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THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY IN AMERICA SPRING STUDY TOUR

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

ANNAPOLIS

Breakfast on your own

Lunch included

9:00 a.m. depart from hotel by coach to Annapolis

5:00 p.m. return to hotel

6:30 p.m. Opening Dinner & speaker in the Kindred Room at the Revival Hotel

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY WALKING TOUR

Travel by coach to Annapolis, home of the **United States Naval Academy**, where we explore the scenic grounds and magnificent architecture on a Historical Walking Tour of the Yard, led by certified USNA guides who bring the Navy's history and traditions to life.

WILLIAM PACA HOUSE

In the afternoon, enjoy a box lunch on the terrace of the William Paca House, then split into smaller groups as we step inside two historic homes – the **William Paca House** and colonial garden, and the **Hammond-Harwood House**.

The restored home of William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence and Revolutionary-era Governor of Maryland stands today as one of the most elegant National Historic Landmarks in Annapolis.

THE HAMMOND-HARWOOD HOUSE

The Hammond-Harwood House, by architect William Buckland, was begun in 1774 by planter Matthias Hammond. With its carved doorway entrance, formal rooms, and elegant scale, the building blends the artistry of the finest Anglo-Palladian architecture with American sensibility. Ardently favoring the cause for freedom, Hammond was elected to the Maryland government in 1773.

Hammond never lived at the house, remaining at his plantation in Gambrills, MD.

Along the route, walk in the footsteps of ancestors as we stroll between the multiple sites of Annapolis on the picturesque streets of the Historic District exploring over 400 years of the diverse history of Annapolis.



THURSDAY, MAY 16

BALTIMORE – MOUNT VERNON

Breakfast on your own • Lunch included

Dinner & evening on your own

9:15 a.m. depart from hotel on foot

4:30 p.m. return to hotel

WALKING TOUR OF MOUNT VERNON: CRADLE OF AMERICAN PHILANTHROPY

Today we will be on foot, exploring the neighborhood around our hotel. We begin with a **Walking tour of Mount Vernon: Cradle of American Philanthropy**. From its country beginnings as Revolutionary War hero John Eager Howard's estate, the Mount Vernon neighborhood grew up as the place to live for Baltimore's rich and famous in the nineteenth century. The Garretts, owners of the B&O Railroad and the Walters, founder of the Walters Art Museum, are among the families that built handsome mansions near the Washington Monument.

THE BELVEDERE HOTEL "THE CROWN JEWEL" OF BALTIMORE

The tour ends at the **Belvedere Hotel**. As you enter the world-famous lobby, you are surrounded by elegance and over a century of history. Presidents, royalty and Hollywood's most famous stars have frequented The Belvedere, earning it the status of "The Crown Jewel" of Baltimore. Converted to luxury condominiums in 1991, The Belvedere Grand Condominium offers gracious living, business opportunities and fine dining all in one. Following a brief tour of the ballrooms and public spaces, we will have lunch in the **Owl Bar**.

THE WALTERS ART MUSEUM

In the afternoon, join Earl Martin, the Deborah and Philip English Curator of Decorative Arts, Design, and Material Culture at the Walters Art Museum, for a tour of the museum's decorative arts focusing on the nineteenth century displays, and some free time to browse the Walters' excellent collection.



Breakfast on your own • Lunch included

Banquet Dinner & Awards Presentation at The Mt. Washington Tavern

9:00 a.m. depart from hotel by coach • 4:30 p.m. return to hotel

6:00 & 6:30 p.m. two coach departures from hotel for Banquet Dinner

9:00 & 9:30 p.m. return to hotel

DEBORAH & PHILIP ENGLISH MAJOLICA COLLECTION

Earl Martin will join us at the **home of Deborah and Philip English**, who have graciously invited us to their home and their collection of majolica.

Introduced in 1851 at the first Great Exhibition in London, majolica became a global sensation in the early 20th century. Comprising both mass-produced functional wares and showy ornamental pieces created to inspire awe, majolica was, by and large, cheaper to produce than previous ceramics of the time, making them accessible to the middle class, not just the wealthy. For many collectors, including the Englishes, majolica represents the technical peak practitioners of the craft achieved during the Industrial Revolution, combining never-before-attempted shapes, vibrant glazes, and various themes.

–Baltimore Art Magazine, July 18, 2022

Glam, Grotesque, Spectacular: The Story of 'Majolica Mania': Collectors Philip and Deborah English, by Suzy Kopf

EVERGREEN MUSEUM & LIBRARY

Evergreen Museum & Library is a Johns Hopkins University museum, housed in a Gilded Age mansion surrounded by 26 acres of gardens and woods. The estate was purchased in 1878 by John Work Garrett, president of the B&O Railroad, for his son T. Harrison Garrett. Originally constructed in 1858, Evergreen was drastically expanded and altered by the Garretts to accommodate their renowned collection of fine and decorative arts, rare books, and manuscripts assembled by two generations of the Garrett family (1878-1952).

Art Glass at Evergreen is on display until September 2024. Evergreen Museum & Library possesses one of the world's largest private collections of nineteenth & twentieth century art glass, including many important pieces by American and European makers such as Tiffany, Steuben, Durand, Loetz, and Gallé. This installation gathers these highlights, showing off the breadth and depth of the collection and contextualizing its history at Evergreen.

LUNCH AT MISS SHIRLEY'S CAFE, GUIDED TOUR OF GUILFORD AND SHERWOOD GARDENS

Debuting in 1913, Guilford, a collaboration of the Roland Park Company and acclaimed Olmsted Brothers, became a model for suburban developments. Coinciding with an American mania for English architecture and town planning, Guilford combined the aesthetics of an English country village with modern construction and design. Many of the region's preeminent residential architects contributed to Guilford. We will have the opportunity to visit the private gardens and tour the ground floor of a Guilford home designed in 1915 by the renowned Philadelphia architect Louis H. Rush.

Sherwood Gardens is a privately owned community park located in the center of Guilford. Once a quiet Olmsted Brothers-designed rectangle of lawn and trees known as Stratford Green, this greenspace has expanded in both size and fame. In the 1920s, John W. Sherwood, a petroleum magnate and philanthropist who lived adjacent to the park, planted first his own grounds and then community land with beds of flowering shrubs and tens of thousands of tulips. Today, Sherwood Gardens is best known for its springtime tulip display gardens receiving tens of thousands of visitors annually.

Breakfast on your own • Lunch included

8:45 a.m. depart from hotel on foot • 3:45 p.m. return to hotel by coach

BALTIMORE BASILICA

Walk with the group from the hotel to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Also called the **Baltimore Basilica**, it was the first Catholic cathedral built in the United States after the nation's founding, and was among the first major religious buildings constructed therein after the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. The Basilica was constructed between 1806 and 1863 to a design of Benjamin Henry Latrobe (1764-1820), America's first professionally trained architect and Thomas Jefferson's Architect of the U.S. Capitol. (*Guests may attend Mass at 8:00 a.m., then join the group for a tour immediately following*).

GUIDED WALKING TOUR, FEDERAL HILL & FELL'S POINT

Board our coach to head to **Federal Hill** for a guided walking tour of the neighborhood to learn about this waterfront community's rich history, including stops at one of the last wooden houses in the city, the oldest house in Federal Hill, and of course, the hill fortified to defend the city from the British in the War of 1812.

After lunch at **Choptank**, a classic fish & crab house, located in the heart of historic Fell's Point, enjoy a guided walk to explore this unique neighborhood.

Founded in 1726 by English shipbuilder William Fell, **Fell's Point** served as the city's deep-water port and shipbuilding center. Today Fell's Point is a National Register Historic District and is noted for its cobblestone streets, historic architecture, restaurants and shops. The Fell's Point tour will highlight some of the oldest buildings in America with many structures built before 1800. The oldest urban dwelling in Baltimore is the Robert Long House built in 1763. Tour participants will walk through the story of early America and experience, the War of 1812 and Francis Scott Key, the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Museum, Slavery, Free African Americans, Billie Holiday, Edgar Allan Poe, early European Immigration and the Know Nothing Party, early American Industry and Trade, America's First Railroad, Prohibition, early Religions, and Baron vs. Baltimore and the Bill of Rights, among other highlights. We will also look at modern Baltimore industries like the Domino Sugar refinery, Under Armour, and the Baltimore Renaissance.

The four-day Study Tour program concludes at 3:30 p.m. Return by coach to the hotel, or you may choose to remain in Fell's Point on your own. The estimated arrival time back at the hotel will be 3:45 p.m., and then the coach will drop folks off at the train station at approximately 4:15 p.m. and the airport at approximately 4:45 p.m.

We strongly advise against booking train or flight departure times too close to these estimated arrival times.

Cover: Darnell-Tilghman House, Mount Vernon. Photo by Billy Wilson. Page 2: U.S. Naval Academy Chapel, Annapolis. Washington Monument, Mount Vernon. Page 3: Federal Hill, Baltimore. Interior of the Baltimore Basilica. Fell's Point, Baltimore.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

AS SPACE IS LIMITED WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND REGISTER WITH THE SOCIETY AND MAKE THEIR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Study Tour Package

Wednesday, May 15 - Saturday, May 18, 2024

Includes site admission fees; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday lunches; Wednesday and Friday dinners. **Transportation to and from Baltimore and hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Study Tour Package.**

Special Note

Bear in mind that there will be extensive walking so please bring comfortable shoes.

We regret that we cannot provide alternate means of transportation for those who have walking or endurance difficulties. (Public transportation or Uber or Lyft may be available in some areas, but participants will be responsible for the cost if they use them).

Getting There

Baltimore is served by **Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport** and there are direct flights from major U.S. cities. Baltimore is also accessible by Amtrak and bus (various companies) as well as by car. Uber, Lyft and taxi service are available at the airport and train station for transportation to the hotel

Weather & What to Wear

The typical average daytime temperature in Baltimore in May ranges from a high of 74°F to a low of 55°F, but it is advisable to check the local forecast before departure and pack accordingly. Layers are always practical.

Eating Out

Our headquarters hotel is centrally located in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood and there are restaurants of various types, cuisines and price points within walking distance of the hotel. A list of local restaurants will be provided.

Hotel Information

Our headquarters hotel is the historic **Revival Hotel**, 101 West Monument Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, www.hotelrevivalbaltimore.com.

Hotel valet parking is available @ \$46.00/night. Reservations may be made by calling (410) 727-7101.

MAKING RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOTEL ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AT YOUR EXPENSE.

How to Register

We recommend reserving as soon as possible, as space is limited. Registrations can be made via check (preferable), credit card, or money order. Your spot in the program is secured only after we receive payment. Checks should be made payable to The Victorian Society in America and mailed to the address shown below.

Cancelations

Cancelations received on or before **April 12, 2024** will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. **There will be no refunds after April 12, 2024.** If you think that there is a chance that you will need to withdraw from this program, you may wish to consider purchasing trip insurance. Trip insurance protects you against any unforeseen need to cancel. Trip insurance can cover the Society's fee and your airfare and hotel costs. There are many providers of this type of insurance; one place to start looking is www.insuremytrip.com (phone 800-487-4722). The Society is providing this information purely as a service to you, and we do not receive any compensation from any insurance organization.

Disclaimer

The Victorian Society in America is not responsible for accidents, injury or loss of personal items during this program. The Victorian Society in America reserves the right to make such changes to the schedule, sites to be visited, or personnel as may become necessary or desirable. Anyone wishing to depart from the planned itinerary must notify one of the tour leaders of their plans before the day of the change. Unused or unattended parts of the trip will not be refunded.

	COST	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
Baltimore Study Tour	\$1322	_____	= _____
Membership in the VSA (if not already a member)			
Individual	\$55	_____	= _____
Household	\$65	_____	= _____
<i>Non-members wishing to attend the Study Tour must join the VSA</i>			
			TOTAL \$ _____

There are several ways to pay:

1. By check made payable to the Victorian Society in America
2. Pay securely online at <https://victoriansociety.ticketleap.com/baltimore---exploring-the-charms-of-charm-city-and-beyond/>
3. Phone in your credit card reservation to the National Office at **(856) 216-8124**

Name _____ Name tag _____
Additional Participant _____ Name tag _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____
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Please mail your completed form with your payment to:

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