

## PLANNING FOR YOUR GETTYSBURG LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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### GETTING HERE

If you're traveling by air, you have four commercial airports from which to choose: Harrisburg International Airport (MDT), Baltimore Washington International (BWI), Reagan National (DCA) and Dulles International (IAD).



All are less than 100 miles from Gettysburg and roadways are good. When scheduling your trip, however, plan to add a significant amount of time to your drive if you fly in and out during rush hour.

If you have your own airplane, Gettysburg, PA, and Westminster, MD, have small local airports.

- ★ **Harrisburg/MDT** Drive times to Gettysburg are very consistent (60 minutes), unless there is an issue on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.
- ★ **BWI** Expect congestion between 6–9 am and 2:30–5:30 pm both north and southbound around 695 and 795. Alternate routes of travel are Route 70 and Route 15. Add 1.5 hours to your travel during the peak rush hour.
- ★ **Dulles/IAD** Very accessible, but expect congestion at Leesburg, VA, between 3:30–6 pm (northbound) and between 5:30–8:30 am (southbound). Add one hour to your travel schedule during these times.
- ★ **DCA** Congestion is likely at all times along the George Washington Parkway, 495 and 270. Add two hours to your travel time during peak morning (5–10 am) and evening (2:30–7 pm) rush hours.

Additional airport information and suggestions regarding rental cars, services and more will be provided to participants upon registration.

## PACKING CHECKLIST

The Gettysburg Leadership Experience is offered all four seasons of the year. Our goal is to provide everyone the opportunity to walk the battlefield, as long the weather cooperates and the group is properly prepared.

### Meeting Dress

Given the style of the program, the key words are casual and comfort. Dress for the opening reception can range from jeans and a collared shirt to business casual.

Depending on the time of year, participants wear khaki shorts and comfortable shoes to pants and boots during the classroom and field portions of the experience. Dinner is typically business casual (a jacket is not necessary).

### Field Dress

Please come prepared to be outside on the battlefield for two hours each morning and afternoon. Think weather as well as exposure, since there is little reprieve from the sun, wind, rain, or snow. The battlefield primarily consists of open landscape. Do check the weather forecast prior to your arrival.

### Seasonal Suggestions

**Spring/Fall** days are usually cool with a higher chance of rain showers; consider:

- ★ Tote umbrella
- ★ Sunscreen
- ★ Hat for sun protection and/or a warm hat for the cooler days
- ★ Light gloves
- ★ Rain/wind jacket and pants/poncho
- ★ Fleece jacket
- ★ Footwear (running shoes to boots) that you don't mind getting wet or muddy and you can walk comfortably in for about a mile

**Summer** is typically very hot with high humidity accompanied by afternoon thunderstorms; consider:

- ★ Tote umbrella
- ★ Sunscreen
- ★ Hat for sun protection
- ★ Rain jacket/poncho
- ★ Footwear (running shoes to boots) that you don't mind getting wet or muddy and you can walk comfortably in for about a mile

**Winter** can be cold with temperatures ranging from the 40s to 10s. Gettysburg is close to the Baltimore/Washington weather systems so snowfall is not as prevalent in this southern region of the state. Mid-January through mid-February brings harsher winter weather patterns. The wind is considered more problematic during the weather months than the precipitation; consider:

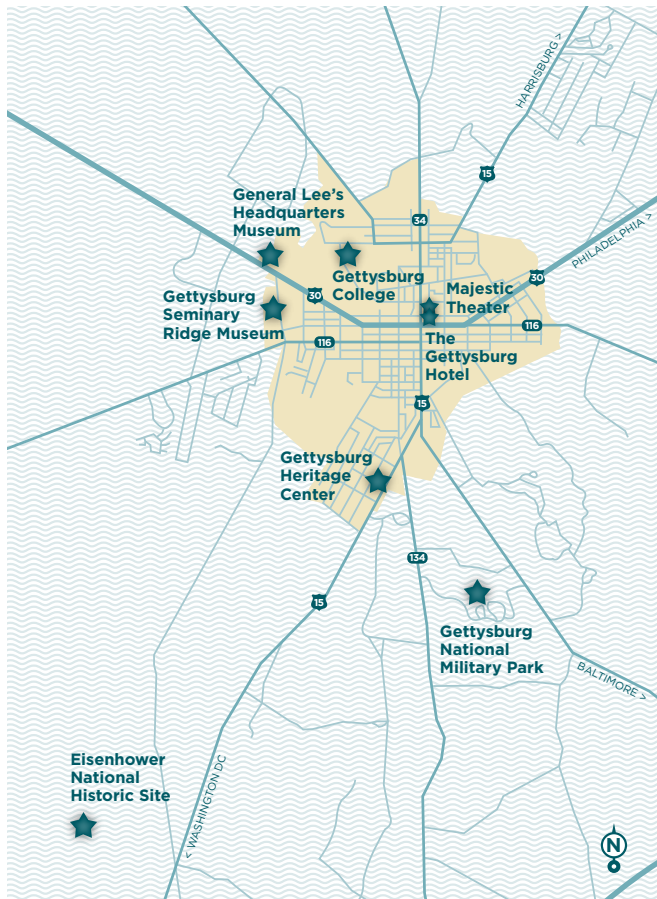
- ★ Warm hat (ideally, with a windproof membrane)
- ★ Gloves (either fleece with windproof membrane or insulated with windproof qualities)
- ★ Wind/waterproof shell
- ★ Warm insulating layers (fleece, sweater, down jacket)
- ★ Long underwear or tights
- ★ Warm wool/synthetic socks (not cotton)
- ★ Footwear which will protect your feet from the cold and winter precipitation





## EXPLORE GETTYSBURG

While you are at Gettysburg, we encourage you to expand your experience for an even greater learning opportunity. Along with an abundance of historic sites and family-oriented activities, this area hosts numerous festivals throughout the year and is close to other welcoming venues.



### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Past participants in The Gettysburg Leadership Experience have found the following websites helpful in planning their additional activities.

- ★ Destination Gettysburg  
[www.destinationgettysburg.com](http://www.destinationgettysburg.com)
- ★ Gettysburg National Military Park  
[www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm)
- ★ The Gettysburg Hotel  
[www.hotelgettysburg.com](http://www.hotelgettysburg.com)
- ★ Gettysburg College  
[www.gettysburg.edu](http://www.gettysburg.edu)
- ★ Gettysburg Museum  
[www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org)
- ★ Eisenhower National Historic Site  
[www.nps.gov/eise](http://www.nps.gov/eise)

You'll find an interactive visitor's guide at [www.destinationgettysburg.com](http://www.destinationgettysburg.com).



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