Yorktown National Battlefield Staff Ride

Visit Yorktown National Battlefield Park, site of Cornwallis’ decisive 1781 surrender to George Washington. Walk through the sleepy tobacco-port town on the York River, view the British fortifications built by English soldiers and local slaves, tour the allied siege lines constructed by American and French soldiers, and see ‘surrender field’ where the mighty British Army laid down their arms in capitulation. You’ll see the impressive Yorktown victory Monument, constructed to observe the centennial celebration of Washington’s victory, and be introduced to the actual artillery pieces used by both sides during the siege. Numerous military organizations continue to use the Yorktown Battlefield for staff rides to teach contemporary military tactics, doctrine, and principles; learn about the timeless lessons that current military professionals derive from this extraordinary 18th century site.

Tour includes round trip air-conditioned transportation from the Norfolk Hilton to Yorktown, a small snack bag with water, and a 3-hour guided tour of battlefield led by Dr. Fred Kienle, Yorktown expert, Joint Forces Staff College faculty member, and founding director of the Joint Advanced Warfighting School. Dr. Kienle is an expert on Joint Professional Military Education and a veteran of over 100 staff rides to Yorktown. He and other JFSC faculty offer a look at Yorktown that goes far beyond the usual national park experience.

Cost of the tour is $30.00 and is fully refundable if the tour is cancelled.