

# GETTYSBURG & WASHINGTON DC

September 8-13

## Day One, Wednesday, September 8

7:00-8:00 AM

Approximate departure depending upon pickup location. Exact pickup times and locations will be determined approximately 30 days prior to trip. Lunch stop enroute on your own

6:00 PM

Arrive in Gettysburg, PA.

Enjoy **dinner** this evening at the **Dobbin House Tavern (717-334-2100 @ 89 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg, PA 17325)**. The oldest building in Gettysburg (built in 1776) has been restored and filled with period antiques. *Dinner includes Tossed Garden Salad with herb and blue cheese dressing, hot home-baked breads with butter. Choice of Broiled Flounder with Lemon Butter, Baked Chicken with Mushroom Supreme Sauce, or Baked Smithfield Ham with Pineapple Raisin Sauce. All meals include baked potato, vegetable, chocolate cake, and coffee or tea.*

8:30 PM

Check in to the **Courtyard Gettysburg** or similar. **Baggage handling is included.**

**Meals: D.**

## Day Two, Thursday, September 9 – Take a Journey Through Hallowed Ground today!

7:30 AM

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

9:00 AM

Visit the **Dwight D. Eisenhower Home and Farm**. *Purchased in 1950 after a 30-year military career which took Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower around the world, Eisenhower used the farm as a weekend retreat and "temporary White House". World leaders and foreign dignitaries visited here, and after his terms of office ended, the farm became his retirement home where he raised prize winning Angus cattle and pursued other hobbies. **The National Park Service offers shuttle service to the site of our 34<sup>th</sup> President's home.***

11:30 AM

Explore the **Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center** on your own. *View one of the world's largest collections of artifacts and memorabilia from the American Civil War.*

- View a 20 minute **film** entitled "**A New Birth of Freedom**" about the Battle of Gettysburg (**Show Time TBA**).
- See the **Cyclorama** of the **Gettysburg National Military Park**. The center features a breath-taking panorama of Pickett's charge measuring 356 by 26 feet. A sound and light program recreates scenes of the fighting (**Show Time TBA**).
- Enjoy **lunch on own** today.

1:00 PM

Meet our **Guide** and tour **Gettysburg Battlefield**, *America's largest Civil War Battlefield, containing more than 40 miles of scenic avenues. Over 1,600 monuments and cannon dot the landscape in memory of those who fought and died here. The Northern and Southern armies met here in July 1863, and in three days of battle left 51,000 casualties. President Lincoln dedicated the national cemetery on the battlefield in November 1863.*

3:00 PM

Depart and stop at the **Historic Gettysburg Train Station (outside only)**. *Lincoln arrived here by train on November 18, 1863, invited by David Wills to say "a few appropriate remarks" at the dedication of the national cemetery. The head house was built in 1859 and served as the western terminus of the Gettysburg Railroad line to Hanover, Pennsylvania. The station also served as a field hospital during the Battle of Gettysburg, transporting 15,000 wounded soldiers after the battle.*

3:30 PM

Visit the **General Lee's Headquarters Museum**. *The museum is located in the same stone house that General Robert E. Lee occupied during the battle of Gettysburg in the summer of 1863. Now you can learn more about one of the most significant events in American history by visiting the museum and seeing artifacts that tell the stories of the people that fought the battle. **Guide drops** after checking in the group in to the museum.*

5:30 PM

Enjoy a **Colonial Style Buffet** this evening at the **Historic Gettysburg Hotel**. Your dinner this evening includes a *Green Salad with Vinaigrette, Rustic Rolls and Butter, Baked Chicken with Rosemary, Country Ham with Maple Glaze, Red Skinned Potato Salad, Buttered Green Beans, Rice Pilaf, dessert, and a Beverage Station with Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea.*

**General Robert E. Lee will meet the group at dinner this evening.**

9:00 PM

Check into the **Staybridge Suites Chantilly, VA** or similar. **Baggage handling is included.**

**Meals: B, D.**

### **Day Three, Friday, September 10**

7:00 PM

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.

9:00 AM

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.*
- Enjoy **lunch on own at the Mount Vernon Inn or Food Court**.

1:00 PM

Meet **GUIDE** at the **Garfield Statue on the Westside of Capitol**. Arrive at the **NEW 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 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. Tours of the Capitol begin with a 13-minute orientation film and last approximately one hour. Security check points are located at the front of the building and groups will be subject to high security procedures.*

#### **Enjoy sightseeing opportunities of the following:**

**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 **OUTSIDE ONLY** of 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.

Tour the **OUTSIDE ONLY** of **The Supreme Court Building**. 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.

3:00 PM

Depart and stop at **The National World War II Memorial**. *This newest 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.
- 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.

7:30 PM

Enjoy the over 85-item buffet at **Phillips Flagship Restaurant**, overlooking the waters of the *Potomac River*. *This virtually endless buffet includes a Steamed Seafood Station with Snowcrab clusters, steamed spiced shrimp, mussels, and more. Traditional Seafood Stations with Seafood Newburg, fresh fish and shrimp, baked and blackened fish, and more. An Iron Skillet Station with seafood jambalaya and more. Home Style Cooking Station with fried chicken, pepper steak, seafood Creole, fresh turkey with stuffing, and more. Soups, Salads, and Appetizer Buffet including clam chowder and Maryland crab soup, a Carving Station with baked ham and chicken, and a Dessert Station that features pies, cakes, brownies, fresh fruit, and more!*

9:30 PM

Return to the hotel for the evening.

Meals: B, D.

### **Day Four, Saturday, September 11**

7:15 AM

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.

9:00 AM

Visit **The White House Visitor's Center**. *Housed in a spacious, ground-floor hall of the Commerce Building, the center features an information booth, displays and a souvenir sales area. **Do not bring sharp objects into the Visitor's Center. All bags, purses, etc. are subject to search.***

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

11:00 AM

Visit **Ford's Theatre** and **Petersen House (pending availability)**. *Restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln, Ford's is still an active theater. Visit the lower-level museum exhibiting Lincoln Memorabilia, Booth's diary and one of his boots. Cross 10th Street to the Petersen House to see where Lincoln died.*

1:00 PM

Visit your choice of the **Smithsonian Institution's** museums on the **National Mall**.

**Enjoy lunch on own today.**

**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.**

- **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.
- **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.** This donut-shaped building boasts a collection of 19th and 20th century paintings and sculptures.
- **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.
- **The Arts and Industries Building.** The dynamic spirit of America a century ago is recaptured in this, the second oldest Smithsonian building on the Mall. Designed specifically to exhibit materials acquired from the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, this building was also the scene of James Garfield's inaugural ball. Today, this building features changing exhibitions of the Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History and Culture and other Smithsonian organizations.
- \*Visit the **NEWLY Renovated National Museum of American History**. Be one of the first to 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.

- \*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. **Group entrance** to this museum is on the south side of the building on Maryland Avenue.
- \***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.
- James McNeil Whistler's "Peacock Room" highlights the **Freer Gallery of Art**, world-renown collection of Asian, 19th and early 20th century American art.
- **Arthur M. Sackler Gallery**, an international collection features masterpieces of Asian and Near Eastern art from the beginning of civilization to the present.

4:45 PM

Arrive at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**.

5:15 PM

**Attend Mass this evening**

7:00 PM

Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **Tony & Joe's** on the waterfront in Georgetown. *Begin with a garden salad with Dijon Vinaigrette. Your meal includes a fresh medley of vegetables and roasted red potatoes. You may choose the (1) Broiled Seafood Platter-Shrimp, Scallops, Tilapia, and a Crab Cake, (2) Broiled Salmon Filet, (3) Maryland Style Crabcakes, (4) New York Strip Steak, or (5) Spinach Ravioli. Dessert will be fresh fruit or Tiramisu. Coffee, Tea or Soda are included.*

9:00 PM

Return to the hotel for the evening.

Meals: B, D.

### **Day Five, Sunday, September 12**

7:15 AM

Enjoy **breakfast** this morning at the hotel.

9:00 AM

**Meet our GUIDE at the Visitor's Center of Arlington National Cemetery.** *No land in American 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 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.*

**Tourmobile tickets are included for your visit.**

11:00 AM

Depart and Drive by **The Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**. *One of the largest bronze statues ever depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all marines who have died in battle since 1775. The view from this hillside looking across the Potomac into Washington is spectacular.*

- Stop at Women in Military Service Memorial
- Stop at the **Air Force Memorial** built on a hillside overlooking the **Pentagon**. The memorial is 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 ascends 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 park and parade ground overlooking the nation's capital.

12:15 PM

Arrive at the **Ballston Commons Mall**. *Enjoy lunch on own today at the food court or any of the "group friendly" restaurants like: Chevy's Fresh Mex, Noodles and Co., Panera Bread and Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery.*

1:30 PM

Depart and 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.*

**Please note that a lot of walking is required to visit this memorial. If anyone has mobility issues or can't walk at least 8 city blocks please remain on the bus.**

3:15 PM

Visit the **National Archives (pending availability)**. *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.*

4:45 PM

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 a great photo opportunity of the city.***

5:30 PM

Arrive and begin boarding the Odyssey III Cruise Ship.

6:00PM

Enjoy **dinner and entertainment on the Odyssey III Cruise Ship**, Washington's Premier Dining Cruise! *Travel beneath the historic bridges spanning the Potomac while enjoying live entertainment, impeccable cuisine and unparalleled views of the Capital's greatest monuments.*

9:00 PM

Dock and return to the hotel for the evening.

Meals: B, D.

### **Day Six, Monday, September 13**

7:30 AM

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

8:30 AM

Depart.

10:00 AM

Visit the **National Museum of Civil War Medicine**. *This museum tells the dramatic story of the War, along with the developments that set medicine on the path toward modern medicine. Civil War doctors had not yet discovered germs, but their reforms in organization and administration to meet the emergency brought extraordinary change to the medical community. There were many advances at this time, and also many who risked their lives and fortunes to save the sick and wounded.*

11:30 AM

Depart for home. Box lunch included. Dinner on own enroute.

Meals: B, L.

Cost includes: Escorted motorcoach, 5 nights accommodations, 5 breakfasts or continental breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners, Basilica donation, admissions and guide/escort service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity.

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