The Best of Fredericksburg and Richmond:
History, Art, Architecture, Entertainment; Mamma Mia!!

Thursday and Friday, March 1-2, 2018,
Minimum 40; Maximum 50
Double Occupancy $275 (VMFA Member, $260)
Single Occupancy $325 (VMFA Member, $310)
Bargain Price includes transportation, lodging, meals, dinner theater, snacks, taxes, and tips; excludes alcohol

Depart TH, 3/1/18, 6:30 am, Target, 1245 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk
Return FRI, 3/2/18, Est. 7:30 pm

Join us for an exciting and educational adventure through the heart of Virginia beginning in Fredericksburg, a charming, quaint city on the picturesque Rappahannock River. This trip will touch your heart and soul as an expert guide accompanies us and provides commentary on our Fredericksburg Highlights Tour including:

The city’s most visited tourist attraction, the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Battlefield that commemorates battles of the Civil War. “No place more vividly reflects the Civil War’s tragic cost, in all its forms.” Operated by the National Park Service (NPS) since 1927!

Lunch in the “Pavilion” followed by a docent-led tour of Gari Melcher’s Home and Studio, Belmont. Absorb the unique, graceful, historic home, gardens, studio and art galleries of a world-renowned artist, an unexpected treasure in a region that typically attracts visitors in search of the spirits of presidents and Civil War soldiers.

We'll visit the magnificent Georgian Mansion, Chatham Manor and its exquisite grounds, completed in 1771, and consider history from THREE centuries, plus enjoy an exceptional panoramic city view.

Guided Bus tour of Fredericksburg’s designated Historic Districts. Watch history come alive! See superb examples of 18th and 19th Century residences and shops; hear stories from the 1600s to now.

Top the day off with a rousing and uplifting, funny and sunny production of Mamma Mia! at the Riverside Center Dinner Theater. It is the ultimate feel-good, unforgettable show!

Friday, depart Fredericksburg approximately 9:15 am for Richmond, The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) and their exceptional exhibit Terracotta Army: Legacy of the First Emperor of China led by docent or by audio guide. “Discovered in 1974 by farmers in China, an underground army of nearly 8,000 life-size terra cotta figures is known as one of the greatest archaeological finds of the 20th Century.” More than 40 objects in the exhibition have never been on view in the U.S. We also have a docent-led Tour of Highlights of VMFA’s Main Exhibits scheduled. Lunch will be at the VMFA.

In the afternoon, explore The Story of Virginia from its earliest history to the present at the Virginia Historical Society’s Award Winning Exhibition, next door to the VMFA. We also have tickets for the VHS’s special exhibit, World War I in America, featuring objects, multi-media and interactive experiences focusing on WW I as a transformational event.

Trip Activity Level: Moderately Active. Walking on uneven ground, stairs (no elevator) at the Fredericksburg Battlefield, Chatham and Belmont; the VMFA requires a lot of walking.
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Legibly PRINT Email Address: __________________________________

Phone: H: ___________________ Cell: ________________ TEXT? YES NO

YES NO Is it o.k. to leave messages on answering machine/voice mail?

Boxed Lunch, Belmont, Thursday, March 1, 2018 (choose one)

_____ Hummus, Avocado and Roasted Veggie wrap, potato salad, chips, cookie

_____ Grilled Tuscan Chicken Breast on Foccacia, potato salad, chips, cookie

_____ Turkey and Sharp Cheddar on Kaiser Roll, potato salad, chips, cookie

_____ Chicken Caesar Salad, roll with butter, cookie

Special Dietary Needs (Vegetarian; Vegan; Gluten Free etc.): ____________________________

ILR is paying for each participant to have a personalized tour of the Terra Cotta Army Exhibit: Individual Audio Cassettes or Docent Tour (group of 15).

Indicate your preference, if any:

_____ No preference

_____ Audio Cassette Tour of Terra Cotta Army (limited to 20)

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Single (King) or Double Room (2 Queen Beds): Comfort Suites, Fredericksburg

_____ I plan to room alone, Single Room ($325 [$310 with VMFA membership])

_____ I plan to share a Double Room ($275 per person [$260 with VMFA membership])

My roommate is ________________________________

_____ Pls initial. Roommate requests are honored if both parties have submitted paperwork by the Sign-up Deadline, and before a wait-list begins. If the roommate does not work out, I will be responsible for the $50 difference in cost between a single and double room.

Please Turn Over and Complete the Reverse Side
Type of Room preference (will try to accommodate if possible).

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Discover the Wonder in the Wonder City: Hopewell, VA

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

ILR Day Trip: One bus: Minimum 40; Two buses: Minimum 70, Maximum 80
Depart 7:30 am, Target, 1245 N. Military Highway, Norfolk; Est. return 7 pm

Cost: $82 per person (including bus, entry fees, lunch, snacks, taxes and tips)
Trip Activity Level: moderately active requiring some walking on uneven surfaces.

Join us on a day-long tour of Hopewell (once City Point), the “oldest continuously-inhabited English speaking settlement in the U.S.” Established in 1613 at the confluence of the James and Appomattox Rivers, Hopewell celebrated its 100th birthday as an incorporated city in 2016. A major industrial complex in 1914, Hopewell experienced and rebounded from a devastating fire in 1915, earning the nickname, The Wonder City. Later, the “Wonder City” came to prosperity as a result of manufacturing to meet the needs of our military in World War I.

We will visit Plantations, Museums and enjoy a delicious lunch in an historic property including:

The Beacon Theater, once abandoned, now a beautifully restored 1928 silent movie and Vaudeville theater where “Lash LaRue” and Sally Rand performed.

City Point and Appomattox Plantation: In 1635, Appomattox Plantation was patented to Captain Francis Eppes, 2,300 acres of prime property where Appomattox Manor was built in 1763 and survived the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. During the Civil War it was the HQ of General U. S. Grant who met with President Lincoln on the property.

Weston Plantation, the last remaining plantation on the Appomattox River, is on the National Register. It has very distinctive moldings, wainscoting and chair rails and most of the interior is original. You will enjoy the stories; you will LOVE the gift shop, All Manor of Things.

Lunch will be at the original and historic Half Way House, now restaurant, built in 1760 on a land grant from George II. The Half Way House is furnished with antiques and was once a horse change and rest stop halfway between Richmond and Petersburg. You are a very special guest, following in the footsteps of: the Marquis de Lafayette, Patrick Henry, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Generals Lee and Grant (presumably not together).

Fort Lee, formerly known as Camp Lee, celebrates its 100th birthday in 2017. The U. S. Army Quartermaster Museum, has a special World War I exhibit, General Patton’s tank and General Eisenhower’s WW II field quarters. Next door is the U. S. Army Women’s Museum, the only museum in the world dedicated to Army women. Using interactive exhibits, videos, dioramas, and film, it honors women’s contributions to the Army from the American Revolution to the present – amazing stories!
Travel Committee Trip Disclosure Form

This form clarifies the policies of ILR and the commitment of the trip participant

Discover the Wonder in the Wonder City: Hopewell, VA

ILR Day Trip: Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Sign-up Deadline: Friday, February 16, 2018

One Bus: Minimum 40 participants; Maximum 50 participants
Two Buses: Minimum 70 participants; Maximum 80 participants

If interested in this outstanding trip, do not wait until the sign-up deadline to submit paperwork. Spaces are filled in the order of receipt. This is a potential two bus trip. Once the first bus fills (50), we must secure enough registrants (70) to pay for the second bus.

A numerical wait list will be kept, if needed, based on submission date of completed paperwork. If you are traveling with a friend, make certain that your paperwork is submitted simultaneously, otherwise travel for both is not guaranteed.

To secure your reservation/s for this ILR Member Trip, return this signed Trip Disclosure Form, Traveler Questionnaire and Information Form, Class Registration Form and Check, payable to ILR.

Please initial each statement below. If a couple (i.e. husband and wife) are traveling together, both need to initial and sign this document. Copy for your records.

_______ ILR reserves the right to cancel a trip if the minimum numbers are not met. Money will be refunded.

_______ If a member cancels after the Sign-up Deadline (2/16/18) and a replacement from the wait list is secured, a full refund check is issued.

_______ If a member cancels after the Sign-up Deadline (2/16/18), and there is NO wait list, ILR does not issue refunds; however, the member may secure his/her replacement, with an ILR member, making financial arrangements with the replacement and notifying the ILR office no later than March 16, 2018.

_______ Wait List Policy: If you are on the wait list, ILR will notify you as cancellations are received. Those who are still on the wait list at the time of the trip will be issued a full refund check.

_______ Primary communication with trip participants will be by E-mail.

Signature/s: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND SIGN

PRINTED NAME

__________________________________Signature__________________________________Date________

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Office Use Only: Date Rec’d ____________ Trip S Pd ____________ Ck. No._____________
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LUNCH, Half Way House: Everyone will get Soup (Tomato Bisque) and Dessert (Hot Apple Crisp a la Mode)

Choose one of the following Entrees

_____ Chicken Almond Salad Plate: Fresh white meat tossed with sliced almonds and pineapple in a light seasoning served with potato salad and seasonal fruit and veggie.

_____ Beef and Mushroom Pie: Tenderloin beef chunks together with mushrooms and pearl onions in a hearty beef sauce covered with a golden crust.

_____ Southern Salmon Salad: Salmon fillet over baby greens tossed with grated cheeses, Applewood smoked bacon, artichoke hearts, grape tomatoes, roasted red peppers and spiced pecans in buttermilk ranch dressing.

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