Mount Vernon by Candlelight Holiday Tour

December 11, 2026

1 Day

Starting from: $259 per person

Booking Deadline: October 16, 2026

Experience George Washington’s historic estate as few ever have glowing under the soft shimmer of candlelight.

Daily Itinerary

Friday, December 11, 2026 - Mount Vernon Estate

Depart by motorcoach from Central, PA for the historic Mount Vernon grounds and Estate with a comfort stop en-route.*

*Early morning departure, time will be confirmed closer to travel.

Upon arrival, enjoy an included lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Following lunch explore the grounds of the Mount Vernon property including the slave quarters and dwellings. There will be plenty of time to take in the Museum, Education Center, and Gift Shop.

Then, as nighttime sets in, it’s time for the main event, a 45 minute candlelit guided tour of the estate. Learn about holiday traditions of 18th century Virginia, and hear stories of Christmases past from costumed character interpreters. Explore the lantern-lit mansion by candlelight. After the tour, visitors can meet Aladdin the camel which is a Mount Vernon Christmas tradition! The evening also features a Revolutionary War encampment that illustrates Continental Army life in 1775. (Lunch)

After the candlelit tour depart back for Central, PA with fast-food dinner stop en-route.**

*Please be prepared for various weather conditions, as this event is an outdoor experience. A clear bottle of water is permitted, but gum, food, drinks, and backpacks are not allowed on the estate. **For your safety, bags larger than 16x16x8 are prohibited. All bags will be screened.**

*Please note: The mansion on the estate is not handicapped accessible and there are no elevators. There is a beautiful back porch with rocking chairs for anyone who is unable to navigate stairs. There is a significant amount of walking required on this tour including steep hills.

**Itinerary is subject to change at any time without advanced notice and or compensation.

Included Benefits

- Free parking with round-trip motorcoach transportation
- All Tours and Admissions as listed per itinerary
- Lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant
- All taxes and gratuities
- Services of a AAA Discoveries Journey Manager

General Info

Payment Information:
Price: 259.00

Cancellation Policy:

After October 16, 2026, no refunds will be issued.
Rates are subject to availability at the time of booking and include taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 35 full-fare passengers.

Activity Level:

Moderate: Good mobility is required for this trip. Climbing stairs and standing for 2-3 hours at a time, as well as walking on uneven terrain may be necessary. Portions of the itinerary may include higher altitudes. The itinerary may involve longer days up to 12-14 hours in length. This activity level is not recommended for travelers with significant mobility concerns.

Travel Assistance:

For person comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What will the weather be like?

Temperatures for Maryland in December average in 30s-40s. Casual clothes that are good for layering and comfortable walking shoes are recommended; be prepared for potential inclement weather.

For reservations or more information please contact your AAA Central Penn Travel Advisor at 1-888-743-2844 or visit AAA.com.