

**Join – Your Name Here - Washington DC
September 2024 (Projected)
Five Days - Four Nights**



Day One, Thursday September 19, 2024

Afternoon Pick-up at DCA airport: Visit the **Smithsonian Institution’s Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center National Air and Space Museum**. **ATTN: THIS MUSEUM IS NOT LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN DC WHERE OTHER SMITHSONIAN’S ARE LOCATED INCLUDING AIR AND SPACE. IT IS LOCATED NEAR DULLES AIRPORT WEST OF THE CITY. SEE DIRECTIONS.** The Udvar-Hazy Center provides space for the objects that tell the history of aviation and space flight. Over 335 air and spacecraft will be on display. The displays will included the Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR-71 Blackbird, Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, the B-17 Flying Fortress, an F-4 Phantom fighter, the B-29 **Superfortress “Enola Gay”**, and the de Havilland Chipmunk. Many artifacts will be on display for the first time. Visitors are able to walk among the exhibits and view them from elevated “skyways”. There is an Observation Tower where visitor’s can watch air traffic at Dulles International Airport. On site there are restaurants, a large theatre, gift shops and more.

5:00pm Depart.
5:45pm Enjoy **dinner** this evening at a local restaurant.
7:45 PM Check into the Embassy Suites Crystal City
Arlington, VA





Day Two, Friday September 20, 2024

7:00am Enjoy **deluxe continental breakfast** this morning at the hotel.

8:00am Depart

- Meet **GUIDE** en route.

9:00am Visit **Mount Vernon**, the estate of George Washington. - Here, he escaped the rigors of public office and enjoyed the life of a successful Virginia planter. America's most visited historic house, Mount Vernon sits on a grassy, shaded slope overlooking the *Potomac River*. Many of the furnishings are original pieces acquired by Washington himself. Mount Vernon is both George Washington's home and final resting-place. This Southern plantation standing on the banks of the *Potomac River* details the life of the "Father of Our Country" while providing fascinating insights into Colonial times. Visit the **Ford Orientation Center & Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center** at Mount Vernon. The center contain sculptures, paintings, portraits, models, photos, films, documents and diverse artifacts, with succinct descriptions and pithy quotations describing the life, times and accomplishments of our nation's first president. With 25 state-of-the-art galleries the museum displays many objects shown at Mount Vernon for the first time.

12:00pm Enjoy **lunch today on your own at the cafeteria**

1:00pm Depart.

1:45pm Arrive at the **base of Capitol Hill**.

- The **Capitol Visitor Center** welcomes visitors to the seat of American government. At nearly 580,000 square feet, the CVC is the largest project in the Capitol's 215-year history and is approximately three quarters the size of the Capitol itself. The entire facility is located underground on the east side of the Capitol so as not to detract from the appearance of the Capitol. Features include an exhibition gallery highlighting the House & Senate while in-session, orientation theaters, a 550-seat cafeteria, gift shops, and restrooms all within a secure public environment that will provide visitors shelter from the unpredictable D.C. weather.
- **The United States Capitol.** The most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world, the U.S. Capitol has housed Congress since 1800 and is one of the most imposing public buildings in the world. The Capitol is where Congress meets to write the laws of our nation, and where presidents are inaugurated. Its ceilings are decorated with historic images, and its halls are lined with statuary and paintings representing great events and people in the nation's history.
- Visit the **United States Library of Congress**. *Explore. Discover. Be Inspired!* Established as an act of Congress is 1800, The Library of Congress is the largest national library in the world with more than 100 million items in three buildings. The original Library of Congress Building (now called the Thomas Jefferson Building) is perhaps Washington's most richly ornamented building. **DID YOU KNOW? The library has more than 650 miles of bookshelves, and more than 138 million objects in 470 different languages.**

- Tour the **Supreme Court Building (exterior only)**. Within the walls of this white marble monument the third branch of government exercises its mandate to protect and interpret the spirit of the Constitution.

4:45pm Depart.
 5:00pm Stop for a **photo opportunity of The White House**.
 5:30pm Depart.
 6:00pm Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **Tony & Joe's or similar (pending availability)**. On the waterfront in Georgetown.
 7:30pm Depart
 8:00pm Walk through **The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a "living memorial" to Kennedy, and authorized \$23 million to help build what was now known as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Head up to the Terrace for amazing views of the city**.
 9:00pm Drop **GUIDE** and depart
 9:30pm Depart and return to the hotel for the evening. Meals: CB, D.



Day Three, Saturday September 21, 2024

****NOTE: today's timing may change based on dates chosen.***

7:00am Enjoy a **breakfast** at our hotel this morning.
 8:00am Board motorcoach and depart
 8:30am Meet our **GUIDE** at the **Visitor's Center of Arlington National Cemetery**. No land in America is more sacred than this square mile. It is America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Robert F. Kennedy, Edward Moore (Ted) Kennedy, Audie Murphy, prizefighter Joe Louis, and thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war. The Cemetery is the former plantation and home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Arlington House, Space Shuttle Challenger Astronauts' Memorial, and Monuments to nearly every major sacrifice that affected our country are located within these 612 acres. The Tomb of the Unknowns speaks of a nation's debt to the many whose ultimate sacrifice helped make a nation free. Arlington averages 27 funerals a day. The crews, service members, and groundskeepers follow an elaborate choreography to ensure that each funeral feels like it is the only one taking place.
Transportation tickets are included for your visit.
 11:00am Depart
 11:15am Stop at the **Air Force Memorial**. The redesigned Memorial is both BOLD and graceful and truly representational of the Air Force. Central to the design are three stainless steel spires which soar skyward. The highest of the spires will ascent 270' above the 3-acre elevated promontory site. Other key elements of the Memorial include a bronze Honor Guard, inscription walls, and an open glass Chamber of Contemplation, all landscaped to create a memorial park and parade ground overlooking the nation's capital.
 11:45am Depart.
 12:00pm **Stop** at the **Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Park**. The memorial will honor the 184 victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks at The Pentagon. At the heart of the memorial 184 illuminated benches are arranged

according to the victim's ages, from 3 to 71. The benches representing the victims on the plane will face skyward, and the benches representing the victims that were inside the building will face the Pentagon (in both cases, the line of sight follows the flight's path). As part of the landscaping, there will be approximately 80 Paperbark Maple trees planted.

- 1:00pm Depart and drive by Iwo Jima. One of the largest bronze statues ever cast depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all Marines who have died in battle since 1775.
- 1:30pm Enjoy **lunch on your own** today at the **Reagan Building/International Trade Center Food Court**– just named "DC's Best" food court by *Frommer's*. The food court has many dining options, 1,000 seats and an ultra-clean setting. Washington's newest conference and event facility has over 55,000 square feet of architecturally majestic space, and features an amphitheater, an 11,500 square foot exhibit hall, reception areas and meeting rooms. Advanced telecommunications services make it the complete electronic meeting place. **Photo ID is required.**
- 2:30pm Depart.
- 3:00pm Stop at **The National World War II Memorial**. This memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world.
- Stop at **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. This privately funded memorial has drawn millions who have come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos.
 - Stop at **The Lincoln Memorial**, overlooking the Reflecting Pool, was patterned on a classic Greek temple. Inside, inscriptions from his Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address flank the 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President.
 - Stop at **The Korean War Veterans Memorial**. The triangular field contains nineteen ground troopers, clad in foul weather ponchos, fully equipped for battle. Representing those who supported the ground troops are hundreds of faces etched on a polished granite wall.
- 5:00pm Depart.
- 5:30pm Visit **Old Town Alexandria**. Enjoy **free time and dinner** this evening in **Old Town Alexandria**. Browse the antique and specialty shops and boutiques that give Alexandria its quaint, small-town feel. You'll understand why George Washington chose to live near this once-thriving seaport, years before he chose the site for the nation's capital. ***GUIDE drops after orient group to the area.***
- 6:30 PM** **Dinner is served at a local restaurant**
- Evening Return to the hotel for the evening.
Meals: CB, D.

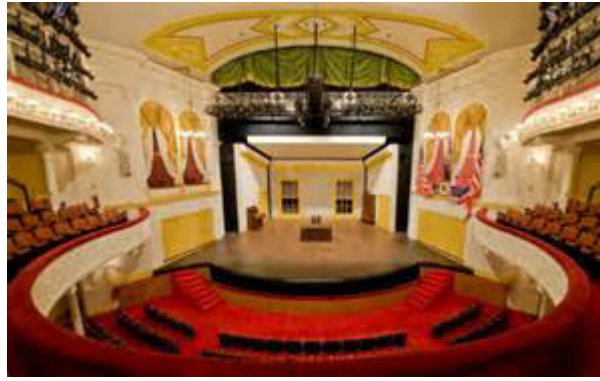


Day Four, Sunday, September 22, 2024

****NOTE: today's timing may change based on dates chosen.***

- 7:30am Enjoy a **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.

8:30am	Depart
9:00am	This morning we have free time to visit the Smithsonian Museum on the Mall. Choose the ones that appeal to you! (See Day 5 for a list of possible Museums) All the Museums are located adjacent to the Mall and admission is free. The Air and Space Museum is one of the most popular but each museum has incredible treasures to offer! . Enjoy lunch on your own while visiting the museums today. Each Museum has unique and wonderful food in their cafeterias so enjoy!
1:00pm	Depart with our GUIDE at designated meeting spot.
1:30pm	Visit Ford's Theatre (pending availability), Petersen House and the NEW Center for Education and Leadership. Restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln, Ford's is still an active theater. Reopened in 1968, Ford's Theatre is one of the most visited sites in Washington DC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the lower-level museum that paints a picture of Washington DC during the 1860s and exhibits Lincoln Memorabilia. • Cross 10th Street to see the <i>newly renovated Petersen House</i> to see where Lincoln died. Here, visitors can learn more about that fateful night and the people who surrounded the President in his final hours. • Visit the NEW Center for Education and Leadership. This new museum features two floors of permanent exhibits, one floor of rotating exhibits and two floors of state-of-the-art education studios for distance-learning and on-site activities. The story of the Abraham Lincoln assassination continues in the <i>Aftermath and Legacies</i> galleries of the new Center, taking visitors back to 1865 in the weeks and months immediately following Lincoln's death. Visitors can see the route of Lincoln's funeral train, learn which president wore a ring containing a lock of Lincoln's hair, explore Lincoln's international influence, examine how Lincoln's image has been adopted for use in pop culture and much more.
3:30pm	Depart.
4:00pm	Visit the NEW Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial. The long awaited memorial utilizes landscape elements to powerfully convey three fundamental and recurring themes of Dr. King's life: justice, democracy and hope. The memorial is a quiet and receptive space, yet at the same time, powerful and emotionally evocative, reflecting the spirit of the message Dr. King delivered and the role he played in society. The King Memorial is intended to be personally transformative for visitors, building a sense of commitment to the promise of positive change and active citizenship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop at The Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. This memorial to FDR combines sculpture, water and natural landscape to forge a dramatic setting for recounting the events and terms of office of the nation's 32nd President. The FDR is unique among the memorials of Washington, DC. Its shade trees, waterfalls, statuary and quiet alcoves create the feeling of a secluded garden rather than an imposing structure. The memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, or rooms, one for each of FDR's terms in office. Water cascades and quiet pools are present throughout. • Stop at The Jefferson Memorial. The 19-foot statue of the third president stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the Declaration of Independence and Jefferson's other famous writings. Looking from the memorial across the <i>Tidal Basin</i> provides an unforgettable view of the city.
6:00pm	Depart.
6:30pm	Enjoy dinner served family style at Carmines in Penn Quarter, Washington, D.C. GUIDE drops once check group in for dinner.
8:00pm	Depart.
8:30pm	Return to the hotel for the evening. Meals: CB, D.



Day Five, Monday, September 23, 2024

- 8:00pm Enjoy **deluxe continental breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. **Baggage handling** is included.
- 9:00pm Depart.
- 10:00am Visit your choice of the **Smithsonian Institution's** museums on the **National Mall**. ***Please note seasonal hours of operation posted at each museum entrance.***
- Visit the **NEWLY Renovated National Museum of American History**. View the Museum of American History's complete make-over and renovation! Browse through the new state-of-the-art gallery that offers a spectacular view of the Star Spangled Banner, and view the exhibits that top the list of must-sees for any visitor with a taste for true Americana. See the First Ladies' inaugural gowns, quilts, cars, locomotives and much, much more.
 - Visit the **National Air & Space Museum**. Experience the history of flight at one of the world's most visited museum, from the plane flown by the Wright brothers to the Apollo 11 command module. Features an incredible collection of aviation and space technology treasures.
 - Visit the **National Museum of Natural History**. The Hope Diamond and dinosaur fossils and the world's largest African bush elephant top the amazing natural treasures on display along with a live insect zoo.
 - Experience something of the unique nature and welcoming spirit of **The National Museum of the American Indian**. From the American Southwest, Hawaii, Canada, South and Central America you will feel the spirit of these native people. See items from the great American pyramid builders to the beautiful craftsmanship of North, Central, and South America's indigenous people.
 - The **National Gallery of Art** houses an outstanding collection of masterpieces that trace the development of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present. The original West Building concentrates primarily on European works from the 13th century, while its contemporary counterpart, the East Building, highlights works of modern artists.
 - Visit the **Freer & Sackler Gallery**. The Freer & Sackler galleries boast one of the finest museum collections of Chinese art outside of China, with over ten thousand objects dating from Neolithic times(ca. 700-ca.2000 B.C.E.) to the present. While the sheer number of items is impressive, it is their variety and quality that is truly remarkable, with nearly every medium and category of Chinese art represented.

- Visit the **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden**. This donut-shaped building boasts a collection of 19th and 20th century paintings and sculptures.
- The **National Museum of African Art** is the only museum in the United States dedicated exclusively to the collection, exhibition and study of the traditional arts of sub-Saharan Africa.

Afternoon Depart for home.
Meals: CB.

Inclusions:

Four night's accommodations Double Tree or Embassy Suites Arlington, VA
Four dinners
Four breakfasts

Visit the Udvar Hazy Smithsonian Air Museum
Admission to Mount Vernon
Visit to Capitol Hill including the Capitol and the Visitor Center
Visit the Library of Congress
Visit the Kennedy Performing Arts Center
Admission to the Arlington Cemetery
Visit the Air Force Memorial
Visit the World War II Memorial
Visit Old Town Alexandria
Admission to Ford's Theater
Visit the Martin Luther King Memorial
Visit to the Smithsonian Museums
Fully escorted Airport to Airport
Round Trip Motorcoach Airport to Airport
Four days guide service
Baggage
Tax and services
Comp package for 30 paid packages

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Price Per Person	Min 40	Min 35	Min 30
Double Occupancy	\$ 1189.00	\$1269.00	\$1309.00
Triple Occupancy	\$ 1109.00	\$1169.00	\$1219.00
Single Occupancy	\$ 1829.00	\$1889.00	\$1949.00

Add RT air from your city to Washington DC \$0.00*

***Air based on current rates, subject to change.**