



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HOME TOWN: FREDERICKSBURG August 11-12, 2017

For much of his youth George Washington lived in the Rappahannock River town of **Fredericksburg**, established in 1728. Situated at the river's rocky fall line, the town became a shipping point and inspection station for tobacco and other agricultural commodities, and later an important supply depot during the Revolutionary War. Near here young George grew up on a tobacco plantation, and went on to develop friendships, business associations and political ties to Fredericksburg. Many sites pertinent to Washington's early years remain in and around the town, a number of which we shall visit on our tour.

On **Friday evening** at our base at the **Fredericksburg Hospitality House** we will gather for **dinner** and a presentation on *George Washington: the Early Years*, by our esteemed program leader, author/historian **John R. Maass**. On **Saturday morning** we will head out on tour and our stops will include:

- **Ferry Farm**, Washington's boyhood home. In 1738, when George was six years' old, his family moved to this farm and lived there until his late teens.
- **Chatham Manor**. Few houses in America have witnessed as many important events and hosted as many famous people as Chatham. Built between the years 1768 and 1771 by William Fitzhugh, this grand Georgian-style house overlooking the Rappahannock River was for many years the center of a large, thriving plantation. Washington visited here on several occasions in the 1780's.
- **Kenmore**, built by Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis and her husband Fielding Lewis.
- **Mary Ball Washington House**, where George's mother resided toward the end of her life
- **Rising Sun Tavern**, built by Washington's younger brother Charles around 1760. This frame building became a tavern in 1792, operating as a stopover for travelers in the bustling town.
- **As time permits**, we will visit other pertinent sites.

This content-rich program will unfold at a leisurely pace – we will travel aboard an **air-conditioned** bus with plenty of room, and no serious or lengthy walking will be involved. Join us as we explore historic Fredericksburg and gain an enhanced appreciation of the life and times of the **Father of Our Country, George Washington**.

About Our Program Leader

John R. Maass is a historian at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. and an adjunct professor of history at Norwich University. He is the author of *North Carolina and the French and Indian War: the Spreading Flames of War*; *Defending a New Nation, 1783-1811*; *The Road to Yorktown*; and most recently, *George Washington's Virginia*.

Friday, August 11

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Dinner – Fredericksburg Hospitality House

8:00 PM-8:30 PM

George Washington:: the Early Years – **John R. Maass**

Saturday, August 12

8:30 AM

Bus Departs

12:30 PM

Lunch in a Fredericksburg restaurant

4:30 PM

Arrive Back at Fredericksburg Hospitality House

REGISTRATION FEE: \$195 – if you must cancel, your fee will be fully refunded.

Included in your Registration are:

- the services of an expert historian chosen for his knowledge and experience
- bus transportation to sites as described
- Friday dinner and Saturday lunch
- refreshments and snacks during the tour

We will be based at the *Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel*, 2801 Plank Road (Route 3), Fredericksburg, VA 22401 where we are arranging a block of rooms for our attendees. Instructions on rates and how to reserve a room under our block will soon be posted.

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