

Poplar Forest and the National D-Day Memorial Wednesday, November 4, 2009

This is a triple destination trip:

1. Poplar Forest, Forest, VA, Thomas Jefferson's retirement home. While well known as the architect of such buildings as Monticello, the University of Virginia, and the Virginia State Capitol, Jefferson designed the more remote and lesser-known Poplar Forest as a place "to escape the hordes of visitors" at Monticello and seek the "solitude of a hermit." Included will be a 40 minute guided house tour and self-tour of the grounds.

2. Lunch in Bedford VA at *The Olde Liberty Station Restaurant*. Many young men left for service in WW II through this train station.

3. The National D-Day Memorial on the edge of Bedford. Imagine a place where the lessons and legacy of D-Day are remembered and preserved, a place where veterans of all ages are welcomed and honored, a place where visitors discover and recognize the worthy service of those who answer duty's call, and a place where gravity and dignity are hallmarks. The National D-Day Memorial is such a place. The site was chosen because the community of Bedford, VA suffered the highest per capita losses (19) on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The year 2009 marks the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

Proposed itinerary for this trip is as follows:

7:00 a.m.	Bus arrives for boarding at Blue Ridge Hall
7:30 a.m.	Bus leaves Blue Ridge Hall (rest stop included)
10:00 a.m.	Arrive at Poplar Forest
11:30 a.m.	Leave Poplar Forest
12:30 p.m.	Arrive at The Olde Liberty Station Restaurant
2:00 p.m.	Arrive at National D-Day Memorial
4:00 p.m.	Board Bus for return trip
6:30 p.m.	Arrive at Blue Ridge Hall

Amount of walking required:

At Poplar Forest there is a 200 ft. walk from the parking lot across the lawn to the house and a 40 minute guided house tour, after which you are free to wander the grounds.

The guided walking tour at the D-Day Memorial takes approximately 45 minutes.

The total cost for the trip is \$70. This includes lunch, admission to Poplar Forest and the D-Day Memorial, plus a charge for the guided walking tour at the Memorial.

As approved by the Advisory Board, if space is available 21 days before a trip, Lifelong Learning Institute members may bring one non-member guest at the cost of the trip **plus an additional \$5.00. This additional \$5.00 check should be made payable to James Madison University. Non-member guests can pay a one-year membership for \$15.00, plus the cost of the trip, and not have to wait until 21 days before a trip.**

Responsibility on Tours and Class Trips: The tours and class-associated field trips of the JMU-LLI require walking and the physical capability to access sites that may have structural obstacles. By participating, members understand that should they require personal assistance to participate in tours/field trips, they are responsible for securing such assistance. That responsibility includes registering a person with Lifelong Learning Institute who can and will be totally responsible for providing all assistance. That person must register as a member and pay the cost of the tour/trip.