

# Baltimore Patriots

A multi-museum experience featuring Mount Clare Museum House, the Carroll Mansion and the Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum, Baltimore Patriots: the Road to Independence and beyond is a full day adventure that highlights the lives of three Baltimore families during a critical time in the founding of United States.

Your trip through history begins with a visit to **Mount Clare Museum House** (stop 1), the home of Charles Carroll, Barrister and Margaret Tilghman Carroll. There, students lead by a docent in period clothing, will tour the house and immediate grounds, stepping back into the 18th century. Students will be exposed to many objects unique to colonial living. This intimate tour will allow students to talk about the differences and similarities between life in the colonies and life now; and the differences between the lives of the house occupants and those that served them. The discussion will include the political activities of the Barrister, and the plantation and industries of Mount Clare that employed hired labor, indentured servants, and slaves.

*After lunch at Mount Clare students will travel by bus to their next museum site: Carroll Mansion.*

The **Carroll Mansion** (stop 2) was winter home of Declaration of Independence signer, Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Carroll was a vocal supporter of the colonies ability to govern themselves, and debated his position publicly in the Maryland Gazette, writing as "First Citizen". Carrollton's family was Catholic, during a time when others of their faith were openly discriminated against and prevented from holding public office. Despite this social climate his family was able to amass a large fortune, which was used to invest in early industries in Maryland, as well as numerous land holdings. Carroll, though a founding member of the Maryland Colonization Society, owned the largest number of slaves in the State. During a tour of the Mansion students will discuss the Signers' life, with a focus on the theme of freedom: of a nation, of religion, and of the individual.

*After exploring the home of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the students will walk with the assistance of museum staff one block south to the home of Mary Young Pickersgill, the Flag House.*

Beginning with the story of the Star-Spangled Banner flag and how it inspired our national anthem, students and teachers who visit the **Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum** (stop 3) are brought into contact with the objects, documents and people of our nation's earliest days. Interactive educational activities led by experienced guides engage students in a critical look at early 19<sup>th</sup> century Baltimore. Students go home with a new appreciation of how our nation's flag has been a dynamic symbol of America's growth and ideals, and they will be inspired by seeing how a few ordinary people can change history. During the Stars and Stripes activity students will view a brief orientation film and tour of Mary Pickersgill's home. They'll then use primary documents and artifacts, to explore the multi-layered story of the War 1812, the attack on Baltimore and the making of the Star-Spangled Banner. As they tour the historic house, students will glimpse the life of a family in the early years of our nation, examining and interacting with objects of the period.

*At the conclusion of the Baltimore Patriots program, students and teachers will be met by their bus at the Flag House and Star Spangled Banner Museum, for return to school.*

**Admission Fee for Program:** \$8.00/ student

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