

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

HUNTSVILLE & CHATTANOOGA

TUE - SUN AUG 1 – 6, 2023

Departures, as applic: Beachwood/Orange, Independence, Parma/Cleve.West, Middleburg Hts, Mansfield, Grove City. (Revised 4/3/2023)



Huntsville is also known as “*Rocket City*” due to its close ties with the country’s space missions and being home to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. In the past, however, it was the first English-speaking city in Alabama and it did suffer as a result of the American Civil War. But this is just one of the many attractions you will be learning about and visiting during our time in the State of Alabama’s most populous city. Upon our arrival in Huntsville we will be dining at Walton’s Southern Table, long known for regional “comfort food favorites” such as chicken & dumplings, chicken fried steak, pot roast, meatloaf, fried green tomatoes and, of course, their freshly-made pies for dessert!

The next day starts out with a driving tour of Huntsville with our Guide and then discovering the rich and fascinating history of the Twickenham District. This area was named to honor the English home of poet Alexander Pope and is composed of pre-Civil War mansions, mid-century bungalows, and Victorian beauties. Alabama’s oldest Masonic lodge is within site of the town dwelling

of Alabama’s second governor, the family home of a French surgeon who helped America earn her freedom from Great Britain, as well as the home of the man who ordered the first shot fired in the Civil War. Among the favorite homes in the Twickenham District are the Spite House, the Backwards House, the Lily Flagg House, and perhaps the most beautiful home in the historic district – the Van Valkenburgh home. In addition, we will see the first home of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan as well as the home of General Edward Chambers Betts, who planned the Nuremberg trials.

We will be stepping back in time to visit Harrison Brothers Hardware Store, filled with hardware from the 1800s and early 1900s, but you can’t buy any of it! Today they sell local books, cooking gadgets, artwork, gifts, and old-fashioned sweets. The old cash register, open elevator, and record books are still on display, just as the brothers left them.

Admissions are included for the Howard Weeden Home, the residence of a painter who became famous for portraits of former slaves, rendered with reverence and dignity. She was near-sighted and used a paintbrush with only 3 bristles to get intricate detail.

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Her family's ante-bellum home was occupied by Union soldiers during the Civil War, and has been restored for visitors to see today. Included are priceless original oil paintings and a beautiful spiral staircase. Our next visit will be at Burritt on the Mountain where historic log cabins and a country church, restored to show how our ancestors lived. Tonight's dinner will be at Jim 'n Nick's Barbecue, known for Southern-style barbecue, ribs, catfish, and desserts; it's a casual restaurant with down-home flair.

Needless to say, with its prominence, we will be visiting the Rocket Center among the various fascinating locations. As on a number of our tours arriving in the South, we will be enjoying a couple of cocktails as we get to know each other amid the interesting landscape of Alabama, the first of two Southern cities in this tour package.

From Huntsville, we will travel eastward about 90 minutes to Chattanooga, just across the Tennessee River from Georgia. The city, like Huntsville, was most important during the American Civil War, primarily due to the number of railroad trains that came through here each day. These same railroads drove the growth of industry following the war, fueling the success of this part of the country.

We have planned this tour to include a cruise on the Tennessee River, a dinner-train excursion (see dining options on the next page), an incline passenger rail-trolley ride, two museums (including a car museum during the trip) and other unique activities. Eleven meals are included in this package so there are fewer expenses for you during these six days. Please advise of your dinner-train entrée; choose from: **Carved Roast Bee; Herb-Roasted Stuffed Chicken Breast; Crusted Filet of Salmon; Vegetarian Lasagna.**

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\$1544 per person in a double
\$1519 per person in a triple
\$1494 per person in a quad
\$1924 per person in a single

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