



Blue Ridge Mountain Get-Away with Lifelong Learning Society Thursday – October 16, 2025

Lifelong Learning Society presents this SignaTours trip as an opportunity for members to travel together

Join us for an unforgettable autumn day trip to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains! This scenic adventure includes exclusive access to a historic estate, a visit to a beloved local orchard, and a stop at a renowned winery along Virginia’s Monticello Wine Trail.

Nestled at the base of dePriest Mountain in Nelson County, **Pharsalia** was built in 1814 by William Massie. This beautifully preserved estate, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register, is surrounded by original outbuildings, vibrant gardens, and sweeping mountain views. Still owned by descendants of the Massie family, Pharsalia is a working farm with orchards and extensive vegetable and flower gardens. Normally closed to the public, this private tour offers a rare glimpse into one of Virginia’s most stunning wedding venues. Enjoy a guided tour of the historic home followed by a delicious buffet lunch on the grounds.

No fall trip to the mountains is complete without a stop at an apple orchard! **Drumheller’s Orchard** is a family-run farm offering a variety of fresh apples, homemade baked goods, jams, jellies, honey, cider, pies, and donuts. It’s the perfect spot to savor the tastes of the season and bring home some local treats.

Our final destination is the award-winning **Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards**, a popular wedding venue and boutique winery just outside of Charlottesville. The tasting room, with its vaulted ceilings, hand-painted hardwood floors, fieldstone fireplace, and expansive verandas, offers panoramic views of the valley—an ideal setting to enjoy a glass of wine and unwind. Don’t miss this special fall excursion filled with history, flavor, and breathtaking views!

Your Tour Cost Includes:

Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation ❖ Guided Tour at Pharsalia & Lunch ❖ Tasting at Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyard
SignaTours Tour Director ❖ Tax & Gratuity on Inclusions ❖ Refreshments on coach ❖ Driver Gratuity

Motorcoach departs Yoder Barn at 6:30 AM - Returns approx. 7:30 PM

Reservation Form for 10/16/25 - Please return below form with payment

Name (s): _____ E-Mail: _____
Address: _____ Cell: _____

Total Cost Per Person: ___\$250.00 for LLS Members or ___\$275.00 for Non-members

Please Note: Registration deadline is due Sept. 19th (payments non-refundable 7 days prior to departure)

Please make check payable to SignaTours and Mail to:

LifeLong Learning Society

660 Hamilton Drive, Newport News, VA 23602 (757) 269-4368

(for LLS Office only: Date check received: _____)