

6:30 pm Arrive for seating at Ford's Theatre

Restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln, Ford's is still an active theater. The lower-level museum exhibits Lincoln Memorabilia, Booth's diary and one of his boots.

**7:30 pm It's Show Time!
Enjoy "Little Shop of Horrors"**

_____ **Show ends Depart for our hotel**
_____ **Arrive at the hotel**

Day 6: Thursday, March 25

TODAY'S DRESS NOTE: *Appropriate dress is business casual attire. No jeans, shorts, tank tops, halter-tops, tennis shoes or flip flops are permitted on the Odyssey.*

_____ **Enjoy full hot breakfast buffet at the hotel**

8:00 am Depart our Hotel

9:00 am Visit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

We will enjoy a guided tour of the memorial viewing elegant marble walls that display the names of more than 14,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, dating back to 1794.

10:15 am Depart Memorial

10:45 am Arrive at Water Street dock and board Odyssey III Cruise Ship

11:30 am Enjoy lunch onboard the Odyssey III Cruise Ship

Washington's Premier Luncheon Cruise! Travel beneath the historic bridges spanning the Potomac while enjoying live entertainment, impeccable cuisine and unparalleled views of the Capital's greatest monuments.

1:30 pm Arrive dock and depart with our DC Guide Kurt Mueller

This "pocket size" itinerary is designed for your convenience to plan for and use while on your trip. Missing times will be provided by your tour director during the tour. Don't forget your camera and your sense of mystery and adventure!

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2:00 pm 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, 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 Astronaut's 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.

4:00 pm Depart Arlington Cemetery

4:30 pm Visit the National Archives

The spacious rotunda of the National Archives contains the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. For the first time in modern history, all the pages of these documents are on display to the public. All the displays have been made accessible for viewing by individuals in wheel chairs and children. At night, the display is lowered 20 feet into a bomb and fireproof vault.

5:30 pm Depart National Archives

_____ **Drive by of Embassy Row**

After the Civil War, the powerful and socially elite built large mansions along Massachusetts Ave. After the Great Depression, many of the families who built these homes went broke. Today, the area is known as Embassy Row. Embassies, associations, foundations, and clubs have claimed and restored, these lovely homes.

6:15 pm Enjoy dinner at Sequoia

Our meal will include Sequoia Grilled Salmon with champagne sauce and Herb Marinated Chicken with sherry mushroom sauce. Entrées are served with a seasonal vegetable and roasted new potatoes. All meals include a garden salad, dessert, and your choice of coffee, tea, or iced tea.

_____ **7:30 pm Depart Sequoia for our Hotel**
_____ **Arrive at the hotel**

Day 7: Friday, March 26

_____ **Luggage Out**

_____ **Enjoy full hot breakfast buffet at the hotel**

_____ **Depart Our Hotel**
We will not return to this hotel

_____ **VIP tour of The White House**

"The President's Palace," as it was called in the beginning, has been the official home of every U.S. President except George Washington.

Scheduled tours may be cancelled without notice

Note: If entrance is denied to White House we will Visit The White House Visitor's Center.

_____ **Stop for a White House photo opportunity**

_____ **Depart**

10:00 am Smithsonian Institution Visit
See map given out on tour.

11:30 am Meet and Depart from a specified location

12:00 pm Enjoy lunch at Ben's Chili Bowl

This U-Street landmark restaurant, next to Lincoln Theatre is a former silent-movie house. Established in 1958. Many jazz greats of the day, Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, and Nat King Cole would stop by the restaurant. Celebrities that still frequent the restaurant include Bill Cosby and Chris Tucker. Several movies have had location shots at Ben's. Enjoy the video of Ben's Chili Bowl and U Street's History while we enjoy our lunch.

Give waiter choice upon arrival:

- 1) Ben's Chili Half-Smoke
- 2) Chili Dog
- 3) Jumbo Beef Dog
- 4) Chili Burger
- 5) Turkey Burger
- 6) Veggie Burger
- 7) Bowl of Chili Con Carne
- 8) Tuna Sandwich

Lunch menu includes plentiful assortment of French Fries, Cheese Fries, and Chili-Cheese Fries, full selection of soft-drinks.

_____ **Depart Ben's Chili Bowl**
_____ **Smithsonian Institution Visit**
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3:30 pm Meet and Depart from a specified location



Washington DC

AN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

DC DETAILED ITINERARY

**Day 3: Monday, March 22
thru
Day 7: Friday, March 26**

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Day 3: Monday, March 22

————— **Arrive at Mount Vernon the estate of George Washington**

————— **Enjoy lunch at the Mount Vernon food court (on your own)**

If you haven't been to Mount Vernon since the 2006 opening of the Ford Orientation Center and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center, two facilities with 25 galleries and theaters, it's time for a visit!

Discover the real George Washington with a Hollywood-produced action adventure movie, interactive exhibits, an immersive Revolutionary War "snow" experience, more than 1,000 artifacts, original films, and life-size models of Washington created from a forensic investigation! Visitors may also tour the restored Mansion, its outbuildings, and 50 spacious acres of gardens and grounds, which include the tombs of George and Martha Washington, a memorial to the slaves who worked at Mount Vernon, and a four-acre working farm. And of course there's the gorgeous view of the Potomac River that can be enjoyed from one of several Windsor chairs on Washington's piazza!

5:00 pm Depart Mount Vernon

5:30 pm Enjoy dinner this evening at Il Porto Ristorante

All meals include a house salad, fresh bread and butter, soda or iced tea, and vanilla ice cream for dessert.

Our entrée choices include:

We have highlighted the choice you gave us.

Lasagna al Forno, tender noodles with ricotta cheese and meat sauce

Fettuccine Alfredo, homemade pasta in a classic cream, butter, and cheese sauce

Petto di Pollo alla Parmigiana, boneless chicken breast layered with mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce served over angel hair pasta

Linguine alla Viareggina, linguine pasta prepared with chopped clams in a white sauce.

7:00 pm Enjoy free time to explore Historic Old Town Alexandria

8:00 pm Depart for Hotel

————— **Check in to our hotel Crowne Plaza Herndon for a 4 Night Stay**

Day 4: Tuesday, March 23

Each person will have a breakfast coupon for each morning's breakfast. Breakfast starts at 6:00 am and you can go to breakfast any time from 6:00 am to our departure time.

————— **Enjoy full hot breakfast buffet at the hotel**

8:00 am Depart our Hotel

9:00 am Meet our DC Guide Kurt Mueller & visit the Capitol Visitor's Center

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 that features 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.

————— **Tour The Supreme Court Building**

OUR DC TOUR GUIDE WILL DETERMINE 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 building.

10:00 am 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 "Americas Birth Certificate", Minerva- The Goddess of Wisdom, Creating the Unites 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 building.

11:10 am Visit 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.

————— **Enjoy lunch at the Capitol Visitor's Center Cafeteria (on your own)**

1:30 pm Depart

2:00 pm Reflection time and Photo Opportunity Visits at:

*The National World War II Memorial
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
The Lincoln Memorial
The Korean War Veterans Memorial*

4:30 pm Board motorcoach and depart

5:00 pm Enjoy our dinner this evening at Rock Bottom Brewery

Give waiter choice upon arrival:

Brown Ale Chicken served with White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes

Alder Smoked Salmon Fish and Chips

Pub Tenderloin Tips served with White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes and chef's choice of vegetables

Penne Primavera served with fresh baked bread.

All entrees come with house salad, dessert, and unlimited coffee, soda, or ice tea.

6:30 pm Depart on an Illuminated tour of the following:

The Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)

The Jefferson Memorial

Air Force Memorial

8:00 pm Depart - DC Guide Departs

————— **Arrive at the hotel for the night**

Day 5: Wednesday, March 24

TODAY'S DRESS NOTE: We will be out for the entire day and be going to Ford Theatre this evening. Business casual attire is suggested. No jeans, shorts, tank tops, halter-tops, tennis shoes or flip flops.

————— **Enjoy full hot breakfast buffet at the hotel**

8:30 am Depart Hotel

9:30 am Visit the Newseum

The only interactive museum of news. Go behind the scenes and try your hand at being a television news anchor or radio sportscaster. Experience the news of today as it happens on a 126-foot long, 10-½ foot-high Video News Wall displaying today's news from around the world. The Newseum houses icons of our human quests and struggles for freedom including the largest piece of the Berlin wall in the world and other engaging exhibits on such topics as America's Civil Rights movement, corporal punishment, and ethics in journalism.

————— **Enjoy lunch in the museum cafeteria (own your own)**

1:30 pm Board motorcoach and depart

1:45 pm Smithsonian Institution Visit
See map given out on tour.

4:00 pm Meet and Depart from a specified location

4:30 pm Enjoy dinner today at America in Union Station

Our dinner will begin with a garden salad, rolls, and butter. Dinner is a duet of Chicken and Beef entrées served with rice and vegetables. Chef's choice of dessert. Coffee or tea are included.

6:00 pm Depart Union Station