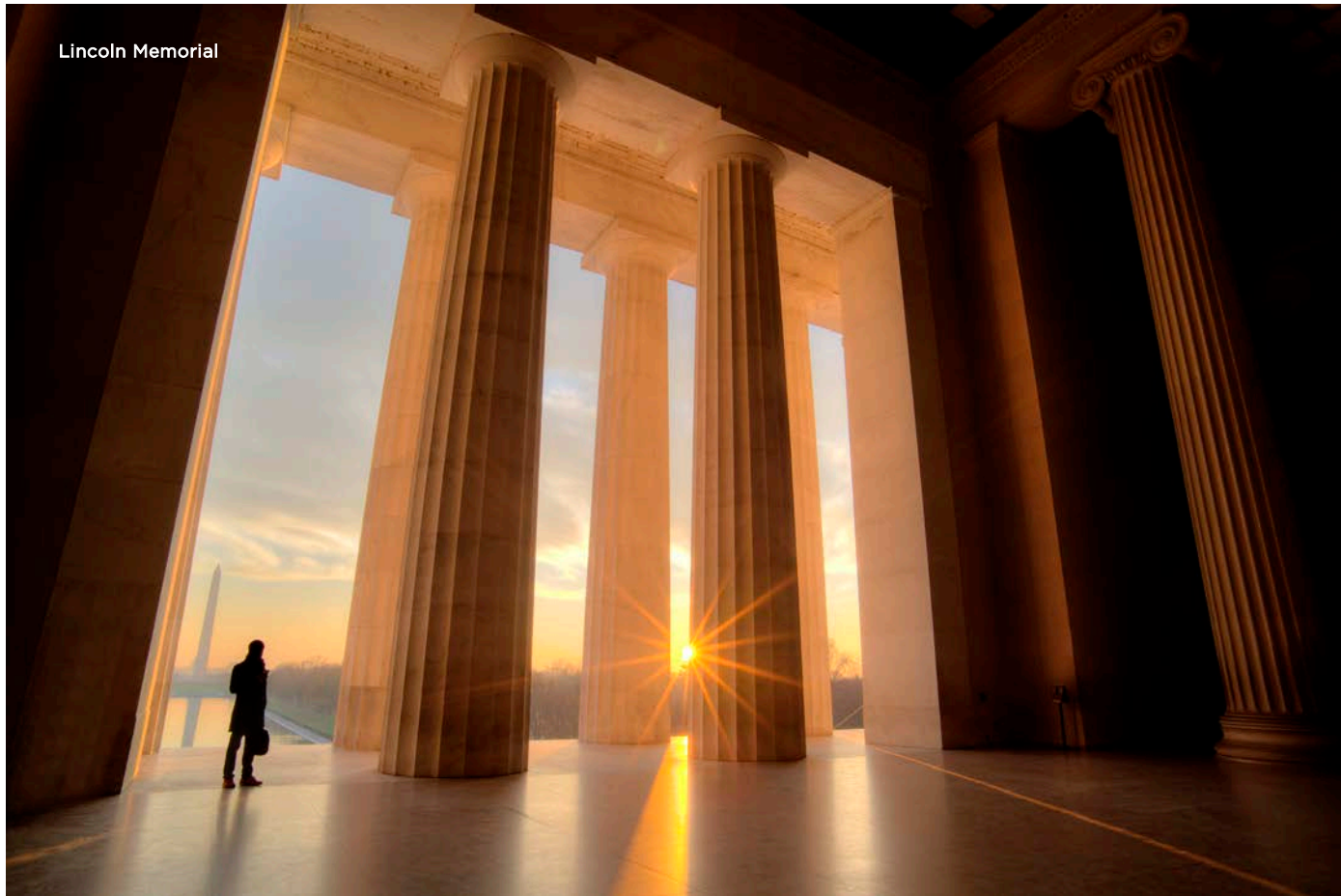


National Parks and Beyond

Civil War Battlegrounds

District of Columbia - Virginia - Maryland - Pennsylvania

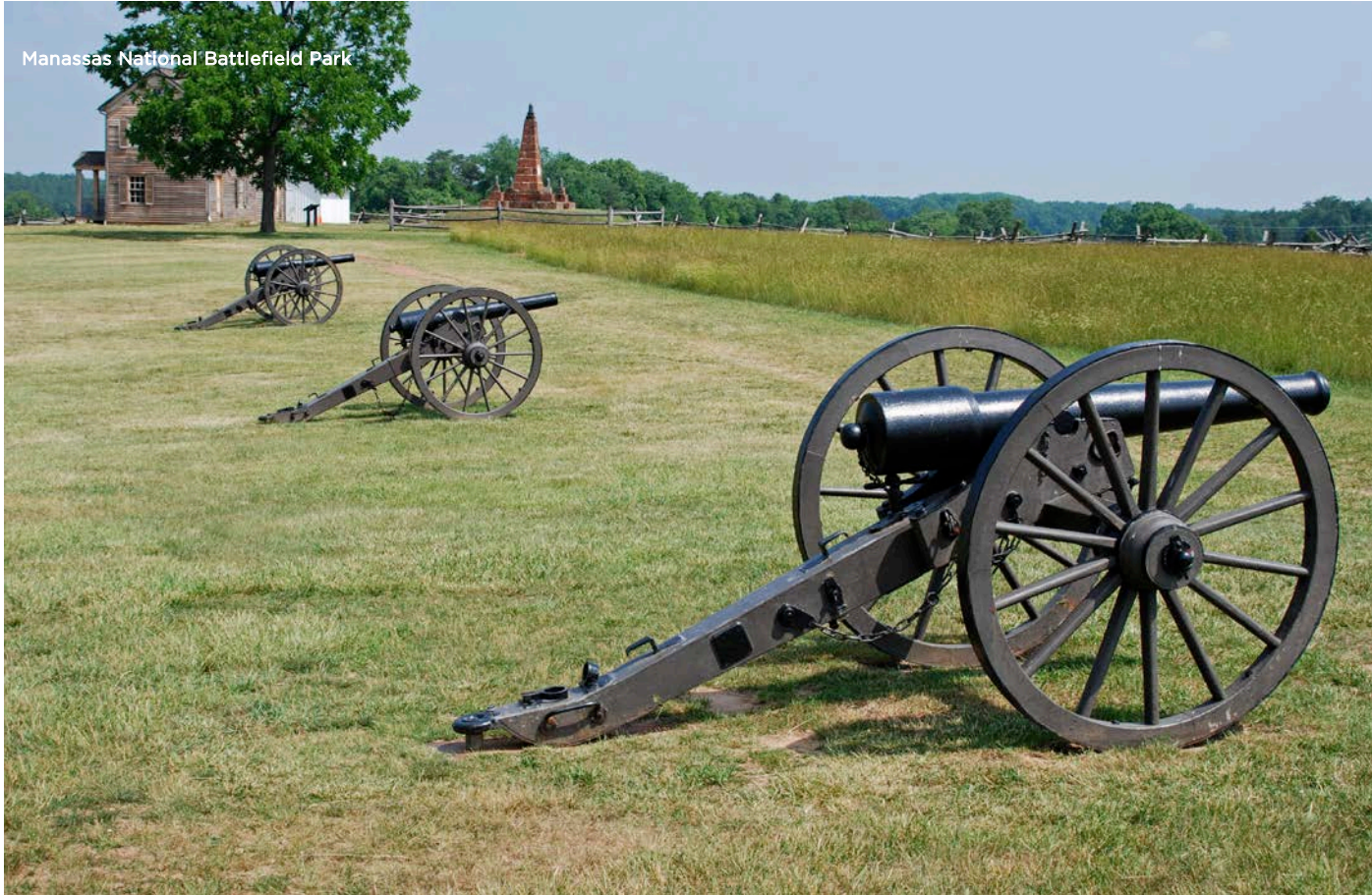


Lincoln Memorial

Washington, D.C.

It is unthinkable to begin any journey learning about Civil War history without first exploring Washington, D.C. At the western end of the **National Mall** is the **Lincoln Memorial**, which honors the memory of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th U.S. president. **Arlington National Cemetery** was established during the 1861-1865 Civil War on the grounds of **Arlington House**, once the estate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's wife, and has been a military cemetery ever since.

Accommodation: Washington, D.C.



Washington, D.C., to Richmond, Virginia

After leaving Washington, D.C., the next stop is **Manassas National Battlefield Park**, north of Manassas, Virginia. The site commemorates two battles, one in 1861 and the other a year later, between the Union and Confederate armies. This is where Confederate Gen. Thomas Jackson earned the nickname 'Stonewall'. South of Manassas is **Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park**, known as 'Americas Battleground', where four Civil War battles were fought and the war came to its climax. A key city in the Civil War was Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the Confederate States of America for much of the war. The **Richmond National Battlefield Park** commemorates the many battles fought and the defense of the city.

Accommodation: Richmond, Virginia

Richmond, Virginia, to Shenandoah National Park, Virginia

Do not leave Richmond before visiting the **Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site**, which celebrates the life of Walker, who was born to a former slave and later became the first African-American woman to charter a bank in the USA. A civil rights activist, she devoted her life to helping African-Americans. Take a respite from Civil War history to explore the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains and **Shenandoah National Park**. Travel the spectacular Skyline Drive, then take a hike on over 500 miles (805 km) of trails to experience lush forests, waterfalls, incredible views and wildlife.

Accommodation: Luray, Virginia

Shenandoah National Park



Shenandoah National Park, Virginia, to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Leave Shenandoah National Park and take a step back in time at **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**, site of the famous abolitionist uprising of 1859 led by John Brown. Tour this historic community and find battlefields, museums, a variety of hiking trails, and old-fashioned taverns and shops. Now, travel to **Gettysburg National Military Park**, site of the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, a turning point for the Union in the Civil War and the inspiration for Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Accommodation: Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Washington, D.C.

Return to Washington, D.C., to continue to explore the USA capital. The **African-American Civil War Memorial** honors the African-American soldiers and sailors who fought for freedom from slavery during the Civil War. A must-stop is **Ford's Theater**; tour the museum that tells the story of the fateful night in 1865 when Lincoln was assassinated.

Accommodation: Washington, D.C.