

# America's Military Town

## Fredericksburg, VA

When it comes to American military history there's hardly a town more thoroughly saturated in it than Fredericksburg. Some of America's best-known Revolutionaries lived here. Four major Civil War battles were fought in and near Fredericksburg. Two brilliant new major military museums are nearby. Come to Fredericksburg and learn the stories of Americans at war.







## DAY 1

2:30 p.m. Arrive in Fredericksburg, guided tour of *America's Military Town*

Historian John Gaston is your host for this guided tour. John's knowledge and enthusiasm are evident from the moment he steps on the bus. You'll see monuments to Revolutionary heroes, historic battleground and the stories of little-known warriors such as Dr. Urbane Bass, African-American physician who gave his life in WWI.

4:30 p.m. Check into area hotel

5:30 p.m. Dinner at Six Bears and a Goat Brewing Company

The bears (Coast Guard) and the goat (Navy) are the animal mascots of the service branches of the seven founders of this brewery and restaurant. At 6B&G everything is made from scratch in-house, beer and food, and it's all delicious!

## DAY 2

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel

9:00 a.m. Tour George Washington's childhood home

George Washington lived at this farm across the river from Fredericksburg as a child and adolescent. Visit the reconstructed farmhouse and learn about the fascinating archaeological discoveries that led to its rebirth.

10:30 a.m. Visit the James Monroe Museum

Few people know that our fifth president (who operated a law office in Fredericksburg) was also an officer in the Continental Army. Meet "James Monroe" as a 1st Lieutenant in the 3rd Virginia Infantry. Get a close look at Monroe's sword and other rare artifacts from the museum collection.

12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Robin's Nest Cafe

Enjoy a tasty lunch in the café at Fredericksburg's Shannon Airport.

1:30 p.m. Tour the Shannon Air Museum

Inspect this wonderful collection of aircraft from the Golden Age of Aviation including the only surviving V-1 AD (it belonged to William Randolph Hearst).

3:00 p.m. Visit A. Smith Bowman Distillery

The oldest distillery in Virginia welcomes you for a guided tour and tasting. Bowman creates superb bourbons, vodka, gin and other friendly spirits. After the tour, sample some for yourself and then shop for your favorite bottles to take home.

5:00 p.m. Return to hotel

6:30 p.m. Dinner at Ristorante Renato

Since 1978 Renato has been dishing up the best in Northern and Southern Italian cuisine. Enjoy a delicious meal here and save room for the *Café D'iavolo*, their special flaming dessert!



## DAY 3

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel

8:30 a.m. [Guided Tour of the Battle of Fredericksburg](#)

Fought in 1862, the battle is considered Robert E. Lee's most complete victory and a stupendous loss for the Union. Your guide will take you on a riveting tour through this hallowed ground where you will see the site of the first amphibious beachhead and first urban street fighting in American military history. Hear the story of "*The Angel of Marye's Heights*."

12:00 p.m. [Lunch at Harry's Ale House](#)

Don't let its strip shopping center location fool you. Locals come to Harry's for its good, fresh food, good service and fun atmosphere.

2:00 p.m. [Guided tour of the Chancellorsville battlefield](#)

Chancellorsville was one of the most pivotal and costly battles of the Civil War. Robert E. Lee again outclassed his Union opponent, winning a huge victory, but at a staggering cost including his most trusted lieutenant, Stonewall Jackson.

3:30 p.m. [Visit Wilderness Run Vineyards and 1781 Brewery](#)

After a day of hard campaigning wet your whistle at this winery/brewery located at the site of a field hospital during the Battle of Chancellorsville.

5:00 p.m. Return to hotel

6:15 p.m. [Dinner on your own in downtown Fredericksburg](#)

Fredericksburg's very walkable downtown is filled with good places to eat. Within just a few blocks find fine dining, casual and everything in between.

## DAY 4

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel

9:00 a.m. [Tour the Spotsylvania Court House battlefield](#)

Here Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant locked horns in a two-week meat-grinder of a conflict in 1864. Though neither side won a distinct tactical advantage, Grant continued his march towards Richmond.

11:00 a.m. [Lunch at the Globe and Laurel Tavern](#)

Located near Quantico Marine Base, this Marine-themed tavern serves up fare far superior to field rations!

1:00 p.m. [Tour the National Museum of the Marine Corps or the National Museum of the United States Army](#)

These two brilliant museums tell the stories of the US Army and Marines. Artifacts, videos and interactive displays bring to life the saga of Americans in wartime. *If you have time, do both!*

3:00 p.m. Head for home

# About Fredericksburg, Virginia

Fredericksburg, Virginia tells America's story - from 1608 when Captain John Smith sailed up the Rappahannock River to George Washington's childhood and adolescence to John DeBaptiste, a free Black man fighting in the Revolutionary War to the Civil War with four major battles and where 10,000 enslaved people crossed the river to freedom, to Reconstruction and the fight for Civil Rights and social justice. The region is filled with historic sites and compelling stories, a phenomenal food and drink scene and is all easily accessible just off the interstate.

## Location

Fredericksburg, VA is located fifty miles south of Washington, D.C. on Interstate 95, midway between Washington, D.C. and Richmond, Virginia.



## Mileage From Major Cities to Fredericksburg

Albany.....	437
Baltimore.....	106
Boston.....	529
Charleston, WV.....	309
Cleveland.....	427
Detroit.....	577
Montreal.....	655
Newport.....	472
New York City.....	290
Philadelphia.....	210
Pittsburgh.....	295
Toronto.....	592
Washington, DC.....	50
Wilmington, DE.....	178

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