

C&O Canal Lockhouse Living Tour – A Venture into the 1830's

Experience the C&O Canal history like no one else and live like a lock tender, on Get Out & Go Tours' most exclusive tour. Enjoy all the scenery and highlights of the C&O Canal during peak fall leaves, and spend two nights in Park lockhouses on our three-day "lockhouse living" tour, packed full of history, scenery, and fun bicycling.



Day 1: 25-35 miles. Get an early shuttle from the Dulles Airport area to Antietam Battlefield, where you start with a riding tour of the battlefield, see the Bloody Lane and other highlight areas, and learn about the Civil War's bloodiest single day battle, then continue your ride to the C&O Canal (mile 69), where you pedal 21 miles along the picturesque Potomac River. Enjoy Harpers Ferry (mile 61), Brunswick (mile 56), and Catoctin Aqueduct (mile 50.9) on your way to Lockhouse 28 (mile 48.93), the Park's most remote of the over-night stay lockhouses, near Point of Rocks, MD. Enjoy picnic style lunch along the trail, and a cooked Italian dinner at the lockhouse, with drinks and snacks provided throughout the day. The lockhouse has a port-a-potty just outside, but no electricity or running water. We provide drinking water and limited facilities for cleaning up in a rustic, 1830's way. (Note: Private groups have the option to modify the tour to spend this night in the town of Leesburg, VA, for an additional charge)



Day 2: 30 miles. After continental breakfast at the lockhouse, with hot coffee, tea, juice, cereal and oatmeal, continue riding 30 miles, passing highlights like the Monocacy Aqueduct (mile 42) and Whites Ferry (mile 35.5), enroute to your stay in Lockhouse 22 at Pennyfield Lock (mile 19.6) -- a working lock in the re-watered section of the Canal. Enjoy a hearty cookout dinner and your second night in this 1830's period lockhouse, again with no electricity or running water. We will again provide rustic clean-up facilities for your convenience.



Day 3: 20 miles. After continental breakfast, continue riding the final 20 miles to Washington, DC, stopping at Great Falls National Park (mile 14) to view the falls, and at locks 10 – 8 to see the "drop gates," before arriving in Georgetown, DC and exploring the city on your own. Drinks and snacks are provided during the day. At the end of the time in DC, we will shuttle you back to Dulles Airport, for evening departure.

This tour allows you to ride much of the C&O Canal and see many trail highlights, while experiencing the park over-night like no one else can. Meals, group gear, maps, cue cards, linens and blankets (or sleeping bags), and lanterns provided by Get Out & Go Tours. All you need to bring is your personal clothing and a toothbrush!



Cost: \$450. Contact us for details. 571-572-2453, info@getoutandgo.biz, www.getoutandgo.biz. Very exclusive Limit: 8 (with two couples), or 6 (all singles). Private rooming not available. Lodging is rustic to the period. Showers not available. Light clean-up possible. Mileage: up to 85. Hybrid rental bike available for \$75 additional. **Departures October 16(-18), 2015, or custom**, based on lockhouse availability.