Join other Yale Alumni, their friends, and families in a four night, three day guided tour of the battlefields of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Courthouse, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and Appomattox representing the Lee-Grant engagements in 1864-65, including illustrated talks by a Yale scholar. We will be headquartered in the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa at Short Pump, a luxury hotel west of Richmond as our base of operations.

The tour begins with a welcome reception and dinner at our hotel. You will visit the pivotal battlefields ending the Civil War on three successive days with special Civil War attractions not generally known or visited by the general public. Each morning features lectures describing the day’s fighting before we visit the site.

**Lecturer**

**Brian Jordan**, Yale ’13 PhD, and history professor at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Dr. Jordan will provide several morning talks and guide the afternoon battlefield motor coach tours. An expert on the military and political history of the Civil War, Dr. Jordan’s scholarship has also explored the trials of homecoming faced by Union soldiers—a topic all too familiar to American society today, as our serving men and women return home from conflict. Most recently, he is the author of *Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War* (Liveright/W.W. Norton, 2015), which earned reviews in the *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal*, and a 2016 Pulitzer Prize finalist in non-fiction.

**Space Limited. Register Now!**

The cost is $1,599 per person based on double occupancy, with a single supplement of $749. Registration closes February’s 15, 2019 and payments are non-refundable after February 15, 2019. Register online [Here](#). Included in the registration price are:

- Hotel accommodations and free self-parking.
- Welcome cocktail reception and farewell dinner.
- 3 dinners, 4 buffet breakfasts and 3 box lunches.
- Motor coach transportation to and from the battlefields and other sites.
- Admission to National Battlefield Parks, including the museums and movies.
- Bus driver gratuities.

Not included in the registration price are:

- Personal gratuities; non-scheduled excursions; wines, liquors, and mineral waters.
Dinner Friday night with the opportunity to sample Richmond’s varied restaurants (some of which require reservations) in various price ranges.

- Valet parking or other charges for vehicles;
- Travel insurance.
- All items of a strictly personal nature.

In addition, in advance of the tour, you will be provided with suggested readings, information on other local attractions and events as well as printed materials for the lectures and tours.

**Detailed Itinerary***

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**  
**Arrival in Richmond**

You may check in any time after 3:00 pm at the Hotel. Meet your fellow learners at the Welcome Reception, followed by a buffet dinner. Enjoy a great night’s sleep in your accommodations.

- 6:00 pm  Welcome reception with complimentary wine, beer and cocktails
- 7:30 pm  Buffet dinner
- 9:00 pm  Lecture: “And the War Came”

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**  
**The Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse**

After breakfast, gather in the classroom for a lecture to set your understanding of the state of the war by 1864. Then board our luxury coach for a beautiful drive into Virginia. After a bounteous buffet breakfast, our motor coach will depart for the Wilderness, the second-growth Virginia forest that played host to the first clash between Lee and Grant on May 5-6, 1864. After a picnic lunch, we will press south to Spotsylvania Courthouse, the tiny crossroads that became the next grisly stop on Grant’s itinerary. We will walk in the footsteps of Emory Upton’s attack on the Confederate works before standing at the Bloody Angle, the salient where vicious combat raged uninterrupted for nearly twenty-four hours—the most surreal fighting of the Civil War. As we return to the hotel, we will make one last (special access) stop at Massaponax Church—where some rare Civil War graffiti is still visible. The coach returns to the hotel about 6:00 pm, giving you plenty of time to freshen up before dinner at the hotel. The rest of the evening is at your disposal.

- 7:00 am  Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 am  Lecture, “The War in 1864”
- 9:00 am  Depart for Wilderness & Spotsylvania National Battlefields
- 10:30 am  Tour Wilderness National Battlefield (bus & minimal walking)
- 1:30 pm  Box lunch picnic
- 2:30 pm  Tour Spotsylvania National Battlefield (bus & minimal walking)
- 4:45 pm  Depart for Massaponax Church
- 5:00 pm  Visit Massaponax Church
- 6:00 pm  Arrive in Richmond at hotel
- 7:30 pm  Dinner

**Overnight**  
**Hotel**
Friday, June 28, 2019   Cold Harbor

Breakfast is followed by a lecture that takes the armies from their slugfests at Cold Harbor. Our luxury coach first takes us to Cold Harbor, where Lee and Grant squared off on June 1-3, 1864. We will walk through the earthworks still coiled around this eerie crossroads where Grant lost 7,000 men in a single morning. After a picnic lunch on the battlefield, we board the coach for a visit to the American Civil War Museum in Richmond to enjoy a special access/behind the scenes tour of the artifact storage facility.

The coach heads back to the hotel at 5:00 pm, allowing you time to prepare for dinner at one of the outstanding nearby restaurants.

7:30 am Breakfast
8:30 am Lecture, “Enduring the War in 1864”
9:30 am Depart for Cold Harbor and battlefield tour
12:00 pm Picnic Lunch at the battlefield
1:00 pm Depart for American Civil War Museum
3:00 am Explore American Civil War Museum private artifact storage facility
5:00 pm Depart for hotel
Evening Dinner on your own
Overnight Hotel

Saturday, June 29, 2019   Petersburg and Appomattox Court House

Our breakfast is followed today by departure for the Five Forks, scene of the April 1, 1865 battle known as the “Waterloo of the Confederacy,” to discuss the operations around Petersburg. Then, following in the path of Lee’s retreat, we drive to Appomattox, Virginia, to visit the McLean House, where the Confederate general surrendered to Grant on April 9, 1865. We will discuss the surrender meeting and the last days of the war before returning to the hotel. Back at the hotel for one last night, we have a farewell dinner and lecture that will consider the legacies and consequences of the war.

7:30 am Breakfast buffet
8:30 am Lecture, “Enduring the War in 1864”
8:30 am Depart for the Petersburg battlefield
9:30 am Battlefield tour and lecture
1:15 pm Lunch at the Battlefields
3:00 pm Tour of Appomattox battlefields and McLean House
6:00 pm Depart for hotel
8:30 pm Farewell dinner
9:00 pm Lecture, “The Road from Appomattox”
Overnight Hotel

Sunday, June 30, 2019   Departure from Richmond

7:30 am Breakfast
12:00 pm Checkout deadline

* Times are approximate.
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