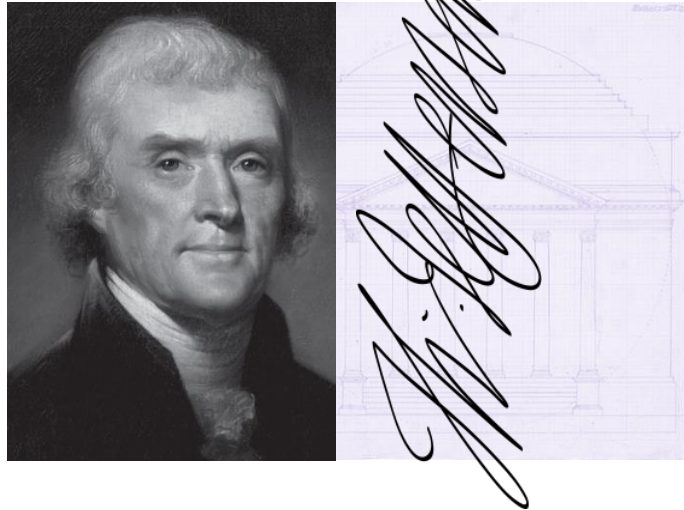




THE HOUSTON SEMINAR

Jefferson's Virginia: The Cradle of Democracy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27–SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019



Virginia, one of the thirteen original colonies and birthplace of eight presidents, is steeped in history and endowed with natural beauty. Thomas Jefferson, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence and the third president of the United States, not only started and ended his life here, but left a legacy that lives on today in government, architecture, higher education, research, and history. This Houston Seminar Study Tour will take us to the places in Virginia that were most important to this great American statesman.

From our lodgings on an estate in Charlottesville dating to 1735, we will visit Jefferson's beloved home at Monticello and his retirement retreat at Poplar Forest, both designed by him and beautifully restored. Thomas Jefferson believed that in order for democracy to survive, it was essential that voters have access to quality education. His unwavering determination to establish an institution of higher learning in Virginia was the driving force behind the birth of the state university in Charlottesville. Not only was Jefferson instrumental in curriculum development and procurement of professors, he also designed the original buildings that formed the campus and Rotunda of the University of Virginia. These historic landmarks, including the Jefferson-designed State Capitol in Richmond, will be on our tour guided by local experts in architecture, history and archaeology. John Boles, the William P. Hobby Professor of History at Rice University and author of the acclaimed biography on Thomas Jefferson, will accompany our study tour and provide insight, commentary and lively conversation.

Other stops will include a tour of James Madison's home and gardens at Montpelier, Jefferson's childhood home at Tuckahoe Plantation, a beautiful private historic home, Redlands, and the Barbourville Winery. Finally, a Houston Seminar study tour would not be complete without delicious cuisine in beautiful surroundings. We will begin with a special welcome dinner in the Thomas Jefferson Room at The Farmington Country Club.

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

Wednesday, March 27

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| 2:30 P.M. | Meet bus at Richmond Airport for transportation to Farmington Country Club |
| 3:00-6:00 P.M. | Check in at Farmington Country Club, Charlottesville, VA |
| 6:30 P.M. | Reception and Dinner
The Thomas Jefferson Room at Farmington Country Club |

Thursday, March 28

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| 8:30 A.M. | Board bus for Monticello |
| 9:30 A.M. | Monticello Tour
House & Dome
Mulberry Row
Sally Hemmings Exhibit |
| 11:30 A.M. | On your own – hiking, garden walks, or extra time at exhibits of choice |
| 1:00 P.M. | Lunch with Scholar Speaker – Woodlands Pavilion |
| 3:00 P.M. | Board bus for Farmington Country Club |
| 3:30-6:30 P.M. | Free time at Farmington |
| 7:00 P.M. | Dinner at Palladio Restaurant |

Friday, March 29

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| 8:30 A.M. | Board bus for architectural tour of University of Virginia campus with Richard Guy Wilson, Commonwealth Professor, Architectural History UVA |
| 12:00 Noon | Box lunch on bus |
| 1:00 P.M. | Tour Montpelier house, gardens and Constitution Center |
| 3:30 P.M. | Board bus for tour of Barboursville Winery |
| 5:30 P.M. | Wine Tasting |
| 6:30 P.M. | Board bus to Farmington Country Club (dinner on your own) |

Saturday, March 30

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| 9:00 A.M. | Board bus for Poplar Forest (Jefferson's retirement haven) |
| 11:00 A.M. | Tour Poplar Forest with Travis McDonald, Director of Architectural Restoration |
| 1:00 P.M. | Picnic lunch on grounds |
| 2:30 P.M. | Redlands Home private tour (Home of Carol & Bobby Carter) |
| 4:30 P.M. | Board bus to Farmington |
| 6:30 P.M. | Board bus to Boar's Head Inn for dinner |

Sunday, March 31

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| 8:30 A.M. | Board bus for Tuckahoe Plantation (Jefferson's childhood home) |
| 11:00 A.M. | Brunch or lunch (venue to be determined) |
| 1:30 P.M. | Tour Capitol in Richmond |
| 3:30 P.M. | Board bus for Richmond Airport |