



# PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

## Presidents, Principles, and Place

An Immersive Journey Through Historic Virginia

April 8 - 11, 2027





Photos clockwise from top right: Downtown Charlottesville; Montpelier, photo by Aaron Watson; Highland, photo by Gene Runion; Montpelier, photo by Ken Porter; garden gate, Monticello. Front cover: Monticello, photo courtesy of the Virginia Tourist Board.

From **April 8 to 11, 2027**, join us near **Charlottesville** in **Virginia's Blue Ridge foothills**, where three early U.S. presidents lived within 30 miles of each other. Through expert guidance at every stop and exclusive conversations with scholars, this in-depth program will reveal how ordinary people became leaders, forging a democracy through disagreement, civil discourse, and dedication to shared values.

Enjoy special-access tours of three seminal presidential homes—**Thomas Jefferson's Monticello**, **James Madison's Montpelier**, and **James Monroe's Highland**—and gain behind-the-scenes insight into the ideas, contradictions, and statesmanship that shaped the young republic.

Meet leadership at Monticello, where you will enjoy a guided look at the **Founding Friends, Founding Foes** exhibit, which charts Jefferson's complicated relationship with John Adams. Learn how these men shifted from allies to bitter rivals to, finally, close friends in retirement over years of correspondence.

Reserve your place today by contacting our tour operator Arrangements Abroad at 800-221-1944 or [trips@arrangementsabroad.com](mailto:trips@arrangementsabroad.com).



Rotunda, University of Virginia



Fralin Museum of Art, University of Virginia

## — Trip Highlights —

**Enjoy** a guided **Monticello** tour, followed by an exclusive conversation with Thomas Jefferson Foundation leadership.

**Savor** a **Feast of Reason** lunch at Monticello, a meal inspired by Jefferson's dinner parties, where he seated political rivals to exchange ideas.

**Enter** James Monroe's **Highland** through a director-led private tour of the restored home, now managed by his alma mater, the College of William & Mary.

**Walk** the **University of Virginia** with an architectural scholar through Jefferson's "Academical Village," the first American campus to center its grounds on a library.

**Visit** James Madison's **Montpelier** on a curator-led tour of the estate, which has been painstakingly restored to its original 22 Madison-era rooms.

**Choose** between an intimate visit to UVA's **Fralin Museum of Art** or explore **Charlottesville's historic district** for boutique shopping and local charm.

**Stay** at **Keswick Hall**, a 1912 estate, to play the scenic Full Cry golf course, relax with refreshing spa treatments, and roam the countryside at your own leisure.

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## Thursday, April 8:

*Arrival to Charlottesville, Virginia*

(R,D)

Arrive at **Keswick Hall** independently. Consider arriving early to take advantage of the hotel's amenities. You may tee off on the award-winning **Full Cry** golf course, book a spa treatment, or settle into the Blue Ridge foothills at your own pace before the program begins. A **welcome reception** with a local historian sets the stage for the weekend ahead, followed by a **welcome dinner**.

## Friday, April 9:

*Charlottesville*

(B,L)

Venture to **Monticello**, the UNESCO-listed mountaintop estate of President Thomas Jefferson. Take a guided tour, including a special look at **Founding Friends, Founding Foes**, an exhibit exploring Jefferson's complicated relationship with John Adams.



Monticello

Then, gather for a **behind-the-scenes conversation with Thomas Jefferson Foundation** leadership. For lunch, convene in an exclusive Monticello space for a **Feast of Reason** meal, which is inspired by Jefferson's legendary dinner parties that welcomed meaningful intellectual exchange.

In the afternoon, join the director of **Highland**, the official residence of President James Monroe, for a private tour. The property is now part of the **College of William & Mary**, Monroe's alma mater. The evening and dinner are at your leisure.

## Saturday, April 10:

*Charlottesville / Orange*

(B,L,D)

Join an architectural scholar to explore the **University of Virginia** campus that Thomas Jefferson designed as an "Academical Village." See how he rejected the cloistered quadrangles of older colleges in favor of an open, terraced **Lawn** flanked by 10 Pavilions. View the **Rotunda**, modeled on the Roman Pantheon.

Then choose your morning excursion: a director-led tour of UVA's **Fralin Museum of Art**, home to nearly 14,000 works of global and American art, or a shopping excursion through Charlottesville's historic **Downtown Mall**, an eight-block pedestrian district with distinctive boutiques and refined retailers.

After a vineyard lunch, join a curator for a tour of **Montpelier**, James Madison's estate in Orange, where the future president drafted the blueprint for the Constitution. Learn more about his family and legacy. This evening, gather for a **festive farewell dinner**.

## Sunday, April 11:

*Charlottesville / Return*

(B)

Gather with fellow travelers to reflect on the program at a **farewell breakfast** at the hotel. Depart at your own leisure, or extend your day with a final round on Full Cry, a spa treatment, or a walk through the surrounding countryside.

# Accommodations



Keswick Hall

## Keswick Hall

Built in 1912 as a private estate six miles east of Charlottesville, the property reopened in late 2021 after a multi-year renovation. Enjoy views of the Blue Ridge foothills. On the grounds, take advantage of architect Pete Dye's Full Cry golf course (one of his final 18-hole designs), a spa, and Marigold restaurant by Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten.

Guests are invited to extend their stay at Keswick Hall with one extra overnight, along with credit for a round of golf and/or spa treatment.

**For the night of Wednesday, April 7, 2027, or the night of Sunday, April 11, 2027:**

**\$1,099 per person, double rate**

**\$1,699 single rate**

Rate includes one night hotel accommodations at Keswick Hall, breakfast following your overnight stay, and a \$300 credit to be applied to a round of golf and/or spa treatments.

**Activity Level:**  
Intermediate

**Pace Level:**  
Moderato



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**Program Rate**  
**\$2,999 per person, double rate**  
**\$4,699 single rate**

## Rates Include

- Three nights hotel accommodations at Keswick Hall
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine and beer at all included dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks onsite during our hosted visits
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES:** Airfare; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than those noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



Golf course, Keswick Hall

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