



## **WASHINGTON D.C.**

**5 Days/4 Nights**

### **Spring, Summer and Fall Dates Available**

People travel from far and wide to experience the awesome beauty of all four seasons in this Capital city, not only for its changing colors but also for the grandeur and gleaming white marbled buildings that embrace this historical area. This tour is filled with the wonderful sites of our Capital in its entire unique splendor. Each day of the tour is planned very carefully to get the most out of every moment. Think beyond the cherry blossoms and consider Washington D.C any time of the year!

#### **Day One:**

Make your way to the Nation's Capital and arrive for a late afternoon check in centrally located in the Mount Vernon area of Virginia, your home for the next four nights. Once you have had time to refresh, gather for your included three course meal at a restaurant located close in proximity to your hotel.

After dinner return to your accommodations to relax, gather with friends or play cards and look forward to what the next few days in Washington D.C. has to offer.

#### **Day Two:**

After breakfast, travel to Washington D.C. Your first stops will provide you a photo opportunity at the Iwo Jima and the World War II Memorial. The newest memorial honors the 16 million who served in

the U.S. armed forces during World War II, the more than 40,000 who died and the millions who supported the war effort from home.

If you are fortunate enough to visit during the time cherry blossoms are in bloom or fall foliage at peak, we will devote some time to the Tidal Basin.

Upon arrival into Washington, D.C. you'll have free time to explore the many museums and galleries on offer. Holocaust Museum, Air & Space, Botanical Gardens, American Indian Museum, or the National Gallery of Art to name just a few.

Lunch is on your own today followed by multiple options for your afternoon sightseeing.

Depending on the day of the week you arrive and your schedule, a tour of the Capital Building could be arranged, or a visit to The Library of Congress, the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts in its collections. The Supreme Court is another consideration, the Court is the highest tribunal in the Nation for all cases and controversies arising under the Constitution or the laws of the United States. "EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW"



Following an afternoon of Sightseeing, it is now time to board the motor coach and depart for dinner at one of Washington D.C. historic landmarks. Union Station is a superbly restored Beaux-Arts masterpiece. Its beautiful architecture, wide variety of shopping and dining options and status as one of the largest transportation hubs in the country, as well as a healthy dose of history, makes this station a popular destination.

As we make our way back to the hotel relax on the coach and enjoy an illuminated tour of Washington, including the Iwo Jima Memorial, and the White House.

### **Day Three:**

Breakfast will be enjoyed at your hotel before departing by motor coach for a visit to Mount Vernon, the estate of George Washington. This is America's most visited historic house. Mount Vernon sits on a grassy, shaded slope overlooking the Potomac River in Virginia. Following a video that provides a brief overview of the property, embark on a guided tour of George Washington's home, and witness the vibrant colors, intricate architectural details, and elegant furnishings of this impressive 21 room mansion. After the tour, time will be given to explore on your own, and enjoy lunch located on site at The Mount Vernon Inn, if you desire.

In the afternoon we'll visit Arlington National Cemetery, remembering all who have died for our great country. You will also visit the Tomb of the Unknowns.

No tour to Washington, D.C is complete without a visit to the White House for the "Wish You Were

Here" group photo opportunity. As the official home and office of the American president it has a prominent place in American history and popular imagination, especially Hollywood depictions. Somehow one expects it to be larger and grander, but



what it lacks in physical size, the house at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue makes up for in stature.

Time will be given for a little “retail therapy” before traveling a short distance for your included dinner tonight at a local favored restaurant. Relax and enjoy spending time with your traveling family and friends before returning to the hotel for the rest of the evening.

#### **Day Four:**

Enjoy another included breakfast at the hotel before departing by motor coach for Washington, D.C.

Don't forget your walking shoes because for the next few hours you will take a journey through American history. All within proximity to each other, walking around the Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials will help bring the passion of our forefathers, leaders, and visionaries to life!

This now brings us to late morning, and as there are an abundance of spectacular attractions to see in this capital city you will have options dependent on personal preferences.

Visit some of the Smithsonian Museums: National Air and Space Museum's, Arts and Industries Building, the American Indian Museum, the Botanical Gardens, or visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

I'm sure at some point you'll have built up an appetite! Lunch is on your own today at many of the local options nearby.



Late afternoon will take us to the National Portrait Gallery. As the nation's only complete collection of presidential portraits outside the White House, the "America's Presidents" exhibition lies at the heart of the Portrait Gallery's mission to tell the country's history through the individuals who have shaped it. Gilbert Stuart's "Lansdowne" painting of George Washington is the grand introductory image to this exhibition.

Enjoyed a catered dinner during your time at the Gallery before boarding the coach and returning to your hotel to relax.

#### **Day Five:**

Time to pack your bags and begin your travels back home. But not before you've enjoyed one more breakfast at the hotel. Along the way, share tales of what you saw, what you heard and the people you met.

Happy Travels!

## Your Package Includes:

4 Nights accommodations

4 Breakfasts

4 Dinners

Photo opportunities at Iwo Jima, WWII Memorial & the White House

Depending on time of year, time will be given at the Tidal Basin to view Cherry Blossoms/Fall Foliage.

Tours: United States Holocaust Museum, Air & Space, Botanical Gardens, American Indian Museum, the National Gallery of Art, Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jefferson, World War II, Vietnam, Korean War Memorials, Arlington Cemetery, Smithsonian Buildings, and more.

Optional US Capital Tour, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, or Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Guided tour of President George Washington's - Mount Vernon home

Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per traveler

Accommodations, baggage service, admissions, and group meals for the coach driver

Taxes and Gratuities (Note: Gratuities for any local guides and coach driver are not included and are at your discretion based on service.)

**\*Don't get Washed - Out!** For an additional cost consider adding on a local, expert Tour Guide to accompany the group for the duration of the stay in Washington, D.C. Your guide can assist your travelers, answers questions, and help navigate them around this amazing city.

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