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SHOTS, SHOPS & STOPS

4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Tour Highlights:

- Antietam National Battlefield & Other Historic Civil War Sites
- Nora Roberts Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Museum of Fine Arts (SSSHHH!! It's our best kept secret!)
- Historic Church Tour

Day 1:

Begin at the **Rural Heritage Museum** and see an authentic hearth cooking demonstration or learn how to make an old fashioned doll (seminars upon request). On to **Sharpsburg, MD**, home of **Antietam National Battlefield**, site of "The Bloodiest One Day Battle in American History" in which 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded

or missing after twelve hours of savage combat on September 17, 1862. The battle led to Abraham Lincoln's issuance of the preliminary **Emancipation Proclamation**. An authorized battlefield guide can be provided by **Antietam Guide Service**. Stop at the **Pry House**, which served as Union Commander General George B. McClellan's headquarters during the battle. The museum is sponsored by the **National Museum of Civil War Medicine**. After we will board the bus for a historic church tour at **St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Lappans**. This church was used as a field hospital during the Civil War. Lunch in the Food Court at **Hagerstown Premium Outlets** and then shopping in their 100+ stores! For evening entertainment the **Washington County Play House** offers great food and outstanding theatrical performances. The **Academy Theater**, home of the **Potomac Playmakers**, is also a great choice for dinner and theater – both located in historic downtown Hagerstown.

Day 2:

First stop is on the summit of **South Mountain**, the **Washington Monument**, the first monument dedicated to the memory of George Washington. A short drive away is the famous **War Correspondent's Memorial Arch**, a stone monument built as a tribute to army journalists and photographers. Park historians can provide an interpretive talk, and a musket-firing demonstration. Lunch at **Vesta**, in historic downtown **Boonsboro, MD**, named for cousins of the famous Daniel Boone. A must-do while exploring is a visit to **Turn The Page Bookstore**, and **Gifts Inn Boonesborough**, owned by New York Times Bestselling author, **Nora Roberts**. Nearby is the **Boonesborough Museum of History**, which houses an extensive Civil War collection. After lunch we will continue on to Clear Spring to **Wilson's Historic Village**. Along the National Pike sits this historic landmark that includes an old country store, a blacksmith's shop, post office, and a one-room school. Settlers heading west found the store a great place to rest, gather supplies, and maybe enjoy a quick game of checkers by the pot-belly stove. An enchanted evening awaits with dinner at the historic **Old South Mountain Inn**.

Day 3:

Begin the morning with a home tour of the **Miller House & Gardens**, headquarters of the Washington County Historical Society. A short stroll away is the **Discovery Station and Hagerstown Aviation Museum** offering hands-on learning and a collection depicting our rich aviation heritage. Experience our connection with our **Sister City, Wesel, Germany**, with lunch at the **Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant**. Next stop is **City Park**, and the **Jonathan Hager House**, home of Hagerstown's founder, Jonathan Hager. The home is maintained with authentic pieces of the 1740's frontier era. Also in City Park is the **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts**. The museum has a collection of American paintings, Old



Masters and European works; there's even a Picasso! For an evening entertainment visit our **Arts & Entertainment District**. Dine at **Bulls and Bears**, then step across the street to the **Maryland Theatre**, Grand Lady of the Performing Arts, to take in a show, or go on a behind-the-scenes tour.

DAY 4:

Explore **Fort Frederick**, a stone fort that was the site of Maryland's frontier defense during the French and Indian War. Visit **Hancock, MD**, where historic sites are now recreational opportunities along the **Western Maryland Rail Trail** and the **C&O Canal**. Be sure to stop at **Hepburn's Orchards** for a fresh baked pie. Lunch at **the Park & Dine Restaurant**, a favorite of locals and tourists for 50+ years located right along the C&O Canal. Return to Hagerstown, stop at the **Christian Heritage Museum** to see amazing items & documents written by many infamous Heroes of the Faith.

Tour Concludes