



James Madison, U.S. President, Father of the Constitution, and architect of the Bill of Rights, shared his lifelong home with his beloved wife, Dolley, whose political and social flair created the role of First Lady.



Discover MONTPELIER!

Spend a day you'll never forget at the home of James and Dolley Madison.



GPS Address: 11407 Constitution Highway,
Montpelier Station, VA 22957
Latitude 38° 13' 36" N, Longitude 78° 10' 46" W



P.O. Box 911 | Orange, VA 22960

GROUP TOUR RESERVATIONS

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	Miles		Miles
Charlottesville	25	Williamsburg	130
Richmond	75	Baltimore	137
Washington D.C.	90	Philadelphia	238



Stand in the library where James Madison first imagined the Constitution.

Walk in the woods where he contemplated representative democracy.

Gaze west at the Blue Ridge Mountains and *imagine* great things of your own.



PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

After his presidency, James Madison was hard at work in his new library editing his Constitutional Convention notes and advising the new generation of American leaders.



DINING ROOM

Political leaders and prominent visitors traveled here to pay homage to and learn from the “Sage of Montpelier.” Madison’s dinnertime stories were called “living histories.”



DRAWING ROOM

The drawing room was the most luxurious room in the mansion. Here, the beautiful and fun-loving Dolley Madison played cards and entertained Montpelier’s many famous guests.



There's So Much to See at Montpelier!



MANSION

- ◆ Guided tour of the recently restored and newly furnished mansion
- ◆ Two self-guided kitchens and cellar spaces
- ◆ Exhibits in the mansion
- ◆ Constitutional exhibits



AROUND the GROUNDS

- ◆ Mr. Madison's Temple
- ◆ South Yard slave quarters
- ◆ Hands-on Tent (seasonal)
- ◆ Outdoor Kitchen (seasonal)
- ◆ Active archaeological digs (seasonal)
- ◆ Archaeology Lab
- ◆ Madison Family Cemetery
- ◆ Slave Cemetery
- ◆ Annie duPont Formal Garden
- ◆ Mt. Pleasant, original home site



Unique Montpelier Experiences

Add an exclusive behind-the-scenes program designed especially for you. These 1-hour tours must be scheduled in advance and require an additional fee. Call 540.672.2728 x442 for reservations.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

\$5 per person, minimum 20 people

The Enslaved Community

Montpelier was home to more than 100 slaves who helped build Montpelier. This walking tour will show you where they lived and labored.

Garden and Grounds

Explore both the natural landscape at Montpelier—champion native trees, rare flowers, unique specimen plantings—and 200 years of landscaping.

The Gilmore Cabin: A Freedman's Farm

Visit the home of an emancipated family and learn what life was like for newly freed slaves striving to make their way as new citizens.



Big Woods Walk

Learn about ecology, conservation, and Madison's role as an early environmentalist on a gentle 1-mile walk through Montpelier's Landmark Forest.



Civil War Trail and Confederate Encampment

See the newly reconstructed huts where the Confederate army camped in Montpelier's woods over the winter of 1863-64.

Constitutional Conversations

In true Madisonian fashion, a Montpelier interpreter will facilitate a discussion contrasting the Constitution and current events with the Constitution and those events in Madison's time. Where it goes from there is up to the group!



Don't see it? Just ask.

Our experts can conduct programs on many subjects, like slavery, genealogy, forestry, etc. *Just ask!*

EXPERT EXPERIENCE

\$250, 1 to 25 people

Curatorial Experience

Montpelier's curators examine the latest discoveries in the Presidential Detective Story. Discussion may include ceramics, artwork, décor, and furniture.



Restoration Experience

Montpelier's restoration experts provide an overview of the remarkable architectural evolution of Montpelier from 1763 to today.

Archaeological Experience

Learn how archaeologists restore ceramics, conserve iron, and process artifacts in this behind-the-scenes examination of the archaeology lab and an active dig.



Constitutional Experience

Join Montpelier's Constitutional experts to discuss how the Constitution is still relevant and influencing people's lives today.

EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

\$500, 1 to 25 people

In-Depth Discussions

Book a private discussion with Montpelier's top executives on topics such as the Constitution, James Madison and Religious Freedom, or a special one-on-one with Montpelier's "James" or "Dolley" Madison interpreters.



Arriving at Montpelier

You will enter Montpelier through the front gate, where our ticket booth staff will provide admission tickets and direct you to the Visitor Center for parking and check-in. There are signs indicating the designated bus parking areas.

At the Visitor Center, your Montpelier guide will board the bus to welcome your group.

After a short 12-minute video presentation in the Alan and Louise Potter Theatre, your group will be escorted to the mansion for a 35-minute guided tour.

Mansion tours are given in groups of 20 or less and we will assist you in dividing your group if needed.



Visitor Center Amenities

- ◆ Interactive model of the Montpelier estate
- ◆ Joe and Marge Grills Gallery, exhibiting the “Treasures of Montpelier”
- ◆ William duPont Gallery
- ◆ Montpelier Museum Shop
- ◆ Bus Parking
- ◆ Courtyard Café
- ◆ Restrooms
- ◆ Picnic Tables
- ◆ Free Wi-Fi



Plan Your Visit

Spending time at Montpelier involves a fair amount of standing and walking, including an easy ¼-mile walk from the Visitor Center to the mansion. We recommend visitors wear comfortable walking shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Benches are available for visitors throughout the tour and along the walkways.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION A group tour may be reserved for groups of 20 or more visitors at a discounted rate of \$16/person. A deposit of \$50 per 20 people is required to reserve your tour date and time. The deposit will be applied to the total bill. We recommend that you book your reservation as soon as you know the travel dates and group size, particularly during our prime season: April–October.

FOOD SERVICE Boxed lunches are available when ordered two weeks in advance. Your reservation coordinator can provide a menu and arrange your lunch order. We have indoor and outdoor seating at the Courtyard Café as well as a lovely picnic area behind the Visitor Center.

SPECIAL NEEDS VISITORS Please notify us in advance if someone in your group needs special arrangements. We have three standard wheelchairs available at no charge and three motorized scooters for a fee. All paths in visitor core areas— first floor of the mansion, the cellars, archaeology lab, hands-on tent, and cooking demonstration are wheelchair accessible. All second floor exhibits are available to handicapped guests in the form of booklets and individual DVD players. The Old Library presentation and Visitor Center introduction film are closed captioned for the hearing impaired. Printed audioguide and house tour scripts are also available for the hearing impaired.

PAYMENT POLICY Final count and full payment should be made seven days prior to arrival. Please notify Montpelier if your group size changes so that we may accommodate your group. Additional fees may be applied if your final group size exceeds your reservation.

CANCELLATION POLICY Full payment, including deposit, will be refunded for reservations cancelled 14 days prior to tour date. Payment, minus deposit, will be refunded for reservations cancelled at least seven days prior to tour date. No refund will be given for tours cancelled less than seven days prior to tour date, unless the tour is cancelled by Montpelier.

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Hours of Operation

April–October: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
November–March: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Open 7-days a week.
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

