

Jackson and the Valley Tour: Jackson and the Valley, Winchester, Kernstown, Front Royal, Cross Keys, Port Republic, Lexington
(October 20-22, 2010) Cost: Share a double room \$395 each; Single room \$495

In less than 60 days the newly acclaimed “Stonewall” Jackson led an army of regulars and militia over 600 miles to defeat four and out maneuver four armies, each larger than his, resulting in the Federal Army being driven from the Shenandoah valley and the positioning of his Confederate army to assist Robert E. Lee in the 7 Days Battle for Richmond and setting the stage for the incomparable team of Lee and Jackson which would astound the watching world until Jackson’s death in May 1863. In our study of Christian Leadership, this tour allows visits to pristine battlefield locations in the Shenandoah Valley to learn how leadership can succeed even when a leader is out-manned, out-gunned, and out-resourced by his adversary.



Leaving Charlotte early Wednesday morning, we travel up I-77/I-81 and enter the upper Shenandoah Valley--the geographic focus of the tour. We continue down the valley to Front Royal, which pitted “brother against brother” as the First Maryland Confederate faced the First Maryland U.S. Continuing to Winchester, our first stop is at Jackson’s Headquarters (*pictured left*), the site of the overall planning of the Valley Campaign.

We study the first Battle of Winchester, seen by most as a decisive battle of the Valley Campaign. While in the immediate area, we review the other battles for Winchester in later years of the Civil War. We bus to nearby Kernstown and study the First Battle of Kernstown—the only battle Jackson was defeated in the War. Yet the battle proved to be a significant Southern strategic victory.

As we continue to study the leadership of Jackson and the Valley Campaign, we visit the Cross Keys and the nearby Port Republic battlefields. We learn how Jackson defeated two separate armies and these battles caused the Federal troops to leave the Valley and allowed Jackson joined General Robert E. Lee in the 7 Days battle near Richmond. In addition seeing Jackson’s overall strategy, these battles provide interesting lessons at the tactical level. We see clever use of terrain and maneuver.

We stop near Harrisonburg to learn about Confederate Cavalry Gen. Turner Ashby, who was killed in June of 1862. We also stop at Weyers Cave where revivals broke out in the Army in 1862, before heading back to our motel.

Friday, we spend the day in Lexington before returning home about 10PM. Our first site is the Jackson Memorial Cemetery Jackson and his family is buried there as are several other noteworthy citizens. We spend time at the Lexington Presbyterian Church where Jackson worshipped and served as a Deacon. We will stop at the R. E.

Lee Memorial Episcopal Church to learn of Robert E. Lee's post-war life in Lexington as President of Washington College. We will stop at the President's home of Washington and Lee University which he designed. We will also visit the Lee Chapel which he designed and is buried along side his entire family. Adjacent to the W& L campus is the campus of Virginia Military Institute (pictured right), where Jackson was teaching when the Civil War began. We will visit the Jackson Museum and Cadet Chapel and see his horse, "Sorrell" as well as other mementos of his life. You will get to view "Matthew, Mark Luke and John" on VMI's Parade Field. We'll conclude this tour by observing a parade of the VMI Cadet Corps, if scheduled. We return to Charlotte about 9PM



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*"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, motel breakfasts, all lunches, one dinner, all entry fees, and two nights at the same modern motel in Lexington. 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
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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)

Mail check with full payment to: RTS Christian Character Tours
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