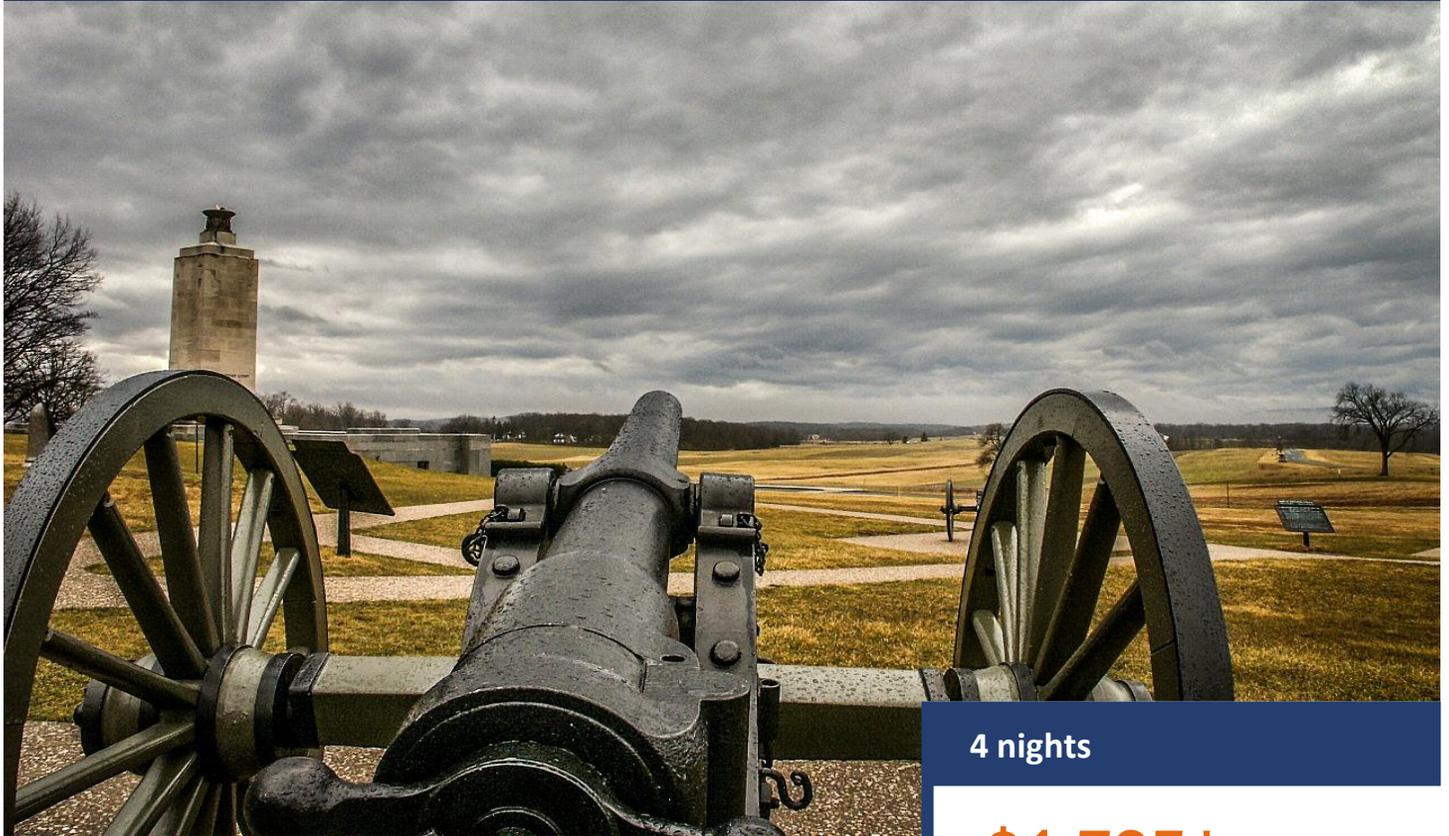


## CIVIL WAR TOUR : GETTYSBURG 1863



4 nights

**\$1,795\*** p.p.

Departs Kingston:  
June 3 – 7, 2020

*Group Size: 20 minimum*

### What's Included:

- Motor coach transportation from Kingston
- 4 nights accommodations at The Gettysburg Hotel Est. 1797
- Private Tours
- 4 Breakfasts and 3 dinners



**Hosted By: Paul Van Nest**

The Battle of Gettysburg was fought July 1–3, 1863, in and around the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, by Union and Confederate forces during the American Civil War. Join Paul Van Nest as he takes you back to this famous battle.

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**Day 1 | June 3 | KINGSTON TO GETTYSBURG**

Morning departure from Kingston to Gettysburg, with a stop at the Harrisburg Museum along the way.



**Day 2 | June 4 | GETTYSBURG: JULY 1, 1863**

After breakfast, meet to go over today's events. We'll start by visiting the site of A.P. Hill's encampment in Cashtown, the line of Buford's cavalry videttes, watching the Confederates' cautious advance along the Cashtown Road: "the first shot". With them we will fall back to Herr Ridge and McPherson's Ridge and pick up Archer's Confederate Brigade charging up against Buford's main line. We'll see the Iron Brigade coming up to replace the dismounted cavalry and turn back the Confederate tide: Archer's and Davis's Brigades. While both sides here catch their breath, we'll go north to Oak Hill (the Peace Light) and find Rodes' Division as it approaches Oak Hill. We'll then try to rescue Baxter's and Paul's Federal brigades being attacked by Rodes' and follow their retreat south. We'll then take up position with the remnants of 1st Corps on Seminary Ridge, and watch first Pettigrew's Confederate Division, then Pender's Division

painful sweep across the swale in our front, right up to our lines and break them. Retreating with the Federals into town, we'll have lunch (on your own) and then head north of town with Schurz's two Federal divisions of 11th Corps to oppose Early's Division threatening from that direction, advancing down the Harrisburg Pike. By 3 pm, these Federals will be driven from the field. We'll find Coster's Federal Brigade trying to hold up Early's victorious veterans and subsequently fall back with them to Cemetery Hill where the remnants of 1st and 11th Corps huddled, awaiting certain defeat.



**Day 3 | June 5 | GETTYSBURG: JULY 2, 1863**

After breakfast, meet to recap yesterday's events and go over what to expect today. While the Federals and Confederates bring up their troops and form their lines this morning, we will visit the Visitor's Centre with its movie, superb museum and bookstore. After lunch (on your own), we'll pick up Longstreet's approach to Seminary Ridge

and trace his attack, brigade by brigade, against the famous landmarks: Little Round Top, Houck's Ridge, Devil's Den, the Wheatfield, the Peach Orchard, the Trostle Farm, Plum Run and the Cordori Farm. That will exhaust us as it did the troops, and we'll head for our bivouac for what's left of the day. If so moved, after dinner, we'll climb Cemetery Hill and watch Early's famous evening attack.



**Day 4 | June 6 | GETTYSBURG: JULY 3, 1863**

After breakfast, meet to recap yesterday's events and go over what to expect today. Although Johnson began his attack against Culp's Hill last night, we'll follow his fighting this morning. True to history, the fighting on Culp's Hill did end this morning (July 3) with the Confederates unable to take the hill even after absorbing 2,000 casualties. Of course, the serious contest on Day 3 is Longstreet's Assault, also known as Pickett's Charge. This most famous attack of the war will be launched by 12,500 Confederates; we'll walk in their steps across that fateful field, cross the wall and witness their devastating defeat. We'll talk about why this attack took place at all, and what

Lee feared most following its failure. We'll leave 6,800 Confederate casualties on this field. If we can fit it in, we'll head into the Confederate rear, to Fairfield and north, to witness a cavalry skirmish there where 'Grumble' Jones tore up Spear's Union Cavalry regiment. This side-trip takes us too close to a wine tasting bar, so we'll have to stop there, and we'll fit in a Ghost Walking tour on one of the evenings after dinner.



**Day 5 | June 7 | GETTYSBURG: JULY 4, 1863**

After breakfast, meet to recap yesterday's events and go over what to expect today. This is the day that Lee will consolidate his line, awaiting an almost certain Federal counter-attack but it never came. That night he will pull out his troops and begin his retreat back to Virginia. Our study this morning however will take us to East Cavalry Field. Here, on Day 3, simultaneous with Longstreet's Assault, a chagrined JEB Stuart will try to redeem his reputation by charging into the Federal rear. However, McMurtrie Gregg's Cavalry Division, augmented by Custer's Brigade, will stand in his way and a severe engagement will be waged across this field. Custer's counterattack will force the battle to a draw and Lee's plans will be thwarted. Here ends our tour as we return to the present day and head back for Kingston.