

“KILLING GROUNDS-GETTYSBURG’S BLOODIEST ACRES”

An in-depth examination of some of the most intense fighting during the Battle of Gettysburg.

**A Comprehensive Tour led by Licensed Battlefield Guides
Ralph Siegel and Rich Kohr**

Spend a weekend at the only Bed & Breakfast located directly on the Gettysburg Battlefield and participate in this one-of-a-kind private van & walking tour, concentrating on the fighting which resulted in the highest casualty rates during the Battle of Gettysburg.

One weekend ONLY: March 23rd – 25th, 2012

Package Price is just **\$175.00 per person** in addition to regular room rate and includes the following:

- 2 night stay at the Doubleday Inn (including a full hot breakfast served both mornings of your stay).
- Friday evening dessert discussion at the Doubleday Inn led by Licensed Battlefield Guide Ralph Siegel, focusing on why there were more deaths during the American Civil War than all other U.S. wars combined.
- Saturday enjoy a private 8+ hour van & walking tour of the Battlefield, with catered lunch at Dunlap’s Restaurant and Bakery.*
- On Saturday morning, Licensed Battlefield Guide Rich Kohr will follow the Iron Brigade into the opening clash of the Battle as it rushes towards McPherson’s Ridge headlong into Archer’s Brigade. Saturday afternoon will include the bloody contest for control of the Wheatfield as well as the attack of the 1st Minnesota.
- Licensed Battlefield Guide Ralph Siegel will lead the group through the attack of the 2nd Massachusetts in Spangler’s Meadow on Sunday morning. Ralph will conclude the seminar in the National Cemetery to visit some of the men who gave their lives on Gettysburg’s Bloodiest Acres.

**Please note that the vans will NOT return to the Doubleday Inn until the conclusion of the tour on Saturday afternoon. If you will need to leave the tour before its conclusion you should arrange your own transportation.*

Schedule of Events:

Friday March 23, 2012

2:00-6:00PM: Check-in to the Doubleday Inn, with free time for dinner.

7:00-9:00PM: A dessert discussion at the Doubleday Inn. After enjoying dinner on your own, save room for dessert & coffee at the Inn. An array of goodies and refreshments will be provided during the evening program. Licensed Battlefield Guide Ralph Siegel will lead a discussion of the causes leading the immense death and casualties of the Civil War. Tactics, disease and technology and industrialization all led to the greatest number of deaths of any American War.

Saturday March 24, 2012

8:00AM: Breakfast at the Inn

9:15-12:30PM: ***"There's the devil to pay"***

On July 1st, General Archer's Brigade marched towards Gettysburg in the van of Heth's Division. Ordered to advance across Willoughby Run to determine the "strength and line of battle of the enemy", Archer ran into the 2nd Wisconsin, the lead regiment in the Iron Brigade's race to meet him in Herbst Woods. What ensued was an intense fight in the morning of July 1, 1863 in which the Iron Brigade stemmed the Confederate assault, but the bloodiest fighting was yet to come. The renewed Confederate attack in the afternoon exacted some of the highest casualties of the entire war. The 26th NC and 11th NC stood at times within 20 paces of the 24th MI and 19th IN as each side exacted a heavy toll. Follow Licensed Battlefield Guide Rich Kohr as he presents the July 1st struggle for control of Herbst Woods and McPherson's Ridge.

12:30-2PM: Catered lunch at Dunlap's Restaurant and Bakery in Gettysburg.

2:00-4:30PM: ***"Gettysburg Bloodiest 20 Acres"***

Just as the Cornfield at Antietam, the Wheatfield holds a name of unique significance in the history of warfare. In just over two hours on the afternoon of July 2, 1863, over 20,000 men fought in a field of mature wheat on the farm of John Rose. The combined casualty rate for these troops was 30%. The armies punched and counterpunched as they fought for this ground. The "Bloody Wheatfield" changed hands six times as more troops poured in from each side. Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Rich Kohr as he retraces the steps of the brigades thrown into this intense fight.

4:30-5:30PM: ***"Advance, Colonel, and take those colors!"***

On July 2, 1863, as Longstreet's assault moved north, Confederates breached the Federal line along Emmitsburg Road. Having already sent Caldwell's Division to the Wheatfield, General Hancock had few troops at hand. With reinforcements on the way, Hancock found Colonel Colvill

and his 1st Minnesota Regiment. The 262 men present advanced toward Wilcox's Alabama brigade. Heavily outnumbered, the Minnesotans blunted the Confederate assault, but did so with a heavy loss. Colonel Colvill was wounded, and only 47 of his men answered roll call that evening. Licensed Battlefield Guide Ralph Seigel will lead the group across the attack of the 1st Minnesota.

Following the tour, the vans will return the participants to the Doubleday Inn.

5:30PM+: Free time for dinner.

Sunday March 25, 2012

8-9:30AM: Breakfast and check-out.**

9:30-10:30AM: ***"It's murder, but it's an order"***

During the fight for Culp's Hill on July 3, 1863, Colonel Colgrove received orders to attack the Confederate left flank at the base of Culp's Hill. He ordered the 2nd Massachusetts on the left, and the 27th Indiana on the right to attack the position. Men fell by the score as the two regiments faced both frontal and flanking fire as they advanced across Spangler's meadow. Halting the assault, Confederate General Smith ordered a counterattack, which suffered the same fate as the Union assault, only adding to the bloodletting in the meadow. Licensed Battlefield Guide Ralph Siegel will lead the group across Spangler's Meadow following the Union advance.

10:30-12:00: ***"The Last Full Measure of Devotion"***

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address may be the most famous speech in history. Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Ralph Siegel of a tour of the National Cemetery. Ralph has done extensive research in order to learn the accounts of these veterans. The group will visit some of the soldiers who lost their lives on Gettysburg's Bloodiest Acres.

***Please note: Please plan to check-out of the Inn prior to beginning the tour so that our housekeepers can access the rooms. You are welcome to leave your vehicles at the Inn during the tour, and upon our return we will have bathrooms available for your use.*

Pricing for weekend package:

Regular room rate for two night stay (your choice of room – subject to availability) plus
ONLY \$175.00 per person.

To make a reservation for this informative, fun-filled weekend, simply book the room of your choice:

Doubleday Inn: www.doubledayinn.com

Space and rooms are extremely limited and on a first come, first serve basis so be sure to make your reservation today!!