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AMERICA

Inauguration 2025

NEW YORK & WASHINGTON, D.C. | 6 DAYS

Lessons come to life

On April 30, 1789, the young United States of America held its very first presidential inauguration. Ever since, America has come together every four years to celebrate the beginning of a new presidential term and the importance of democracy.

At the 2025 inauguration, you'll have the opportunity to see your textbooks come to life as you stand on the National Mall for the swearing in of the president. Through EF's exclusive programming, you'll discover how civic acts like electing officials shape our country, and be able to connect your experiences from this historic event back to the classroom.

You'll experience Inauguration Day with thousands on the National Mall.



What to expect on an inauguration tour

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

From seeing famous monuments up close to exploring George Washington's first home, you'll engage with your curriculum firsthand.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY

Experience history being made as you witness this national tradition, and consider how you, too, can effect change.

BUILDING PERSPECTIVE

Discover the social and cultural influences that shape our country's past and present.

REFLECTION

Through meaningful conversations and activities led by an EF Tour Director, you'll dig deeper into this American tradition. Every itinerary is crafted to create a personalized and profound experience for each group.

Designed by 21-year-old college student Maya Lin, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial features the names of more than 58,000 soldiers.



Day 1: New York City

After arriving in New York City, enjoy a walking tour of Midtown, including Fifth Avenue, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Central Park. Then view a New York institution, the Empire State Building, by night.

Day 2: New York City

Immerse yourself in some of Manhattan's popular neighborhoods, such as Greenwich Village, SoHo, Chinatown, and Little Italy. At the 9/11 Memorial, take time to pause and reflect on the tragic event in American history. Then, cruise around the harbor and get prime views of the Statue of Liberty. You'll also experience electric Times Square—its lights can be seen from space! Cap off your last night in New York with a Broadway show.

Day 3: New York City | Washington, D.C.

Continue on to Washington, D.C. and prepare to experience the energy and excitement of the inauguration firsthand. To get acquainted with the nation's capital, you'll take an expert-led tour of the city that includes stops at the Washington Monument, FDR Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial. Then spend some time at the renowned Smithsonian museums, tracing the course of American history before it's your turn to be a part of it. This evening, your group will visit the brightly lit Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



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The Statue of Liberty's torch gleams bright, thanks to sheets of 24-carat gold.



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At EF's Inaugural Ball, travelers celebrate the historic event with fellow students.

Day 4: Washington, D.C.

The day starts off at Arlington National Cemetery, where you'll watch the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and visit the eternal flame at the President John F. Kennedy gravesite. Stop at the Marine Corps War Memorial, which depicts the famous flag-raising at Iwo Jima during World War II. During a walking tour of Capitol Hill, delve into the legislative and judicial branches of our government at the U.S. Capitol Building and Supreme Court. At night, your group will participate in a fun activity.

Day 5: Washington, D.C.

Become a part of our nation's history as you join fellow Americans on the National Mall for the 60th inaugural ceremony. Experience this landmark event for the executive branch of government, including the oath of office and swearing-in ceremony of the president and vice president, the presidential inaugural address, and the inaugural parade. At the end of this momentous day, you'll celebrate by dining and dancing with fellow EF Explore America travelers from around the country at EF's Inaugural Ball, mirroring a tradition that's taken place since Washington took office in 1789.

Day 6: Washington, D.C.

Discover how spies have influenced history at the International Spy Museum. Then say goodbye to D.C. and depart for home, returning with new perspectives on American history.

Itinerary subject to change.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Full-time Tour Director; sightseeing tours; entrances to special attractions and evening activities, including the EF Inaugural Ball; 5 overnight stays in hotels; round-trip transportation; comfortable motorcoach; gratuities; travel ID badges and backpacks; breakfast and dinner daily

A GLOBAL EDUCATION, STARTING IN NORTH AMERICA

Together with teachers, we're helping students discover the life-changing power of travel on educational trips throughout North America. By discovering new places and cultures, you'll create unforgettable memories as you learn more about yourself, the world, and your place in the world. And with EF on your side, you'll have the world leader in international education to make it possible.

Full-service support

Groups have a committed team ready to answer any questions, handle payments, or simply offer advice on what to pack.

Rooted in education

We're accredited by five prestigious organizations, and believe in finding new, fun ways to engage students in valuable learning experiences.

Commitment to safety

Professional overnight security, a 24/7 Tour Director, and 24-hour emergency service are just the beginning. Student safety is our top priority.

Focus on affordability

Every student should have the opportunity to travel, which is why we're dedicated to providing the lowest prices.



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