

**The Hometown Travelers Invite You to Enjoy A  
“ Museums & Monuments Tour of Washington DC “**

**June 13 - 19, 2018**

**Tour Highlights:** *Direct Non-Stop Roundtrip Flights \* 1 Night Gettysburg & 5 Nights Gaylord National Resort \* Over 17 Museums & Monuments \* Gettysburg National Military Park \* Arlington National Cemetery \* Old Town Alexandria Driving Tour \* Ford's Theater \* Washington National Cathedral \* Mount Vernon \* New Museum of the Bible \* Illuminated Mounuments Driving Tour*



It has been many years since we toured the second most visited city in the United States (after New York), Washington DC which is among the top travel destinations in the world. After so many requests from our travelers, here is what we consider, a fabulous tour to our Nation's Capital with so much to see and discover. As an added bonus, we are under contract for **direct, non-stop flights to and from Washington Dulles International Airport out of Houston!**

**Washington, D.C.**, formally the **District of Columbia** and commonly referred to as **Washington, “the District”**, or simply **D.C.** was established on July 16, 1790. The Residence Act approved the creation of a capital district located along the Potomac River on the country's East Coast. As permitted by the U.S. Constitution, the District is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States Congress and is therefore not a part of any U.S. state. With its impressive monuments and museums, its stately government buildings and mansions, Washington DC is easily recognizable as the United State's capital city. The city is mainly based on government and everything from museums to mansions bring millions of tourists each year.

Even if you have toured DC before, a trip back is always worthwhile as changes are constantly taking place such as new museums opening, old ones expanding through complete renovations and new monuments, are built and dedicated. We will definitely see much of the old and some of the new including the Martin Luther King Memorial, International Spy Museum, Museum of the Bible and the newly renovated National Museum of American History. Views from the Odyssey III special bottomless mimosa brunch cruise in Washington, D.C. are magnificent. Enjoy a delicious menu of breakfast and lunch favorites while cruising the Potomac, and take in the amazing views from Odyssey's glass-enclosed deck or outdoor observation lounge. The most breathtaking views of the nation's greatest landmarks including the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial

This is truly an All-American adventure to our nation's Capital, Washington DC and certainly, a tour in 2018 you do not want to miss. From the National Cathedral to Arlington National Cemetery and the National World War II Memorial to the National Museum of the American Indian, we will do as much as possible during our six-night/seven-day stay. Please read the attached itinerary for all that is included and the places we will visit. There is very little free time, but, two partial afternoons are devoted to your enjoyment and exploring of the many Smithsonian Museums on the Mall area. There is a fair amount of walking involved on this tour to Washington DC.

Logistics involved has limited this tour to 40 participants. Judging from early response by our travelers, this tour will potentially sell-out rather quickly. An early deposit guarantees your space.

**\$2,797.00 P/P Double \* \$2,693.00 P/P Triple \* \$3,394.00 Single**

**\$500.00 per person deposit** to guarantee your reservation. 100% refundable until April 20, 2018

Final payment will be due by April 20, 2018

*Trip Cancellation Protection & Insurance is recommended & available at \$187 per person Double and \$248 Single.*

Cancellation Policy: All deposits are refundable until 4/20/17. After April 20, 2017 there will be no refunds.

**Tour Price Includes:** Airport Transfers \* R/T Air Houston to Washington Dulles \* All Motorcoach Transportation \* 1 Night Gettysburg & 5 Nights Gaylord Natl. Resort \* Six Breakfasts, Brunch Cruise & Four Dinners \* Baggage Handling, Taxes & Tips on all Inclusions \*

Admissions with gratuities paid for all events, tours and meals as listed in this brochure.

**Not Included** are any personal expenses and Tour Guide gratuities.

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*This tour will be in conjunction with SJO-PRO Tours*



### **Day 1 - Wednesday - June 13 (Dinner)**

11:55 A.M. - United #44 departs IAH arriving Washington Dulles at 4:06 P.M. (Direct Flight)

4:30 P.M. - Board motorcoach and depart.

6:00 P.M. - Dinner this evening at the Carriage House Inn

8:00 P.M. - Check into hotel.

**Overnight: Courtyard Gettysburg, 115 Presidential Cir, Gettysburg, PA 17325 (800) 627-7468)**

### **Day 2 - Thursday - June 14th (Breakfast)**

7:00 A.M. - Bags out, Breakfast.& depart at 8:00 A.M.

Board motorcoach and depart for the Gettysburg Museum/Visitor's Center. View one of the world's largest collections of artifacts and memorabilia from the American Civil War. While at the Museum watch the film, A New Birth of Freedom. See the Cyclorama Center at the Gettysburg National Military Park. The center features a breath-taking panorama of Picketts charge measuring 356 by 26 feet. A sound and light program recreates scenes of the fighting. Tour the Gettysburg Battlefield featuring over 1600 monuments and cannons dot the landscape in memory of those who fought and died here.

12:15 P.M. - Enjoy lunch on own at the Visitors Center with a 1:00 P.M. departure.

3:00 P.M. - Arrive at the Visitors Center at Arlington National Cemetery. 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. Arlington House home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee, Space Shuttle Challenger astronaut's Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknowns are also located on these famous 612 acres. Next, stop at the Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue). 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.

6:30 P.M. - Check into Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center.

Enjoy dinner on own and free time to shop on own at the National Harbor or visit MGM Resort and Casino..

**Overnight: Gaylord National Resort, 201 Waterfront St, National Harbor, MD (301) 965-4000) (5 nights)**

### **Day 3 - Friday - June 15 (Breakfast & Dinner)**

7:30 A.M. - Breakfast included with an 8:30 A.M. departure.

Meet our guide and visit the White House Visitor Center offering 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 retail store, and view the 14 minute film, "White House: Reflections From Within."

10:30 A.M. - 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.

Around noon, arrive and meet GUIDE at the Capitol Visitor Center on Capitol Hill. Enjoy lunch on own in the Capitol Visitors Center cafeteria. 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 tour of the historic Capitol building is a walking tour, so please wear comfortable shoes.

Next, we'll 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. Also an outside tour 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.

It's time to visit some memorials. Stops will be made at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial and 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.

Enjoy dinner this evening at the Osteria da Nino. Osteria da Nino owned and operated by Sicilian native Nino Pino, is his latest of three DC area restaurants. Chef DiPietro is also of Italian heritage and shares Nino's love and passion for great Italian cooking. Concentrating on homemade pasta and authentic Italian dishes, Osteria da Nino will satisfy and surprise you. Enjoy freshly created chef presentations which vary seasonally to offer the freshest options available.

### **Day 4 - Saturday - June 16 (Breakfast & Dinner)**

7:30 A.M. - Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning prior to our 8:30 A.M. departure.

This morning visit Ford's Theatre, 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. Experience "One Destiny" - 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?

Next, travel to Mount Vernon, the estate of George Washington, for lunch on own and guided touring. Here George Washington 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. Then we'll 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.

#### **Day 4 continued...**

Late this afternoon, depart on a driving tour of Old Town Alexandria. Included will be: Christ Church, a beautiful example of Georgian church architecture, dating from 1773; George Washington Masonic National Memorial offers one of the finest views of Washington, plus an extraordinary collection of Colonial-era treasures; Robert E. Lee's Boyhood Home- the Georgian townhouse where he lived off and on for 13 years; Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop, run for five generations by a Quaker family, was the second oldest drugstore in the nation until it closed in 1933; Ramsey House. Originally built in the 18th century by William Ramsay, a Scottish merchant and city founder, the house was reconstructed on its original stone foundations; Athenaeum, a Greek Revival building built in 1851, it was home to the Bank of the Old Dominion, where Robert E. Lee did his banking; Freedom House, once headquarters for the slave-trade operation of Franklin, Armfield & Co., this historic building now houses the Northern Virginia Urban League's newly opened museum; Old Presbyterian Meeting House, built in 1775, the church was the site of memorial services for George Washington in 1799. A memorial to an unknown soldier of the American Revolution can be visited in the churchyard and finally, enjoy free time on historic King Street.

Enjoy dinner this evening at Gadsby's Tavern. For nearly a century, the Tavern was a center of political, social and cultural life in Alexandria. Nearly all of the founders of American Independence enjoyed the warm tavern hospitality. Return to the hotel around 9:00 P.M.

#### **Day 5 - Sunday - June 17 (Breakfast)**

Breakfast at the hotel prior to our 8:30 A.M. departure.

Begin our day with a visit to the NEW Museum of the Bible, discovering one of the World's largest private collections of biblical objects and artifacts in the Museum of the Bible, which conveys the global impact and compelling history of the Bible in a unique and powerful way.

At 11:00 A.M., board the Odyssey III Cruise Ship from the Gangplank Marina at the corner of 6th and Water Streets. Appropriate dress is business casual attire. Enjoy a Brunch Cruise on the Potomac including a delicious menu of breakfast and lunch favorites while cruising and take in the amazing views from Odyssey's glass-enclosed deck.

Around 2:00 P.M., visit your choice of the Smithsonian Institution's museums on the National Mall. Choices include: National Museum of American History, National Air & Space Museum, National Museum of Natural History, The National Museum of the American Indian, National Gallery of Art, Freer & Sackler Gallery, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, The National Museum of African Art and National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Late afternoon, stop at the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Park. The memorial will honor the 184 victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks at The Pentagon. Prior to returning to our hotel, enjoy dinner on own and free time to shop on own at the National Harbor or visit MGM Resort and Casino.

#### **Day 6 - Monday - June 18 (Breakfast & Dinner)**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel prior to our 8:30 A.M. departure.

First stop this morning will be the Newseum, the only interactive museum of news. Experience the news of today as it happens in the Great Hall of News or relive the great news stories of the past in the News History Gallery. Enjoy additional free time at the Smithsonian Institution's museums on the National Mall with lunch on own.

1:45 P.M. - Meet GUIDE on mall side of National Museum of American History. Drive Embassy Row en route to tour the Washington National Cathedral.

Tour the Washington National Cathedral. In a city of impressive monuments, memorials, and historic sites, the National Cathedral is unique. Standing higher than the Washington Monument, it is the sixth largest church in the world.

Late afternoon, stop at The Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This privately funded memorial has drawn millions who have come to touch over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos. Next, visit the Lincoln Memorial, overlooking the Reflecting Pool, was patterned on a classic Greek temple followed by The Korean War Veterans Memorial. The triangular field contains nineteen ground troopers, clad in foul weather ponchos, fully equipped for battle.

Dinner this evening will be at Tony & Joe's on the waterfront in Georgetown. After dinner, continue with an Illuminated Monument Driving Tour. Washington's grand buildings, memorials, and monuments sparkle and are impressive during the day but stunning at night!

Walk through The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to see amazing views from the terrace and the famous bronze bust of John F Kennedy in the grand foyer. We'll complete our evening tour with drive-by of Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue), the Air Force Memorial, The Washington Monument, National World War II Memorial and other memorials and monuments as time permits. Return to the hotel around 9:30 P.M.

#### **Day 7 - Tuesday - June 19 (Breakfast)**

8:00 A.M. - Begs out and breakfast at hotel

9:30 A.M. - Depart for Washington Dulles airport

12:30 P.M. - United #484 departs Washington (nonstop)

2:42 P.M. - Arrive IAH

Transfers back to Lufkin & Nacogdoches

***Daily events and activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances or events in DC.***

***Air flights and schedules are under contract and are subject to change by the airlines.***

***If under deposit, you will be notified of any major changes to flights or schedules.***