

Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Caroline County
Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Tour 3
Escape of the Assassins

So much has been written and rewritten about one of the most tragic episodes in our Civil War history – the assassination of President Lincoln at Ford’s Theater in Washington D.C. This tour will lay the ground work for those that conspired to kidnap; for those that thought they could escaped; for those that were killed, and certainly for those that were hung.

The Surratt House (Museum) is located in Clinton (formally Surrattsville), Maryland. The house named for Mary Surratt, has remained in remarkable condition since the events of 1865 – with many of the original artifacts associated with John Wilkes Booth and his co-conspirator David Harold. Our tour will travel to Clinton, MD, to retrace the escape route of the assassins as rode through the countryside, to the Potomac River, into King George, VA, across the Rappahannock River, into Port Royal, to the actual house where he sought refuge, then south to the former Garrett Farm area of Caroline County. The Town of Bowling Green, also in Caroline County, plays a major part in the capture and killing of the conspirators. History will tell us that Booth died at the Garrett Farm, however – many still believe he escaped from the burning barn.

Our narrated tour will provide insight to the route and choices made. Although nothing of the Garrett Farm site has survived the building of U.S. Route 301, and the acquisition of the property by the U.S. Army as the 77,000 acre Fort A.P. Hill was assembled – you will have an opportunity to understand the detail of one of the darkest moments in our history.

Not a better way to end this day than a wine tasting reception, in the Town of Bowling Green, at the Sidney E. King Museum and Carline Historical Society. Our local Sassafras Winery will be on hand to serve, providing an “acquisition” opportunity as well.

Stay tuned for more information on a potential lunch (on you own) to enjoy a renowned eatery where only the locals have eaten for generations. Have you *Ever* “picked a crab”???

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- 8:00 a.m.** Depart Meadow Event Park
- 10:00 a.m.** Arrive Surratt Museum,
- 11:30 a.m.** Depart for Capt. Billy’s Seafood
- 12:30 p.m.** Arrive Capt. Billy’s Seafood **or** Capt. John’s Crab House (depending on number of participants)
- 2:00 p.m.** Depart for King George and Caroline Counties, Virginia
- 3:30 p.m.** Arrive Port Royal, Museum of American History
- 4:30 p.m.** Depart for Bowling Green Historical Society, Sidney E. King Art Center & Wine reception
- 6:30 p.m.** Anticipated arrival time Meadow Event Park

Ticket **\$50.00 pp** all-inclusive of fees, admissions, guides, & wine reception (**lunch not included in this ticket**)
Reservations required by June 1, 2019, Tour will require 45 reservations.
All credit card purchases processed on June 15th.

Please provide the following information to secure your reservation for the

Escape of the Assassins Tour

Tour Reservation Deadline June 1, 2019

All credit cards processed on June 15, 2019

Name(s)

Preferred Name(s) on tag(s)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-Mail

Tour Ticket \$50.00 per person

Method of Payment: ___ Check* ___ VISA ___ MasterCard ___ Discover **TOTAL: \$**_____

*Checks are accepted and should be made payable to: *Caroline County Tourism*

Card number

Exp. Date (MM/YY)

Security Code

Signature

Date

Credit Card Billing Zip Code

You have several choices regarding your reservation:

Call 804-633-3490 Caroline County Visitor Center, we will take your reservation over the phone

Fax 804-633-2489 This completed form for your reservation

Mail Form to Caroline Department of Economic Development & Tourism
23724 Rogers Clark Blvd
Ruther Glen, VA. 22546

E-MAIL form to rubyc@co.caroline.va.us. **Do not include Credit Card info in the e-mail, we will call.**

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