The Battle of Nashville and Battle of Franklin Tour

Tour Time: 60 minutes

Follow the path the Confederate Army of Tennessee took in November, 1864, as it marched back into Middle Tennessee with its ill-fated strategy of trying to lure General William Sherman out of Georgia and his March to the Sea by attacking Nashville.

We will fly you over Winstead Hill where General John Bell Hood and his staff watched as his army of 34,000 men marched across the open fields to the entrenched Union positions across the Columbia Pike at the Carter House and Cotton Gin, just outside of the city of Franklin. On these fields, almost 2,000 soldiers died that day, including four Confederate generals. Thousands more were wounded.

You will also see beautiful Carnton Plantation where hundreds of wounded soldiers were treated and hundreds who died in the battle were later buried in the Confederate Cemetery.

From Franklin we will continue up the Pike to the site of the Battle of Nashville. We will fly over Travellers Rest, the headquarters for Gen. Hood while in Nashville; over Peach Orchard Hill, a major battle site on the second day; over Shy’s Hill, where the Confederates lines were broken on the second day of battle; and over Belmont Mansion, where the Federal army formed their lines on the first day of battle.

We will fly over the ruins of Ft. Negley, the largest inland masonry fort built by the Federal Army during the Civil War. Ft. Negley was the linchpin of a series of forts built to protect Nashville, the storage and supply depot for the Union Army in the Western Theatre.

You will see the TN State Capitol which was ringed by Union cannon during the occupation.

Finally, we’ll bring you over Belle Meade Plantation and Kelley’s Battery on our way back to the airport.
Sites you will see on the Civil War Tour

1. Winstead Hill  
2. Carter House  
3. Carnton Plantation  
4. Ft. Grainger  
5. Travellers Rest  
6. Shy's Hill  
7. Belmont Mansion  
8. Ft. Negley  
9. State Capitol  
10. Belle Meade Plantation  
11. Kelley's Battery