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## **HISTORY ENCOUNTERS** **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **COST**

#### **How much does it cost?**

There are three types of decisions that need to be considered when budgeting for your History Encounters journey: 1) Where your group is traveling from; 2) The choices about what sites will be included in the schedule; and, 3) How many days it will be. We are experts in working with your budget and helping get the most out of your trip.

#### **What is covered by the cost?**

History Encounters journeys are all-inclusive. The program fee includes all your meals, accommodations, guides, transportation, and admissions fees are covered from the moment you touch down in Philadelphia until you depart. If you opt for one of our travel packages, then airfare, taxes, and all fees, including luggage, are included as well.

### **FUNDING**

#### **Is financial assistance available?**

Freedoms Foundation provides a host of fundraising ideas for individual families and school groups like the PTA to help make the History Encounters journey open to all who want to go. If a school would like to offer scholarships to a limited number of students, we can add a cost sharing contribution to every paying participant equal to the total amount of scholarships offered.

#### **Who pays for teachers/principal?**

Grade-level teachers and the school principal who attend a History Encounters journey with their class free-of-charge for the program fee. For air travel, the ticket price, fees, and taxes for teachers and principal are included in the students' and parents' ticket cost when FFVF arranges the flights. If your group is arranging their own air travel, you would be responsible for covering the cost of teachers and principal to fly.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

#### **Can FFVF accommodate special needs students?**

Though the campus was built in the 1960s and 70s, every building has a ramp entrance and we have rooms that can accommodate a variety of special needs and we have buses with handicap and wheelchair entrances. It is important to realize that some historical sites on the itinerary may not be as accommodating. Some old buildings will not have elevators.

***Additional FAQs may be found at: [www.historyencounters.org](http://www.historyencounters.org)***

## **LOGISTICS**

### **How long is the trip?**

Most History Encounters journeys are one week, Monday – Friday, but there are schools who have extended their travel to include one, two, or three days more. Some groups have chosen to spend less time.

### **How many can come on the trip?**

Freedoms Foundation can house up to 125 students and chaperones on its Valley Forge campus. If your group exceeds this number, multiple trips can be scheduled to accommodate all those participating.

### **What are the sleeping arrangements?**

Freedoms Foundation has three dormitories, one for boys, one for girls, and a third for overflow or adults. Rooms vary to sleep two, three, four, or five students, and all rooms have either a private bathroom or a Jack & Jill bathroom. No more than five students share a bathroom. (Depending on the size of the group, adults usually have their own private room and always have a private bathroom.)

### **Who plans our trip and can we make changes to the schedule?**

Customization is the key to a History Encounters journey. Our touring experts will work with your group's leader to plan an educational experience that complements your school's curriculum and hits all the highlights that are important to you. We will make suggestions based on our long experience working with groups like yours, but your school will always have a trip created just for you.

### **Who makes our travel arrangements to Freedoms Foundation?**

Freedoms Foundation offers full service planning for your group, including making your air travel arrangements to and from Philadelphia. Working with travel professionals, we will make sure we find your group the most economical and reliable flight for the entire group. If you would prefer to make your own arrangements, you have that option as well.