

PRESIDENTIAL VIRGINIA

Sunday, June 22 – Monday, June 23, 2025

Your tour packet includes:

- ❖ [Link to Microsoft Form to complete your Participant Information Form & Acknowledgement of Responsibility Statement](#)
- ❖ **Tour Bulletin**
Please read this carefully. It contains essential information and useful advice for your tour.
- ❖ **Tentative Itinerary**
- ❖ **Map and directions for Mayflower Hotel pickup and fringe pick up at the Vienna Metro South-Side Kiss and Ride.**

If you are traveling with a guest, please share this information packet with them.

Nametags will be provided at the start of the tour. Please wear them throughout the tour. Doing so helps everyone get acquainted and assists the tour staff in carrying out their responsibilities. If you have an alternative name you prefer for your nametag, please indicate this on the Participant Information Form.



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Tour Bulletin

The following information has been compiled to help you prepare for your trip and to serve as reconfirmation of your registration. You will receive a final tour reminder email the week leading up to your trip. If you still have questions or concerns after reading this information, please email the Study Tours department at associates-studytours@si.edu.

As you read on, you will see that there are a few items that we will need from you prior to the start of the tour. Please complete these items ASAP. They are as follows:

- [Link to Participant Information Form \(PIF\) & Electronic Responsibility Statement \(completed via Microsoft Forms\)](#)

Please be sure to complete this information promptly. Our ability to facilitate your enjoyment of the tour, and to assure your comfort and well-being during the tour, depends on your accurate representation of your needs and preferences and our receipt of that information in a timely manner. The Electronically Acknowledged Signed Responsibility statement is required before you can be admitted to the tour. *It is particularly important that you advise us of the extent of any physical limitations that affect your ability to walk, stand, climb stairs, or otherwise participate in tour activities and to provide precise information on serious food allergies.*

General Information

Departure Locations and Times

Although we do everything we can to notify you in the event of a change, we always recommend you check your email for notification of any last minute changes.

The tour bus departs at **7:30 a.m.** from the DeSales Street entrance of the **Mayflower Hotel**. DeSales is a one-block street, one-way going east from Connecticut to 17th Street and is between L St. (also one-way going east) and M St. (one-way going west). A PMI 24-hour parking garage is available on DeSales St. across from the Mayflower. The cost of parking is approximately \$35/day. Email PMI customer service at monthlycontracts@pmi-parking.com for further information or to confirm rates. The bus will return to the DeSales St. side of the Mayflower Hotel at **9:00 p.m.** on Monday evening. There is a taxi stand at the Mayflower Hotel's Connecticut Ave. entrance and Metro entrance at L Street and Connecticut.

A fringe pickup stop is made at **approximately 7:55 a.m.** at the [Vienna Metro South-Side Kiss and Ride Kiosk](#). The drop-off stop here will be about 8:30 p.m. on Monday, for those picked up on the way out or upon request.

Please remember tours are not delayed for missing participants or anyone not ready to board at the scheduled time, so please be kind to others, and be prompt!

Bus & Seating

The bus is provided by Eyre Bus Service and is equipped with a restroom. Please advise the Smithsonian Representative or Driver if something on the bus needs attention or the temperature is not comfortable. The tour staff normally occupies the front seats on both sides of the aisle. Seat selection is otherwise open when the bus is first boarded each day. Once everyone has selected his/her seat, please continue throughout the day to use that same seat or any seat that was not selected after all had boarded.

Please note that if participants with certain disabilities or conditions need special seating, *tour staff may reserve seats or request participants to move who boarded prior to the tour staff*. If the disabilities requiring special seating are not apparent, participants requesting such seating are asked to provide a statement from their physician confirming the situation and what is needed. This must be done prior to the tour by contacting our office at associates-studytours@si.edu.

Smoking

Is not permitted on the bus, including in the restroom, or at any time when the group is gathered together in a limited space for a tour activity. If you are a smoker, and have requested to share a room, please be sure to note this on your participant information form. PLEASE NOTE: All rooms at the English Inn are non-smoking.

Tour Staff

Study Leader – **Gregg Clemmer**, Gregg Clemmer is a native of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and a graduate of Virginia Tech with a master's degree in military history from Norwich University in Vermont. A writer and historian of eclectic interests, Gregg thrives on connecting the obscure with the notable, chronicling obscure historic incidents into the relevant fabric of modern America, reminding us of the history we have forgotten. He is an eloquent speaker and a gifted storyteller, leads Smithsonian cave and battlefield tours, and has appeared on MSNBC, Fox News, and CBS Radio. Gregg pursued Maj. Gen. Ed Johnson's never-told, extraordinary story despite colleagues' warnings of little original source material. His diligent research over a dozen years discovered two notable caches of Johnson letters and a treasure trove of primary records. His resultant biography, *Old Alleghany: The Life and Wars of General Ed Johnson* is the definitive history of the man and won the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award in 2005. Gregg is the author of numerous newspaper and magazine articles and among his five books is the acclaimed *Valor in Gray: The Recipients of the Confederate Medal of Honor*. His first novel, *A Turn For Home*, was published in 2013.

Smithsonian Representative – **John Yanish** will be handling all logistics and assisting you with any problem or question that you may have concerning the tour schedule or operation. John is a seasoned Study Tours volunteer and has been traveling with the Associates for many years. He looks forward to joining this tour with our members. Please feel free to approach him at any time.

Clothing

Casual clothing is appropriate for all group activities. Please wear comfortable, sturdy shoes for walking and standing at sites.

Departure Times & Schedules

You will be given a final version of the Itinerary and Participant List when the tour departs. This will be on colored paper, different from the tentative itinerary enclosed here. We recommend that you keep it with you at all times as it can help you follow the activities more closely. Itineraries are always subject to change, however, so it is important to stay alert to announcements concerning changes throughout the tour. Also, you will notice a cell phone number on your final itinerary. Please feel free to use this for any urgent matters.

Adhering to the schedule is essential to completing all tour components and fulfilling our obligations to those who arrive on time. Tours may depart without latecomers. In such circumstances, latecomers are responsible for arrangements and expenses associated with their rejoining the tour or returning to their home. Don't let this happen to you!

Accommodations

You will be staying at **The English Inn located at 2000 Morton Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22903**. The telephone number is 434-971-9900. We recommend that you leave this number with anyone who would need to reach you in an emergency.

You may be required upon check-in to provide a credit card to the hotel for any incidentals charged to your room outside of group activities.

Check-out Procedures

No special check out procedures are necessary, however, please remember to pay any incidental charges you may have made to your room prior to departure time.

Meals

The following meals are included in your tour package. *Be sure to indicate dietary restrictions on your Personal Information Form.* Contact us at associates-studytours@si.edu if you have any questions.

Sunday lunch	<u>Menu:</u> Buffet of Southern Fare including Colonial Fried Chicken, Stewed Tomatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Hot Green Beans, Whole Baby Beets, Cole Slaw, Buttermilk Biscuits, and Cornbread Peach Cobbler. Assorted soft drinks. (Michie Tavern)
Sunday dinner	<u>*Menu:</u> House Salad with locally grown mixed lettuces, pickled Asian vegetables, wonton almonds, and a yuzu vinaigrette to start. Choice of Entree 1) Grilled New York Strip Steak (6oz) with artichoke horseradish bechamel, mashed potatoes, blue cheese, and seasonal vegetable garniture; 2) Local Chicken with local honey and sambal glaze, Virginia peanuts, sticky rice, and citrus slaw; or 3) Seasonal Squash stuffed with quinoa, pistachios, olives, capers, and roasted peppers served over local braised greens with a fresh tomato sauce, and parmesan. Flourless chocolate cake with vanilla whipped cream and fresh berries for dessert. Assorted sodas, iced tea, juice, and seltzer water. (The Local)
Monday breakfast	Breakfast Buffet (The English Inn)
Monday lunch	<u>*Menu:</u> Boxed lunch with Choice of 1) Maple Turkey, Cranberry Relish, Cheddar, Lettuce, Herb Mayo on French Bread, or 2) Cheddar, Havarti, Swiss, Sprouts, Cucumber, Lettuce, Tomato, Herb Mayo on Sunflower Wheat Bread (vegetarian). Each served with Deep River Potato Chips, Chef's Choice Cookie, and Bottled Water. (The Market at Mill Creek)

(*) = Please indicate your meal choice on the Participant Information Form

You are welcome to bring whatever snacks and/or beverages (such as a thermos of coffee, bottled water, etc.) you normally need or desire between mealtimes. Please review the itinerary with any personal needs or preferences of

this nature in mind. If you have special concerns about your food needs or preferences, please contact our staff at associates-studytours@si.edu as soon as possible. Note that alcoholic beverages are not included with meals and would be at your own expense.

What is Included

Participants purchase their own snacks and beverages other than those included with meals. Your tour fee includes bus transportation, tuition, accommodations, admissions, and meals listed above.

Gratuities

Gratuities have been included for all group meals and for the bus driver. Where appropriate, donations have been made on behalf of the Smithsonian. Although a housekeeping surcharge is included, additional gratuities for the chambermaid are not included, and are at your own discretion. Your Smithsonian Representative and Study Leader are professionals who do not receive tips.

Cancellation & Trip Insurance

Please review the cancellation policy located on the back page of your Associate Magazine or on the web at smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/help/refund-policy. This information is important, as we are not able to make exceptions regardless of the reasons for cancellation. This tour is 100% non-refundable after **June 5, 2025**. Up until that time, cancellation fees apply. If you have chosen to purchase trip cancellation insurance, you would need to consult your individual policy for cancellation details, in addition to contacting us.

Some Additional Items to Bring Along

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Face masks if you would like to wear one
- Umbrella and/or fold-up lightweight rain poncho and good walking shoes
- Camera, lenses, batteries, chargers
- Regional area map if desired
- Wet wipes or hand sanitizer for freshening up
- Whatever snacks and/or beverages (such as a thermos for coffee, bottled water, etc.) you normally need between mealtimes. Please review the itinerary with these needs in mind.
- Layered clothing including jacket for variable weather

Post-Tour Questionnaire

Your opinion is important in our continuing effort to provide you the best in value and educational travel. At the end of your tour, you will receive an evaluation form on which you can express your satisfaction with, or concerns about, each aspect of the tour. Each evaluation is carefully reviewed, so candid comments are appreciated. We appreciate your time completing this evaluation. Only you can tell us we have met our goal in providing a quality educational travel experience.

*We appreciate your participation in this program and
hope it meets your highest expectations!*



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Smithsonian Rep: **John Yanish**

Tour Cell Phone: TBD

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7:30 a.m. Departure from the **Mayflower Hotel** with a pickup spot at the **Vienna Metro south side Kiss and Ride Kiosk** at approximately 7:55 a.m.

9:45 a.m. James Madison's **Montpelier**

11:15 a.m. Depart

11:45 a.m. **Montebello**, private home and birthplace of Zachary Taylor

12:30 p.m. Depart

1:00 p.m. Lunch at **Michie Tavern**

2:30 p.m. Depart

2:45 p.m. Thomas Jefferson's **Monticello**

5:15 p.m. Depart for Charlottesville

5:30 p.m. Dinner at **The Local**

7:30 p.m. Depart

7:45 p.m. Check into the **English Inn**, Charlottesville, VA for your overnight stay

Monday, June 23

Breakfast at the hotel

8:30 a.m. Depart from hotel

9:00 a.m. **Highland**, home of James Monroe
Guided history walk followed self-paced exploration of the house and outbuildings

10:30 a.m. Depart

11:00 a.m. **Pine Knot**, Theodore Roosevelt's cottage retreat

12:15 p.m. Depart
Boxed lunch en route to Staunton

1:30 p.m. **Woodrow Wilson's birthplace**

3:00 p.m. Depart

4:00 p.m. **Ida Stover's birthplace**, private home, mother of Dwight D. Eisenhower

4:30 p.m. Depart

5:00 p.m. **John Lincoln homestead**

5:45 p.m. Depart for Washington

Refreshments served en route & rest stop to purchase a meal

8:30 p.m. Drop off at the **Vienna Metro**

9:00 p.m. Arrival at the **Mayflower Hotel**

MAYFLOWER HOTEL

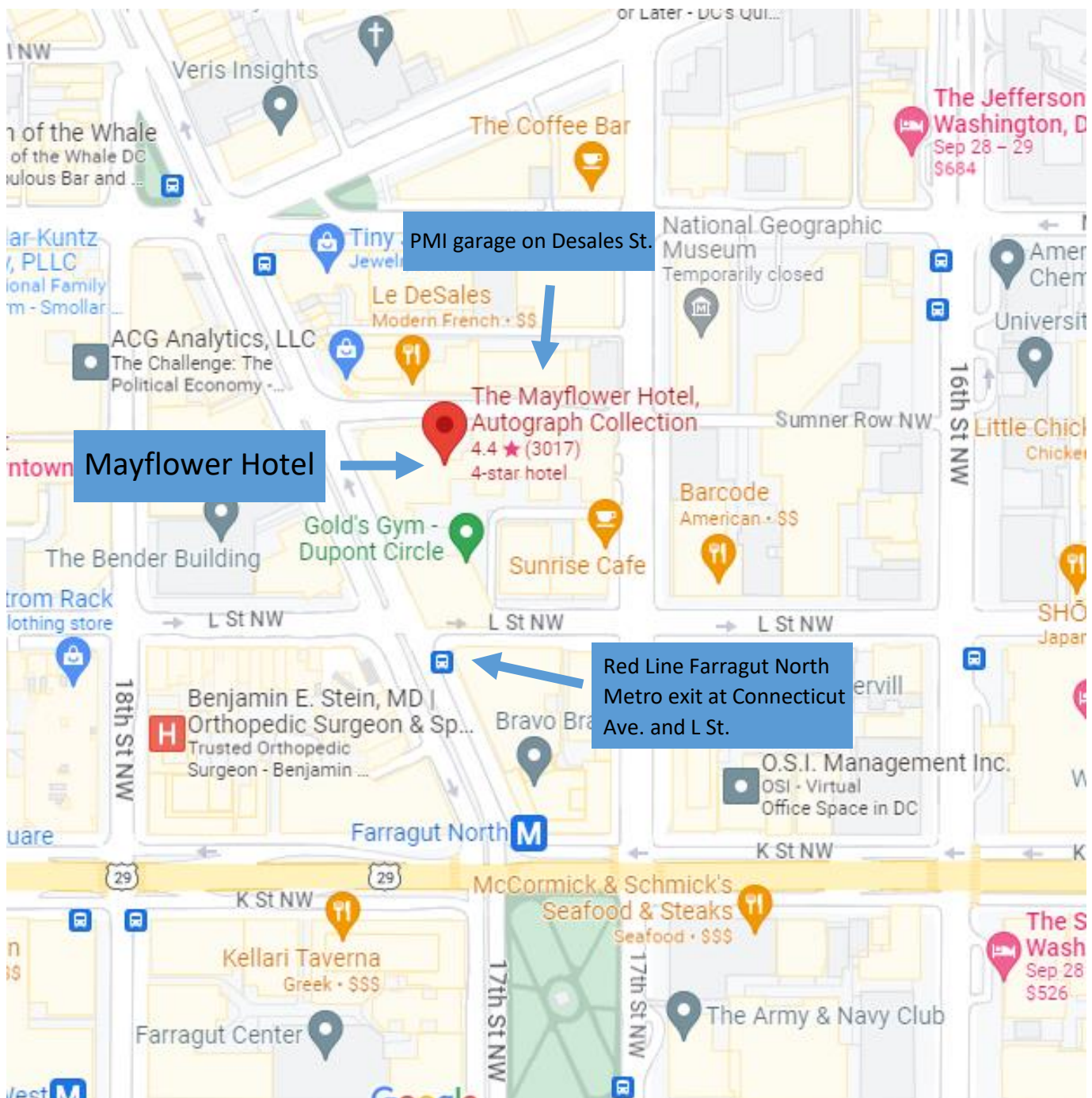
1127 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC

The **Eyre bus** normally departs and returns from DSales Street NW, just east of Connecticut Avenue (on the north side of the Mayflower Hotel). The bus does NOT normally wait on Connecticut Avenue.

Metro: Take the Red Line to the FARRAGUT NORTH station. Exit onto Connecticut Avenue and L Street. Walk a block north on Connecticut Avenue, passing the main entrance to the Mayflower Hotel, and turn right onto DeSales Street.

Car: DeSales Street is one way eastbound between Connecticut Avenue and 17th Street.

Parking: Use the 24-PMI parking garage at 1725 DeSales Street. PMI information: 202-785-9191.



Vienna Metro South-Side Kiss & Ride

Interstate-66, Exit 62 & Virginia-234/Nutley Street

DIRECTIONS:

From WESTBOUND I-66: Use the right lane to take the Nutley Street exit. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Fairfax. Turn right onto Nutley Street. Turn left toward Nutley Street. Turn left onto Nutley Street. Turn right onto Saintsbury Drive. Turn right into the parking lot.

From EASTBOUND I-66: Exit 62 (VA-243, Nutley St.). Follow signs for Nutley St. SOUTH towards Fairfax. Watch for a right exit from the ramp for METRO PARKING. (If you miss the Metro Parking exit, you will be on southbound Nutley St. Turn right at the first traffic light and follow Saintsbury Dr. into the Metro Station.)

PARKING:

The South-Side Vienna Metro Parking is south of I-66 and west of Nutley Street. Follow signs to KISS & RIDE parking. Parking at Metro-operated lots is free on weekends and federal holidays. For weekday parking information please visit http://www.wmata.com/rail/parking/parking_detail.cfm?station=103 or call Metro Customer Information at 202.637.7000.

BUS PICK-UP:

Wait for the EYRE bus at bus shelter G or H.

Information last updated: December 2015



Vienna Metro, South Side Kiss & Ride—Wide View

