



Christmas Traditions

Candlelight Memorial Illumination

Frederick, Maryland

First weekend in December each year

Join your friends and travel to Frederick, Maryland to see the seasonal Christmas exhibit focusing on 19th-century Christmas traditions at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. The exhibit covers the celebration of Christmas both by the soldiers in the field and their families at home, the Christmas tree, stockings hung on the mantel, 19th-century toys and ornaments, Christmas songs and early images of Santa Claus.

In addition to the exhibit you will learn about the medical story of the American Civil War. It is a story of care and healing, courage and devotion amidst the death and destruction of war. It is also a story of major advances that changed medicine forever.



You will be given time to enjoy lunch on your own before arriving at the Antietam National Battlefield for a guided tour lead by a licensed battlefield guide. Antietam National Battlefield was the scene of the bloodiest one-day battle in American History. It brought to an end General Lee's first northern invasion. A driving overview tour will give you just enough background to enjoy the evening's candlelight Memorial Illumination.

A dinner will be included at the luxurious Bavarian Inn before viewing the illumination. The Bavarian Inn brings the traditions of the Old World to life along the beautiful Potomac River in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Nestled on the eleven-acre estate is the Greystone Mansion, where guests are invited to dine in warm elegance. Award-winning international cuisine is served amid the mansion's dark hardwoods, stone fireplaces and fine furnishings.



THE MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION—Antietam National Battlefield, in cooperation with the American Business Women's Association, will host the **Annual Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination** in honor of those soldiers who fell during the Battle of Antietam. The park will display 23,000 candles, one for each soldier killed, wounded or missing in the 1862 battle. The driving tour through the park is approximately 5 miles long. (Please note that the illumination is weather dependent). This is an exquisite site!



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