

Join First Bank & Trust for Washington DC and Colonial Williamsburg  
September 26 – September 30, 2024  
Prepared by Group Travel Masters



**Day One, September 26, 2024**

- Morning Arrive to DC Area Airport via our-arranged flight.
- Meet **arranged motor coach**.
  - Meet **ESCORT**.
  - Depart for Richmond, VA
- 12:00pm Arrive to Richmond, VA.  
Visit the **Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**. This unique museum features an encyclopedic collection containing a wide range of works of art, from ancient civilizations to contemporary cultures. Enjoy **lunch on own** while visiting today.
- 2:30pm Depart.
- 3:00pm Visit the **Tredegar Iron Works, Richmond National Park Service Visitor Center**. Tredegar Iron Works serves as the main visitor center for the Richmond National Battlefield Park. It includes three floors of exhibits with unique artifacts on loan from other Civil War history institutions.
- 5:00pm Depart.
- 5:30pm Enjoy **dinner at Capital Ale House (pending availability). Menu TBA.**
- 7:00pm Depart.
- 8:00pm **Check-in to Holiday Inn Express Williamsburg (1452 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185 --- 757-941-1057). Baggage handling is included. ESCORT to remain with group.**  
Meals: D.



## Day Two, September 27, 2024

- 7:30am Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.
- 8:30am Depart.
- 9:00am Arrive for a **guided tour of Jamestown Settlement**. Jamestown Settlement commemorates the first permanent English settlement in the New World. It features full-size replicas of the three ships that arrived in 1607, as nearly reconstructed as possible to show the size and hardships the hardy settlers had to face. The reconstructed Jamestown Fort is unique and seems to come to life with the costumed interpreters present to perform 17<sup>th</sup> century activities, and interact with the crowds. Don't miss the Indian village and wonderful museum exhibits.
- Roughly 400 years ago these merchant ships embarked from England across the Atlantic Ocean to America, a voyage that would later set the course of American history. Learn about these ambitious pioneers and the hardships they faced.
- 11:30am Depart.
- 12:00pm Arrive to **Colonial Williamsburg**. Enjoy **lunch on own** upon arrival.
- 1:00pm Meet **GUIDES** and begin tour of **Colonial Williamsburg**. Enjoy a **four-hour sampling** admission ticket to the exhibition buildings, colonial trade shops, and colonial homes of the Historic Area. This **does include your choice of one** of the following: the **Governor's Palace**, the **Capitol**, or **Raleigh Tavern**. The Capitol is where Virginia patriots developed principles of self-government, individual liberty and responsible leadership. The Governor's Palace reflects the period of Lord Dunmore's residence, the last English governor of the Virginia colony. After the colonists chose revolution, two commonwealth governors lived here. Virginia's restored 18<sup>th</sup> Century Capitol showcases a variety of restored and reconstructed homes and public buildings, museums, craft shops, taverns and special entertainment in its 173-acre historic area.
- 5:00pm Depart.
- 5:30pm Enjoy **dinner** this evening at a **Colonial Tavern (pending availability)**. **Menu TBA**.
- 7:00pm Depart.
- 7:30pm Return to the hotel for the evening. **ESCORT to remain with group**  
Meals: B, D.



## Day Three, September 28, 2024

- 7:00am Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out. **Baggage handling** is included.
- 8:00am Depart.
- 11:00am Visit **Mount Vernon**, the estate of George Washington. **(The Group Leader will sign for Mid-Atlantic Receptive Services direct bill at the group arrivals.)** 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.
- Enjoy **lunch on own** while visiting today.

3:00pm

Depart.

3:30pm

Arrive 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.**
- **Bus Parking is included.**

6:30pm

Depart.

7:00pm

Enjoy **dinner** tonight at **The Boulevard Woodgrill**. Menu is choice of **(1) Woodgrilled Atlantic Salmon** over roasted garlic mashed potatoes, with grilled asparagus and mimosa vinaigrette, **(2) BBQ Baby-Back Ribs** (1/2 rack) glazed with molasses rum BBQ sauce, served with mashed potatoes and homemade cole slaw, **(3) Homemade Beef, Veal & Pork Meatloaf** served with roasted garlic mashed potatoes, grilled asparagus and tomato pomodoro sauce, **(4) Woodgrilled Hawaiian Chicken**, a woodgrilled chicken breast served over basmati rice and finished with a fresh pineapple relish, **(5) Woodgrilled Angus Skirt Steak**, tamarind and soy glazed **(6) Vegetable Gateaux** black angus hangar steak served over basmati rice; served with grilled asparagus, or (, sauteed artichoke, arugula & roasted red pepper "cakes" served over tomato pomodoro with grilled asparagus All entrees are served with a chopped **mixed green salad**, non-alcoholic beverage, and **dessert included. Please send in meal selections with rooming list.**

8:30pm

Depart.

9:00pm

**Check-in to Courtyard by Marriott Alexandria, VA 22314). Baggage handling is included. ESCORT to remain with group.**

Meals: B. D.



#### **Day Four, September 29, 2024**

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

8:00am Depart.

8:30am Visit the NEW **White House Visitor Center**, located at 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, offers visitors a window into the president's iconic home. Visitors can explore an interactive touchscreen tour of the White House, view over 90 artifacts from the White House collection, shop at the White House Historical Association retail store, and view the 14 minute film, "White House: Reflections From Within." **Do not bring sharp objects into the Visitor's Center. All bags, purses, etc. are subject to search.**

- Stop for a **photo-opportunity** at the **White House**.

9:45am Depart.

10:15am Arrive at the **Capitol Visitor Center** on **Capitol Hill**.

**Security check points are located at the front of the building and groups will be subject to high security procedures.**

- Enjoy **lunch on own** at the **Capitol Visitor Center Cafeteria**.
- 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 (confirmation # TBA)**. 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. **Note: Stop for a photo opportunity and narrative tour of the outside only. Unless group has timed entry tickets. Note: VIP Capitol Tours are free. MARS will attempt to place reservations for your group 80-90 days prior to your tour date. If we are unable you may try to reserve directly on the [www.visitthecapitol.org](http://www.visitthecapitol.org) web site (or contact your Senator or Congressman to obtain timed entry). Tours of the Capitol begin with a 13-minute orientation film and last approximately one hour. Stop for a photo**

***opportunity and narrative tour of the outside only unless group has timed entry tickets.***

- Visit the **United States Library of Congress**. *Explore. Discover. Be Inspired!*
- Established as an act of Congress in 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.**
  - **NEW The Library of Congress Experience**. **Pick up your Passport to Knowledge at the front desk upon arrival.** Interactive technologies make the Library of Congress and its collections more dynamic and accessible than ever. This Library of Congress Experience offers "hands-on" interaction with rare cultural treasures in ways that inspire and engage. Highlights on display include Exploring the Early Americas, Waldeemuller 1507 Map known as "America's Birth Certificate", Minerva-The Goddess of Wisdom, Creating the United States, Thomas Jefferson's Library, Bob Hope and American Variety, and the History of the Library of Congress.

**If for any reason an inside tour is not available or the wait in line is extremely long our guide will conduct a tour outside the buildings. (CLOSED SUNDAYS)**

- Tour the **Supreme Court Building (pending time and length of lines)**. 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.

**If for any reason an inside tour is not available or the wait in line is extremely long our guide will conduct a tour outside the buildings. (CLOSED SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS)**

3:15pm

Depart.

3:45pm

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.

5:45pm

Depart.

6:15pm

Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant**. Dinner starts with a salad of fresh baby greens tossed in marzen vinaigrette. Entrée choices are: **(1) Pasta Marinara**, fresh mozzarella, marinara sauce and parmesan cheese over a bowtie pasta; **(2) Grilled Mahi Fillet**, grilled mahi served with sweet ginger rice and seasonal vegetables; or **(3) Schwarzbier Tenderloin Tips** Sauteed tenderloin tips, mushrooms, shallots and garlic simmered slowly in a balsamic Schwarzbier reduction and served atop Garlic Mashed

Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. **(4) Pecan Crusted Chicken** Chicken breasts crusted with Pecans and served golden brown and topped with a Sherry cream sauce, served over Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables Dessert is New York cheesecake topped with fresh strawberries. Unlimited coffee, tea, or soda. **Please send choices with rooming list.**

7:45pm

Depart.

Continue with an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour**. Washington's grand buildings, memorials, and monuments sparkle and are impressive during the day; but in the evenings they are illuminated, soft focusing the solid stones and bronzes; fountains and water features shimmer in reflection; shadows darken highlighting the floodlit detail. Impressive during the day—stunning at night!

- Drive by the **Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**
- Drive by **The Washington Monument**
- Drive by the **National World War II Memorial**
- Drive by **other memorials and monuments** as time permits

9:00pm

Return to the hotel for the evening. **ESCORT to remain with group**

Meals: B, D.



### **Day Five, September 30, 2024**

7:00am  
included.

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out. **Baggage handling** is

8:00am

Depart with ESCORT.

- Stop at 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.
- 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 *Tidal Basin* provides an unforgettable view of the city.
- 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 by 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.

10:30am

Visit your choice of the **Smithsonian Institution's** museums on the **National Mall**. ***Please note seasonal hours of operation posted at each museum entrance.***

- Enjoy **lunch on own** while visiting today.
- Visit the **NEW National Museum of African American History and Culture**, a place where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives and how it helped us shape this nation. It is a place that transcends the boundaries of race and culture that divide us, and becomes a lens into a story that unites us all.
- Visit the **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM SECURITY IN WASHINGTON DC! Due to the heightened security measures at ALL Smithsonian Museums, entry to Smithsonian is taking much longer than previously anticipated and in some cases an hour or more.**

***In order to expedite your groups entrances please do not bring any bags into the museums and look for any available "no bags" security line which might be available.***

***The Smithsonian Institution's security policy is: All bags, purses, attaches, shopping bags satchels, suitcases, etc will be hand searched. To expedite this please bring only a small purse or fanny pack. DO NOT bring daypacks, backpacks, or luggage in to the museums. Most locker rooms have been closed. DO NOT bring sharp items into the museums, such as knives (including pocket), screwdrivers, corkscrews, scissors, nail files, etc.***

Afternoon Depart for DC area airport.



**Inclusions:**

- Two night's accommodations Holiday Inn Express Williamsburg, VA
- Two night's accommodations Courtyard by Marriott Alexandria
- Four dinners, Four Breakfasts
- Admission to Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar
- Admission to Historic Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery
- Guided tour of Washington DC, admission to the Capitol, visit the Smithsonian Museums, Union Station
- Visit to the National Cathedral, admission to Ford's Theater
- Round trip motorcoach transportation
- Fully escorted from Washington, DC to Washington, DC
- Baggage
- Tax and service charges
- Comp package for 30 paid packages

Price Per Person	Min 40	Min 35	Min 30
Double Occupancy	\$1299.00	\$1349.00	\$1399.00
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