

Fredericksburg Tour : Richmond, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Guiney Station, Blandford Church, Petersburg

(September 15-17, 2010) Cost: Share a double room \$390 each; Single room \$475

Leaving early Wednesday morning, our bus will travel up I-85/I-95, where our first stop will be in Richmond. We'll have lunch at Chimborazo Park, the site of a large Civil War hospital, before going to the historic State Capitol where Lee assumed command of the Virginia troops, and visit St. Paul's Church where he worshiped. We'll visit the outstanding Museum of the Confederacy and the Confederate White House. We'll enter Lee's post-war Franklin Street home and we'll hear some wonderful anecdotes, which demonstrate Lee's Christian character. If we have time, we see the church where Patrick Henry gave his "give me liberty" speech.



Thursday morning, we will visit Chatham House (*pictured, below*) located just across the river from Fredericksburg. Serving as a Union



headquarters during the battle, it also became a hospital, with both Clara Barton and Walt Whitman serving as nurses. At the 1862 battle of Fredericksburg, we stand behind the "stone wall" against which wave after wave of Union troops marched up an incline—never reaching the wall. We'll have lunch on the grounds of Salem Baptist Church and see the shell

marks from the battle which took place on the grounds. We'll ride to the nearby 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville and learn about the relationship between Lee and Jackson. We'll stop at the location of the last meeting between the two. We study the tactics used by Jackson and travel the road his men marched to surprise the Northern troops. The tactics are still studied by military tacticians as they learn from past history. We will visit the spot where Jackson was mortally wounded and stop at Ellwood Plantation where Jackson's shattered arm is buried. We'll complete the day by visiting the ruins of the Chancellor House, which was used by

General Joseph Hooker as Union headquarters during the Battle of Chancellorsville.

On Friday, we'll retrace our steps over some of the same land as we look at the 1864 Battle of the Wilderness. The tour follows the steps of General Gregg's out-numbered Texans as they charged across open land to dislodge thousands of Northern troops. We'll move the to 1864 Battle of Spotsylvania Court House and review, in detail, where the fiercest hand-to-hand combat of the war occurred at the "Bloody Angle." Our bus will take us along the same route that a wagon took the wounded Jackson back to Guiney Station, where he died a few days later. After lunch, we'll bus to Petersburg, where we'll see the remnants of the fortifications of the ten-month siege of the town in 1864-1865. Before visiting the battlefield, we will stop at Blandford Church, containing the beautiful Tiffany stained glass windows given by states of the former Confederacy to honor their soldiers. We'll conclude our tour with a visit to Fort Stedman and the "Battle of the Crater" before returning to Charlotte about 10PM.

**If you have questions, send an e-mail to cct@rts.edu or call Luther Bigby
at
704 688-4234 (leave voice mail)**

***"I can only say that I am nothing but a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone
for salvation."
Robert E. Lee***

Read on for Registration Form and additional information:

The cost of the tour covers deluxe bus transportation from Charlotte, hotel breakfasts, all lunches, one dinner, all entry fees, and two nights at the same modern motel. We limit the number to forty-four participants

- 1. Fill out the Registration Form and circle the tour**
- 2. Make check for the FULL amount and payable to "RTS Christian Character Tours."**
- 3. Mail the Registration form and check to:
RTS Christian Character Tour
2101 Carmel Road
Charlotte, NC 28226**

You will receive confirmation of your registration via e-mail or first class mail.

Because of a very tight budget, no refunds will be made. Substitutions will be allowed.

-----Registration Form (clip and mail)-----
(please print)

Name-----

Address-----

City----- State----- ZIP-----

E-mail address-----

Home Telephone # -----Work Telephone #-----

Roommate Choice-----

CIRCLE TOUR SELECTION FROM CHOICES SHOWN BELOW:

**Tour #1: Gettysburg, Antietam, First and Second Manassas,
Appomattox**

Wednesday, June 16 thru Friday, June 18, 2010

Share a double room (\$450) Single Room (\$520)

**Tour #2: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Salem Church, Wilderness,
Spotsylvania, Guiney Station**

Richmond, Petersburg, Blandford Church

Wednesday, September 15 thru Friday, September 17, 2010

Share a double room (\$390) Single Room (\$475)

**Tour #3: Jackson and the Valley, Winchester, Kernstown, Front Royal,
Cross Keys, Port Republic, Lexington**

Wednesday, October 20 thru Friday, October 22, 2010

Share a double room (\$395) Single Room (\$495)

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