



Tour: The History of America
Specialization: History, Science, Art & Culture
Itinerary: 7-days / 6-nights
Location: Washington DC, USA

The History of America					
Day	Morning	Afternoon		Evening	
1	Travel to Washington DC; transfer to hotel			Welcome, Safety & Orientation	Welcome Dinner
2	Washington DC Private Guided City Tour - White House, Capitol Hill, National Mall, Martin Luther King, Jr, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln Memorials, Washington Monument, Vietnam, WWII & Korean War Memorials			Local Dinner	Evening Potomac Memorial Cruise
3	Ford's Theatre & Petersen House + Performance	Smithsonian American History Museum	US Supreme Court + Historical Film, Courtroom Lecture & Exhibitions	Georgetown Waterfront - Dinner & Sightseeing	
4	George Washington's Mount Vernon, Lunch + Leadership or Slavery Tour				Local Dinner
5	National Air & Space Museum + History of Flight Tour	American Law Enforcement Museum + Master Class	The National Archives + "The Charters of Freedom: Building a More Perfect Union" Master Class	Local Dinner	Washington DC Ghost Tour
6	Smithsonian Museum of Natural History		Fort McHenry National Monument + Flag Ceremony & Ranger Talk	Medieval Times Dinner Theatre	
7	Travel home!				



As with all sample itineraries, please be aware that this is an "example" of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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Washington DC....

Chosen by George Washington for its tactical location between the South and the North, and for its accessibility to the sea via the Potomac River, the capital of the United States is situated in a district specifically created to avoid the establishment of the capital city in any one state. Washington, DC (District of Columbia) with its low-profile skyline, is a city of green parks and open spaces, grand buildings, historic landmarks, marbled monuments and impressive museums, with character-filled neighborhoods that support a thriving cultural scene with scores of top-notch restaurants, shops and evening entertainment.



This thriving cosmopolitan city is an international hub of power and diplomacy, representing all the democratic ideals that the country takes pride in. After politics, tourism is the city's main industry. The city plays host to millions of people annually who come to explore famous sights such as the domed US Capitol, the stately White House, Lincoln Memorial and the soaring Washington Monument. The most well-known sights are located along the National Mall, a green park stretching from the US Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial on the Potomac River, and include several memorials to great US presidents of the past, as well as the outstanding museums of the Smithsonian Institute. Washington DC is the second most visited city in the United States, after New York.

Did you know?

- ✓ The "DC" in Washington DC stands for "District of Columbia". The phrase "taxation without representation", often heard here, is based on the fact that DC, not being a state, doesn't have any representation in Congress.
- ✓ The District of Columbia was named after the great explorer Christopher Columbus.
- ✓ DC is a very international city, home to more than 170 embassies and international cultural centers. The city's colleges and universities host about 20,000 international students each year, and 15% of DC residents speak a language other than English at home.
- ✓ The Capitol Dome took 11 years to build. On top of the dome is the "Statue of Freedom," which may look small, but it's actually 19 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs approximately 15,000 pounds.
- ✓ L'Enfant Plaza, in the Southwest quadrant of the city, is named after Pierre L'Enfant, who is credited with creating Washington's first planned street layout in the late 18th century.



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- ✓ The word “lobbyist” became popular with President Ulysses S. Grant’s disdain for the interest groups who bothered him while he relaxed in the lobby of the Willard Hotel.
- ✓ The U.S. government is based in DC, but the city is run by a mayor and the city council. The mayor and the city council members are elected to four-year terms.

Day 1

Dinner included

Welcome to Washington! After flying or driving in, get checked in, refreshed and rested. We’ll have our **Welcome, Safety & Orientation** this evening before heading out for our Welcome Dinner.

Sample Hotel - Holiday Inn Express Alexandria (or similar) - Located in the heart of Alexandria, Virginia and features 86 guest rooms and suites. Students will sleep 4-to-a-room while teachers sleep 2-to-a-room. Resort amenities include 24-hour staffing, business center, complimentary high-speed Internet access, health and fitness center with whirlpool, guest laundry facilities, ATM, convenience purchases and safety deposit boxes. Room amenities include 32-inch LCD TV with cable channels, complimentary local phone calls, hair dryers, coffee and tea makers, microwaves, mini-refrigerators, individually controlled air conditioning units and irons/boards.



Day 2

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine! After breakfast at our hotel, we’re off to explore Washington DC. We’ll meet our private guide and get an in-depth view of this fabulous city, its origins, people and culture!

Washington DC City Tour with a Private Guide – Spend a full day with your private educational guide exploring DC with all its fabulous memorials, monuments and neighborhoods. Let us know if you have any special requests! Groups may feel free to hop-on and hop-off at will to get a closer look. Places of interest will include:

The White House	Capitol Hill
National Mall	Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
Thomas Jefferson Memorial	Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial
Lincoln Memorial	Washington Monument
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall	World War II Memorial
Korean War Memorial	and more



After our amazing, guided day, we’ll come back to our hotel, refresh, and head out for dinner. This evening, we’ll cruise the great Potomac for an evening look at the stunning memorials.



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Potomac Riverboat Company - See the famous monuments of Washington, DC from an entirely new perspective on this narrated sightseeing cruise. Travel along the Potomac River to see the plethora of famous monuments and landmarks, with stunning reflective views of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Washington Monument, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and more. (Please know that during winter months, this cruise only operates on weekends. If you are traveling over the winter but not over a weekend, please know we will find an alternative activity for you.)



Day 3

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning DC! Today we're taking a look back into history with a visit to Ford's Theatre.

Ford's Theatre & Petersen House – Where Abraham Lincoln's legacy lives, this is the site of Lincoln's assassination. Ford's Theatre offers museum exhibits, live theatre and immersive learning.



- **The Museum:** View exhibits that follow Abraham Lincoln from the beginning of his presidency to the moments leading up to his assassination. Learn about his life in the White House, the struggles he faced during the Civil War, and his meetings with abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Learn about actor John Wilkes Booth, the roots of his hatred toward Lincoln, and the group of people who joined his conspiracy to dismantle the United States government. The museum features artifacts related to the assassination, including the weapons Booth used.
- **The Theatre:** On the night of April 14, 1865, actor and Confederate sympathizer John Wilkes Booth sneaked into the Presidential Box and shot President Abraham Lincoln. Today, the theatre looks very much the way it did that fateful night. The President's Box is decorated with an American flag and a portrait of President George Washington, just as it was in 1865.
- **Petersen House:** On April 14, 1865, after John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln, Lincoln was carried out of the theatre and into a boarding house across the street. The celebratory night quickly turned into an overnight vigil as people gathered outside the house. The doctor at Lincoln's bedside updated the crowd each hour on the president's condition. His final update came at 7:22 a.m. on April 15, 1865: the president had died.
- **Aftermath Exhibits:** The Aftermath Exhibits take you to a Washington street the morning after Lincoln's assassination. Follow Lincoln's funeral train back to his hometown in Springfield, Illinois. In an interactive exhibit, learn about the crowds that gathered to mourn the president each time the train stopped.

- **One Destiny Play:** Learn about President Lincoln's assassination from two men who were there. Actor Harry Hawk and Ford's Theatre co-owner Harry Ford revisit the events of April 14, 1865. As they reconstruct the sequence of events, they grapple with the question: Could John Wilkes Booth have been stopped? This 35-minute performance explores the key facts of the assassination while capturing the emotions of that fateful night.

After soaking in everything pertaining to the Ford Theatre, we're off for some fun at the American History Museum!

Smithsonian National Museum of American History – Through incomparable collections, rigorous research, and dynamic public outreach, this museum explores the infinite richness and complexity of American history. It helps people understand the past in order to make sense of the present and shape a more humane future.



The National Museum of American History is home to more than 1.8 million objects and more than three shelf-miles of archival collections. On behalf of the nation, they preserve and share this extraordinary national collection encompassing everything from the original Star-Spangled Banner to Abraham Lincoln's top hat; from the first computer bug to the first artificial heart; from Dizzy Gillespie's angled trumpet to Dorothy's ruby slippers from The Wizard of Oz. The archival collections include a remarkable array of American history in documents, photographs, and other works, including major holdings on the histories of American business and music. This is the greatest single collection of American history in the world.

The museum's exhibitions explore fundamental American ideals and ideas—such as democracy, opportunity, and freedom—and major themes in American history and culture, from European contact in the Americas to the present day. At the heart of the museum is the deeply moving exhibition on their most iconic artifact, The Star-Spangled Banner, The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem. New West Wing exhibitions include American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith and Many Voices, One Nation, which ask visitors the question, "What kind of nation do we want to be?" Major exhibitions on innovation, money, and business history explore these topics from a range of perspectives and challenge visitors to consider what is distinctively American about them.

This afternoon, we will visit the U.S. Supreme Court.



The U.S. Supreme Court - The Supreme Court Building, majestic in size and rich in ornamentation, serves as both home to the nation's highest Court and the manifest symbol of its importance as a coequal, independent branch of government.

To help bring educational activities to life in your classroom, please review the educational resources offered by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and visit the [iCivics page](#). To learn more about the Constitution and Constitution Day activities for students, visit the [Library of Congress](#) and [National Archives](#).

Groups visiting the Supreme Court are encouraged to tour public portions of the building on a self-guided basis and take advantage of a variety of educational programs, including Courtroom Lectures, a Visitor Film, and court-related Exhibitions. In addition to the Courtroom, portions of the first and ground floors are open to the public. Highlights include the John Marshall statue, portraits and busts of former Justices, and two self-supporting marble staircases. The Courtroom is located on the first floor. Court sessions, including handing down of opinions are also open to the public. Courtroom seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Courtroom Lectures - Trained volunteer docents lead these 30-minute programs, designed to introduce visitors to the judicial functions of the Supreme Court, the history of the building, and the architecture of the Courtroom. Lectures are available Monday through Friday on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visitor's Film - The Supreme Court, a 24-minute film that examines the history of the building and features interviews with the Chief Justice and both sitting and retired Justices, is shown in two theaters located on the ground floor.

[Visitor's Map](#) / [Building Floorplan](#) / [Area Map](#)
[Visitor's Guide to the Supreme Court](#)
[Visitor's Guide to Oral Argument](#)

This evening, we're off to explore Georgetown and its lovely waterfront stretching along the banks of the Potomac River. The perfect intersection of historic charm and upscale modernity happens where M Street meets Wisconsin Avenue in the heart of picturesque Georgetown!



[Georgetown – A DC Neighborhood](#)
[Things to see & do in Georgetown](#)

Georgetown - While Georgetown's cobblestone streets, cupcake stores, historic bars and stylish boutiques account for many of its charms, Washington, DC's oldest neighborhood also sports a bevy of waterfront recreation that any visitor can thoroughly enjoy. From on-the-water revelry to dining accompanied by spectacular scenery to highly anticipated annual events, the Georgetown waterfront presents an array of activities for you to explore.



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Day 4

Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner included

On this special day, we're off to Virginia to visit the home of George Washington!

George Washington's Mount Vernon – Mount Vernon is an American landmark and an enduring tribute to the Father of Our Country. Once a vibrant plantation in the 18th century, George Washington's Mount Vernon estate is now one of the nation's most visited historic sites. Combining an authentically interpreted 18th century home, lush gardens and grounds, intriguing museum galleries, immersive programs, and first-rate dining and shopping, Mount Vernon is an incomparable national treasure.



Teacher Lesson Plans

Historic Area - In Mount Vernon's historic area you can explore the Washington home and more than a dozen historic outbuildings. In 1799, more than 50 enslaved men and women were trained in specific trades. These individuals used their skills to make tools and textiles, care for livestock, process food, and construct and repair many of Mount Vernon's buildings, including the Mansion itself. Today visitors can explore the outbuildings where much of this work was done including the blacksmith shop, smokehouse, stable, spinning house, and more.

Museum & Education Center - Discover more about the life and legacy of George Washington and those who lived and worked at Mount Vernon in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. Explore 23 galleries and theaters to learn about George Washington's life and Mount Vernon's enslaved community. See hundreds of artifacts from Washington's lifetime, movies, a 4-D theater, and an interactive theater.

Pioneer Farm - Located on the banks of the Potomac, the four-acre Pioneer Farm site explores George Washington's role as a visionary farmer. Watch costumed interpreters demonstrate Washington's innovative farming and fishing practices, hoe fields, cook over a fire, shear sheep, and harvest crops (activities vary day to day). Explore a replica slave cabin and Washington's 16-sided treading barn. Stroll along the Wharf for a view across the Potomac River. The Pioneer Farm represents the more than 3,000 acres Washington cultivated during the second half of the 18th century. It also offers visitors a chance to learn more about the lives of the enslaved workers who put Washington's agrarian ideas into practice.

Gristmill - George Washington's merchant gristmill was capable of producing 5,000 to 8,000 pounds of flour and cornmeal a day. Today, this milling system is faithfully interpreted, fully functioning, and open to guests April through October. Watch the water wheel turn and the mighty gears rotate as we grind grain using the Oliver Evans system, the same utilized by George Washington in the 18th century.

Distillery - In 1799, George Washington's distillery produced nearly 11,000 gallons, making it one of the largest whiskey distilleries in America at the time. Today, a faithfully reconstructed working distillery produces small batch spirits on site and is open to visitors. Come see the working distillery at Mount Vernon. You can visit this re-creation where his whiskey is made today.



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Tombs - Visit the final resting place of George and Martha Washington. George Washington died in his bedchamber at Mount Vernon on December 14, 1799. His last will outlined his desire to be buried at home at Mount Vernon. Washington additionally made provisions for a new brick tomb to be constructed after his death, which would replace the original yet quickly deteriorating family burial vault. In 1831, Washington's body was transferred to the new tomb, along with the remains of Martha Washington and other family members. Today, the gently wooded enclosure that surrounds the Washington's final resting place is a lovely, fitting space to pay homage to the Father of Our Country and the first, First Lady.

Schools will have an option of participating in an educational tour if available during your visit date. Most tours operate November through February. Current tours include:

Telling Their Stories: Mount Vernon's Enslaved People - Explore the estate's historic outbuildings where the enslaved community lived and worked. Hear the stories of individuals and learn how their work made Mount Vernon a successful plantation. This tour can be extended with a special wreath laying at the Slave Memorial.

Washington's Lessons in Leadership - Discover how George Washington became a celebrated leader whose contributions still impact the world today. Learn how character, integrity, and multi-faceted leadership skills remain relevant for achieving success.

After our full day exploring Mount Vernon, we'll have dinner and then the night is free for us to enjoy!

Day 5

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine DC! We're going to kick off the day with a look at Aviation & Space Sciences!

Smithsonian Institution's National Air & Space Museum - Launch into the history of flight by surrounding yourself with icons of air and space travel. This flagship building on the National Mall in Washington, DC, exhibits aircraft, spacecraft, missiles, rockets, and other flight-related artifacts. The museum has an IMAX theater for out-of-this-world escapes. The National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC has thousands of objects on display, including the 1903 Wright Flyer; *Spirit of St. Louis*; Bell X-1, an Apollo lunar module, *How Things Fly* activities and demonstrations, plus IMAX® films shown on a five-story-high screen (at additional cost). A 1-hour tour is also included provided these are available at the time of your visit.



History of Flight Tour – Trace the development of flight from early balloons to modern spacecraft by focusing on some of the world's most famous aircraft and spacecraft, as well as the people who flew them.

Exploring Space Tour - Study such spacecraft as the Apollo 11 lunar module and the Skylab Orbital Workshop and examine the technology and scientific advances that have expanded our horizons.

This afternoon we'll learn about Law Enforcement in America complete with a master class on Forensics!



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American Law Enforcement Museum - Learn what it's like to be a cop and test your knowledge and skills in DC's most interactive Museum. The National Law Enforcement Museum is dedicated to telling the story of American law enforcement by providing visitors a "walk in the shoes" experience. Within the walls of the Museum's strikingly contemporary exterior, artifacts from a collection of more than 20,000 objects tell the story of American law enforcement – past, present, and future – and engage visitors of all ages in memorable, immersive and experiential exhibits.

Museum Highlights include: Decision-making Training Simulator, 9-1-1 Emergency Ops Dispatch Experience, Interactive Web of Law Enforcement, Immersive Forensics and Evidence Gathering Interactives



Each group will also participate in a Master Class if available at the time of year you are visiting. Current options include:

Knowing Your Rights - Students learn about the individual freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights and the role law enforcement officers play in enforcing the Constitution. Through an interactive tour of the Museum's collection, students will learn about how the first 10 amendments of the Constitution guide how officers respond to incidents, arrest suspects, give evidence in trials, and patrol prisons. 60 min

STEM in Law Enforcement - Students will learn how police technology, including radios and squad cars, increase efficiency and how forensic science helps catch criminals. Students will learn how engineering is used to design bomb disposal robots, and how blood spatter experts use math to calculate the height of a suspect. 60 min

Law Enforcement Through American History - Students will travel through 400 years of American history, from law enforcements' origins to the issues facing modern day communities. Students will view major historical events such as Prohibition and the civil rights era through the lens of law enforcement and see how the history of this nation is inextricably connected to law enforcement. 60 min

Total Forensics Workshop - This workshop is meant as an introduction to a variety of forensic science skills. The multi-station format allows students to step into the shoes of crime scene investigators and compile evidence to indict a suspect on murder charges. Students will learn to examine bloodstains, lift latent fingerprints, decipher DNA profiles, and more. 75 min

DNA & Blood Analysis Workshop - Students step into the shoes of a forensic scientist to solve a murder mystery! Students learn the basic components of DNA and how it can be used to catch a suspect. Students construct DNA strands with manipulatives, participate in a kinesthetic activity to understand gel electrophoresis and isolate the DNA of a strawberry. Students also test possible murder weapons by creating blood spatter patterns and eliminate suspects by determining their blood type. 75 min

Forensic Pathology - Students take on the role of a forensic pathologist by learning how an autopsy can be used to determine the cause, manner, and mechanism of death. Students will then non-surgically examine fetal pigs with various injuries and summarize their findings on an autopsy report. 75 min



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Fingerprints & Impressions - Students step into the shoes of a forensic scientist to learn the basic components of fingerprinting and the methods used to match impressions. Students will watch live demonstrations, dust and lift fingerprints, and use evidence to catch a thief. 75 min

Policing Strategies Workshop - Students learn about four popular policing strategies used by departments over the last 30 years: Zero-Tolerance, Predictive, Community, and Problem-Based. Students will work together to assess the benefits and drawbacks of each and recommend a strategy based on the needs of their own communities. Students will then craft an argument citing their evidence. 90 min

Training Simulator Workshop - Students will be able to step into the shoes of a police cadet with a Training Simulator Workshop. Students will learn about the federal laws and court precedents governing the use of force and de-escalation tactics. They will practice split-second decision-making with hypothetical scenarios before stepping into the state-of-the-art training simulator. 75 min

Then, in the late afternoon, we're off to visit the National Archives.

The National Archives - Home of the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and Bill of Rights, the National Archives is the U.S. Government's collection of documents that records important events in American history. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the Government agency that preserves and maintains these materials and makes them available for research. The National Archives holds permanent records created by the U.S. Congress, U.S. Supreme Court, select Federal Agencies, plus pre-WWI military service records for both U.S. Army and Confederate veterans among others.

More than 95 percent of the records in the National Archives are declassified, meaning they are available to all researchers. Many of the records in the National Archives are available on microfilm, and more than 1.8 million digital images of documents can be seen through NARA's online catalog. Some of the oldest materials in the National Archives are on parchment and date back to the founding of the United States of America. These include the records of the Continental and Confederation Congresses.

Explore five exhibition galleries and enjoy other activities:

- The Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom--home of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights
- Records of Rights in the Rubenstein Gallery, featuring a 1297 Magna Carta
- Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote in the O'Brien Gallery
- Featured Document Exhibit in the East Rotunda Gallery
- Public Vaults - Permanent Interactive Exhibit Gallery
- Hands-on activities for visitors of all ages in the Boeing Learning Center



If traveling on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, your visit may also include a 1-hour learning lab:

The Charters of Freedom: Building a More Perfect Union - During this program, students will learn about the history behind, and discover the purpose of, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. They will build a graphic organizer to help them distinguish these "Charters of Freedom," as they are known, by their purposes. Students will also tour the National Archives Rotunda to see the original documents in person and play a game where they will match document clues and excerpts to each document.

Tonight, after dinner, we're in for a spooky experience!



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DC Ghost Tour – Are you ready for the ultimate historic ghost walk? DC Ghost stories provide a new perspective on the real history behind the hauntings found in our nation's capital city. From first-hand accounts to the true tales behind the haunts, guests will gain a real understanding as to how D.C. is both a historical city and one of the most haunted places in the US. In Washington, ghosts of presidents and first ladies, slaves and military personnel can all be found wandering the historic sites of the capital city. Arrive for an after-dark tour to walk among these spirits, hearing their tales of woe, despair, and assassination. This ghost tour is created to be scary and creepy but is still family-friendly and available to all ages.

Day 6

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning Washington! Today is our final full day. We'll spend the morning at the most well-known museum in Washington and then we're off for an afternoon in Maryland.



The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History – This museum houses a national collection of more than 125 million natural science specimens and cultural artifacts. The museum is dedicated to understanding the natural world, and our place in it and includes exhibits ranging from the earth, the diversity of life, and the human connection. The museum is one of the most visited attractions in Washington, DC and is a favorite with students, but has plenty to intrigue all ages. Popular displays include dinosaur skeletons, an enormous collection of natural

gems and minerals including the 45.5-carat Hope Diamond, artifacts of early man, an insect zoo, a live coral reef, an IMAX film theatre and much more. The Mammal Hall is devoted to mammal and human diversity, evolution and adaptation.

Next, we're off to Baltimore's Fort McHenry!

Fort McHenry National Monument - Fort McHenry is a historical American coastal pentagonal fort located in the Locust Point neighborhood of Baltimore, Maryland. It is best known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy from the Chesapeake Bay on September 13–14, 1814. *Groups will participate in a Flag Change Ceremony, hear a Ranger Talk (dependent upon timing) and be able to watch a movie about the War of 1812 and the Fort McHenry National Monument.*



The History - The fort was first built in 1798 and was used continuously by the U.S. armed forces through World War I and by the Coast Guard in World War II. It was designated a national park in 1925, and in 1939 was redesignated a "National Monument and Historic Shrine".

During the War of 1812 an American storm flag, 17 by 25 feet (5.2 m × 7.6 m), was flown over Fort McHenry during the bombardment. It was replaced early on the morning of September 14, 1814 with a larger American garrison flag, 30 by 42 feet (9.1 m × 12.8 m). The larger flag signaled American victory over the British in the Battle of Baltimore. The sight of the ensign inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem "Defense of Fort M'Henry" that was later set to the tune "To Anacreon in Heaven" and became known as "The Star Spangled Banner", the national anthem of the United States.



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This evening, we'll stay in Baltimore a bit and visit the Medieval Times Dinner Theatre for our farewell dinner.

Medieval Times Dinner Theatre – Travel through the mists of time to a forgotten age and a tale of devotion, courage and love—at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament. Imagine the pageantry and excitement that would have been yours as a guest of the king ten centuries ago. See the electrifying show featuring heroic knights on spirited horses displaying the astounding athletic feats and thrilling swordplay that have become hallmarks of this unique entertainment experience. Enjoy a “hands-on” feast as the dynamic performance unfolds before you. A sweeping musical score and brilliant lights provide a fabulous backdrop for this spellbinding experience that blurs the boundary between fairy tale and spectacle!



Day 7

Breakfast included (dependent upon departure time)

It's time to pack up and head home! Following breakfast and dependent upon our flight or motorcoach departures, we'll have the morning free and then we'll start to say goodbye to Washington DC as we head off for home; taking memories with us that will last forever!

Farewell DC!



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Optional Add-Ons

The following activities are suggestions to add to your itinerary if you have extra days or would perhaps prefer to change your itinerary to reflect a specific purpose.

[Air & Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center - Smithsonian](#)
[American Art Museum – Smithsonian](#)
[Anacostia Community Museum - Smithsonian](#)
[Archives of American Art – Smithsonian](#)
[Arlington National Cemetery Guided Walking Tour](#)
[Arthur M. Sackler Gallery – Asian Art – Smithsonian](#)
[Arts & Industries Building – Smithsonian](#)
[Evening Illuminated Monuments Tour](#)
[Freer Gallery of Art – Asian Art - Smithsonian](#)
[Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden – Smithsonian](#)
[I-Fly \(Loudoun, Virginia\)](#)
[International Spy Museum](#)
[Library of Congress \(tours available\)](#)
[Madame Tussauds](#)
[Museum of the Bible](#)
[National Aquarium \(Baltimore, Maryland\)](#)
[National Building Museum](#)
[National Gallery of Art](#)
[National Geographic Museum](#)
[National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)
[National Museum of African Art – Smithsonian](#)
[National Museum of the American Indian – Smithsonian](#)
[National Postal Museum – Smithsonian](#)
[National Zoo – Smithsonian](#)
[Portrait Gallery – Smithsonian](#)
[Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum](#)
[Shadowland Laser Tag / Pizza Party](#)
[Smithsonian Castle](#)
[Smithsonian Gardens](#)
[Spirit Cruises](#)
[The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)
[Washington National Cathedral](#)



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Minimum Booking Numbers:

20 students

What's Included:

Round-trip flights or motorcoach transport
Airport transfers & motorcoach transportation throughout your stay
6-nights' accommodation in the DC metro area
Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on your night of arrival and ending with breakfast on your day of departure
Lunch on Day 4
DC Welcome, Safety & Orientation
Washington DC Guided Tour – Hop-on/Off with Private Guide and personal motorcoach transportation – see Capitol Hill, the White House, the National Mall, Martin Luther King, Jefferson, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Vietnam, WWII & Korean Memorials, Washington Monument, more
Evening Potomac Memorial Cruise
Ford's Theatre + Petersen House with Audio Guide + Performance
Smithsonian's American History Museum
U.S. Supreme Court + Historical Film, Courtroom Lecture & Exhibitions
Georgetown Waterfront excursion
George Washington's Mount Vernon + Lunch + Tour
Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum + History of Flight Tour
American Law Enforcement + Master Class
The National Archives + Master Class "Charters of Freedom"
Washington DC Walking Ghost Tour
Smithsonian Museum of Natural History
Fort McHenry National Monument + Flag Ceremony & Ranger Talk
Medieval Times Dinner Theatre
Personal Tour Ambassador
Fund-a-Forest: A tree is planted in the name of each guest
Dollar\$ For Scholars: \$2 donation in the name of each guest
24-hour emergency cover

Important Note: Many Master Classes and Workshops are based on availability and may not be available at the time you are visiting. Most are available during the school year, but some are not available over the summer months. Additionally, many workshops are based on a first-come / first-served basis. Essentially, the sooner you can confirm your tour, the sooner we can confirm your workshop with the individual suppliers.

What's Not Included:

Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)
Transfers to/from home airport
Lunches or meals other than what is indicated above
Cost of visas, full or collective passports
Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown in Itinerary
Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items, recreation charges, purchases billed to room, etc
Any gratuities – coach drivers, area guides, tour ambassador

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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