

## **NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON DC**

### **Birthplace of America**

Driving Distance: 400 Driving Miles

Driving Time 10 hours approx

Recommended Trip 10 Days

- Day 1      Overnight in an hotel and sample some of the delights of New York
- Days 2/3     Pickup your motorhome before driving through Philadelphia's countryside. Experience the diversity Bucks County offers in its beauty, history, culture, recreation and shopping. Explore quaint New Hope; stroll amid the charming shops at Penn's Purchase or Franklin Mill's outlet centres. Whilst in Philadelphia, America's "Birthplace of Independence", tour historic Independence National Park with the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution were written.
- Days 4/5     Travel through lush countryside to the heart of Pennsylvania's Amish Country, Lancaster County. The best non-irrigated farmland in the world brought the Amish here to settle in the 1720s and, as you meander through eastern Lancaster County, marvel at a people who survive in today's world without the micro-chip or electricity. Here you will discover communities where life moves at a slower pace and centres around timehonoured traditions and values. You'll find beautiful scenery dotted with one-room schoolhouses and wooden covered bridges, modern farm machinery pulled behind four and six-mule teams, homemade clothing and quilts gently blowing in the breeze.
- Days 6/7     Drive via Gettysburg, with its important Civil War history, to America's capital. Washington is a city that every traveller should visit. Although Washington isn't the country, it is here that you can find the most concentrated expression of what the country is. From the towering monuments to the past to the buildings where history is being made, the city seems designed to evoke the sense that you are in the midst of something special. Visit the Capitol and the Smithsonian, the latter being composed of sixteen museums, galleries and the National Zoo.
- Days 8/9     Travel to Annapolis, America's yachting capital on the Chesapeake Bay. Founded in 1649, Annapolis offers a delightful combination of history and a zest for living. Architecturally, the city boasts some of the finest 17th and early 18th Century buildings in the country - including the homes of all four

Maryland signatories of the Declaration of Independence. Stroll along the famed waterfront or sit at City Dock and imagine what Annapolis must have been like during the 1700s when the city was a bustling seaport with vessels sailing in from all over the world to trade.

- Day 10      Drive to Washington, return your motorhome and have a safe journey home