining history of the nation's capital, getting close-up looks at views of an illuminated Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the White House, and other famous landmarks.



OCTOBER 24, 2023

Visiting George Washington's plantation on the banks of Potomac provides a clear look at the man and his world. As we explore his property, we will learn how his attitude towards freedom and the equality of man evolved over time as he faced contradictions on what America stood for. We will also visit The Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, Virginia. This was the biggest ironworks in the Confederacy during the American Civil War, and a significant factor in the decision to make Richmond its capital.



OCTOBER 25, 2023

These two historic communities give you a first-hand look at the life and times of colonial America. Perhaps the largest outdoor historical museum in America, Colonial Williamsburg has 88 restored buildings—homes, shops and workplaces manned by both role-players and experts on 18th-century life. This will give a wonderful view into life more than two centuries ago, including early British rule, the Revolution and the institution of slavery and freedom.



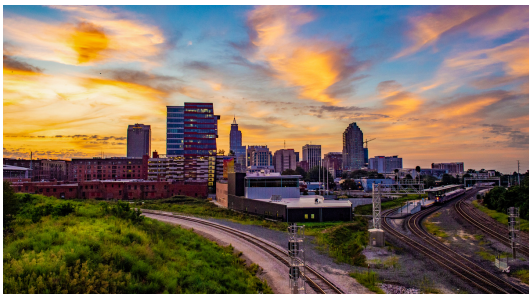
OCTOBER 26, 2023

Who was Harriet Jacobs? After our tour of the hometown of this young slave girl, you'll know—and love her. The account of her hiding from her masters, her exodus to freedom and her joining the Abolitionist movement and her book is spell-binding. Tim Ballard will guide us through this historic town as we soak in the culture and visit many of the historic places she recounts in her book...places like the Chowan County Courthouse, the Horniblow home, her master's residence, and her hiding place in her grandmother's attic. Freedom purchased dearly is freedom treasured—that's the take-away from this place on our tour.



OCTOBER 27, 2023

After breakfast, we will explore Edenton. Located on the banks of the beautiful Albemarle Sound, Edenton was founded in 1712 and is rich in history. Amazing beaches, lighthouses, gardens and historic sites are plenty.



OCTOBER 28, 2023

After breakfast, we will transfer to the Raleigh airport for an afternoon flight home.