

Monticello Heritage Harvest Festival & Virginia Gardens Tour - September 21-24, 2018

Friday, September 21, 2018

Time		Activity/Venue		Notes/Comments
10:00 AM	MEET HERE!	<u>Doubletree Hotel</u> 211 Mockingbird Lane Johnson City, TN 37604 423-929-2000	<u>Thursday night RESERVATION</u> <u>Monday night RESERVATION</u>	Those staying at Doubletree on Thursday night, please be ready to leave at 10:00 AM. Those driving to meet the bus here, you may park in the back parking lot. Please arrive by 9:30 AM. The bus rolls out at 10:00 AM.
11:00 AM	LUNCH	<u>Harvest Table</u> Restaurant & General Store Meadowview, Virginia	<i>This is an included meal with your registration</i>	The Harvest Table began as an extension of the bestselling book <i>Animal, Vegetable, Miracle</i> written by Barbara Kingsolver. The book describes Barbara's personal adventure eating only seasonally grown food for one year. The Harvest Table has grown over the years supporting Appalachian culture and heritage, sourcing only local and regional meats and produce, prepared in a fresh, healthy way. Seafood is sourced from both VA and NC and even wine and beer are local treats! A General Store is also on the premises carrying only locally sourced food items and handmade goods.
12:15 PM	DEPART			
2:30 PM	TOUR	<u>Smithfield Plantation</u> Near VA Tech Campus Blacksburg VA	<i>This is an included event with your registration</i>	Smithfield is known as Southwest Virginia's first political and social center. Located near present day Virginia Tech campus, Smithfield was the final resting place and storage location of provisions before the next leg of the westward passage. This 18 th century walk back in time will illustrate an example of a pre-Revolutionary War structure. The grounds supplement an accurate portrayal of a 1774 homestead, complete with a variety of authentic 18 th century plants, all used for humans and livestock, culinary and medicinal plants, pest deterrents, dye plants and plants used in making and treating textiles. An heirloom orchard also exists on the property.
4:00 PM	DEPART			
5:30 PM	DINNER	<u>Blue Phoenix Café</u> Lexington, VA	<i>This is an included meal with your registration</i>	This is an exclusively vegetarian café with tons of vegan and gluten free options. They also feature local and organic bulk grocery items, as well as Kombucha on tap, while also striving to feed people regardless of their ability to pay. Local customers purchase meal vouchers for community members facing food insecurity.
7:30 PM	DEPART			
8:45 PM	ARRIVE @ HOTEL	<u>Courtyard Marriott</u> 638 Hillsdale Drive Charlottesville, VA 22901	<u>Friday-Sunday night RESERVATION</u>	Please use the University of Tennessee Harvest Fest Room Block event with the reference number: M-B290YRL when you make your reservation. 434-973-22901

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8:00 AM	DEPART			
9:00-5:00		<u>HERITAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL @ MONTICELLO</u>	<p><i>This is an included event with your registration</i></p> <p><i>*Meals will be on your own</i></p>	<p>Thomas Jefferson championed vegetable cuisine, plant experimentation, and sustainable agriculture. This festival celebrates Jefferson's legacy in a fun educational event promoting gardening, sustainability, local food and the preservation of heritage plants (you can even purchase some to bring home with you). Tours of the grounds, gardens, and house will be a part of your admission. Learn about organic gardening, seed saving, cheese making and southern recipes. Explore Jefferson's 1000-foot long veggie garden and ornamental mountain landscape. You will get to taste hundreds of heirloom tomatoes, peppers, and melons! Savor local artisan jams, honey and chocolates too! Explore period era cooking techniques at chef demos, pet heritage breeds of animals and revive your garden at the Old-Timey Seed Swap.</p> <p>Educational demos (free) throughout the day include seed-saving, botanical medicine, heirloom varieties, sustainable agriculture, organic gardening, edible landscaping, regional cookery, and other aspects of sustainable living. Interpretive tours of the restored Monticello garden, plus specialty tours on natural history and native plants, will take place every hour. Monticello will come alive with cooking programs highlighting the little mountain's cross-cultural legacy.</p> <p>There will be PREMIUM WORKSHOPS available throughout the day as well. These will be an additional charge that you will need to register for (on your own) after the slate is posted on their website. Check here for a list of premium workshops.</p>
5:15 PM	DEPART			
6:30 PM	DINNER	<u>Downtown Charlottesville</u>	<i>Dinner is OYO</i>	<p>Charlottesville offers culinary delights to make any foodie salivate! More than 100 independent restaurants, cafes, bistros, grills, and pubs are housed in downtown Charlottesville.</p> <p>We will park the bus in a central location so you can explore Charlottesville...</p>
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8:40 AM	DEPART			
8:50 AM <i>Tour begins @ 9:00 AM</i>	TOUR	<u>Ash-Lawn Highland</u> <i>Home of President James Monroe</i>	<i>This is an included event with your registration</i>	James Monroe was the fifth President. Highland is his home, complete with classically inspired French furnishings imported from Europe during the reign of Napoleon. Initially, only a small portion of Highland was cultivated, but he soon started producing tobacco, followed by cover crops and gypsum to increase productivity. Eventually, Merino sheep were introduced on the plantation. The gardens are abound with flowers, as the First Lady utilized many in her dried and fresh bouquets. An enormous variety of herbs was grown on Highland, as well as plants for dye. Boxwood gardens were planted over a century ago with a magnificent white oak tree still gracing the estate with pride. White ash trees line the drive and are located throughout the gardens on the estate.
11:15 AM	LUNCH	<u>Michie Tavern</u>	<i>This is an included meal with your registration</i>	More than 200 years ago, Michie Tavern accommodated travelers with food, drink, and lodging. We too, will experience the past as we enjoy 18 th century tavern life with midday bill-of-fare suited for a king! Four gift shops are on the premises featuring locally produced goods.
12:45 PM	DEPART for TOURS	SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS!		
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Sunday, September 23rd TOUR OPTIONS

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1:00 PM	TOUR 1 <u>Blenheim Winery</u> <i>(Dave Matthews Winery)</i>	Tasting fees included in registration	This tour will give you the opportunity to see two very different wineries in the Blue Ridge of Virginia. Both tastings will be private events with the opportunity to sample wines not normally offered.
2:15 PM			<u>Trump Winery</u>
		\$302.00	<p>Dave Matthews (yes, the rocker) designed this winery in 2000, using only reclaimed wood. The facility is kept cool by being built into the side of a hill and south-facing skylights facilitate sunlight so NO electricity is required in the summer nights. Lights are only turned on in winter when it turns dark. In fact, Blenheim is a certified green winery. Blenheim is steeped in rich history and currently produces a vast array of wines produced in three vineyards.</p> <p>Trump Winery is a 1,300-acre estate that opened in 2011. There are currently 227 acres planted in vine, all French vinifera varieties making it Virginia's largest winery and largest vinifera vineyard on the East Coast. Numerous national, international medals and best-in-class designations have been earned in red, white, and sparkling wine.</p>
1:30 PM	TOUR 2 <u>Carter Mountain Orchard</u> <u>Bold Rock Hard Cider Cellar</u>	ONE tasting fee included in registration <i>(unless you do some pickin or additional flight tastin...)</i>	<p>This tour will give you the opportunity to visit the orchard (and even pick some apples to take home if you like), sample some fresh apple cider donuts (and real apple cider, of course), and drink in the view by tasting a flight of hard cider made from fruit grown right from the orchard!</p> <p>The Chiles family has been tending orchards here for over one hundred years! They opened to the public as a pick-your-own in 1974 because of a heavy freeze. The tradition continued each year thereafter with the family setting aside certain areas of the orchard for the public to enjoy picking their own deliciousness.</p> <p>Bold Rock is the nation's largest independently owned cider company! The first batch was crafted from Granny Smith apples in 2012 and has gained in popularity ever since! Bold Rock now distributes in ten states, winning over 100 awards in the last five years.</p>
1:45 PM	TOUR 3 <u>The Glass Palette</u>	*see website for pricing (possibilities are endless). This fee is NOT included in registration. \$245.00	This mother-daughter business will delight the child at heart! Craft your own glass masterpiece in a process called fusing and slumping (kiln-forming). Combine several pieces of glass in a creative pattern. They will fire them in a kiln until the glass melts together and later slumped to form a shape of your choosing. You create; they fire and send your masterpiece in the mail a few days later. Craft your creation!
2:00 PM	TOUR 4	NO TOUR	\$245.00
			Thank you for your patience as we drop-off participants at their tour stops first.

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7:30 AM	DEPART			
8:45 AM	TOUR	<u>Appomattox Court House</u>	<i>This is an included event with your registration</i>	On April 9, 1865, the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia in the McLean House in the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia signaled the end of the nation's largest war. Two important questions about its future were answered. Could the nation survive a civil war intact, and would that nation exist without slavery? The answer to both was yes and a new nation was born.
11:00 PM	DEPART			
11:30 PM	LUNCH	<u>Shaker's Lynchburg</u>	<i>This is an included meal with your registration</i>	
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5:00 PM	ARRIVE	<u>Doubletree Hotel</u> 211 Mockingbird Lane Johnson City, TN 37604 423-929-2000	<u>Monday night RESERVATION</u>	