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**Autumn Splendor in the Virginias**

**Natural Bridge, Greenbrier, Monticello and UVA**

October 29-November 1, 2019

**DAY 1: October 29 (Tuesday)**

**7:30 AM:** Assemble at Winter Park Baptist Parking Lot between Pine Grove Street and Park Avenue\* to begin boarding for departure.

**8:00 AM:** Depart Wilmington for Natural Bridge, VA. Rest breaks will be made about every two hours along with a lunch stop.

**4:00 PM** (approximately): Check in at the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel & Conference Center with time to rest/explore the VA Natural Bridge State Park on your own before an included dinner in the Jefferson 1 Room. A sound and light show follows dinner that uses the rocks under the” natural bridge” (an amphitheater) to reveal the Drama of Creation as told in the Book of Genesis*.*

**Optional activities:** Stop by, OYO, the Red Fox Tavern with the look and feel of a Virginia hunt club. Also, check out the web site for this VA State Park to see what they have, like walking trails that appeal to you. <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/natural-bridge#general_information>

**DAY 2: October 30 (Wednesday)**

**TBA:** Report to the Colonial Dining Room for a sumptuous breakfast at the time designated by the hotel.

**9:00 AM**: Depart from Natural Bridge Inn for the drive to our next destination.

**10:00 AM:** Arrive at the Greenbrier Resort where you are asked to wear *resort casual* clothing. You will also have optional activities to include: Afternoon Tea; access to the Casino Club, $20 slot free play, culinary demonstrations in the Gourmet Shop, historic hotel tour of slide presentation, access to the president’s museum, use of swimming pools and movie theater. On property ground transportation (not to include the carriage rides) is also provided.

**4:00 PM**: Check-in for room assignments.

**TBA:** Dinner hour will be designated by the hotel. You may continue your optional activities after dinner. *(Men are asked to wear a jacket and tie for dinner. Women are asked to wear dresses or suits. Dress is otherwise resort casual-meaning a collared shirt for men.)*

**DAY 3: October 31 (Thursday)**

**Time TBA:** Join the breakfast buffet in the main dining room at the time designated by the hotel.

Use free time to explore on your own.

**11:00 AM:** Depart Greenbrier for Charlottesville, a two-hour drive. Eat lunch along the way. Arrive for a guided tour of Monticello with time to explore the grounds-including the family cemetery-on your own.

**5:00 PM:** Check-in at our hotel.

**05:45**: Depart for dinner at Prospect Hill Plantation, Est. 1699.

**DAY 4: November 1 (Friday)**

**Time TBA:** Breakfast at an hour designated by our hotel.

**09:00 AM:** Depart hotel for a guided tour of the University of Virginia Campus. (For sure you will not see a basketball game there!) You will view the architectural designs by Thomas Jefferson and learn of the system of higher education that Jefferson planned. You will visit the domed building, the focal point of the historic campus, and tour the historic grounds and lodging nearby. You will see where Edgar Allen Poe roomed as a student there and maybe even where Katie Couric and Caitlin Ryan roomed in more recent years.

**10:45 AM:** Depart UVA for lunch at the Historic Mitchie Tavern where George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and their friends liked to meet and eat.

**1:00 PM**: Depart Charlottesville for our return to Wilmington (five hour trip) with two short rest stops along the way.

**6:00-7:00 PM:** Return to Wilmington to our point of departure. You may leave your car here at your risk. (The church does not carry insurance for people who leave cars.)

\*A departure/return site is planned for the **BACK**parking lot at Winter Park Baptist Church.  The church is located at 4700 Wrightsville Avenue and has a tall white steeple. The **BACK**of the church is on Park Avenue where there is no street number. The parking lot that we will use is a pie-shaped property between Park Avenue and Pine Grove Drive. This lot is also across the street from Pine Grove Office Park and The Wesley Memorial Activity Center. You will see vehicles marked Winter Park Baptist Church parked on the lot and most likely the charter motor coach will be in place when you arrive.