

WASHINGTON, D.C.: THE CAPITAL TOUR

3, 4, or 5 days



Washington, D.C.

Day 1: Washington, D.C.

- Arrive in Washington, D.C.
- Explore Washington, D.C. highlights: Photo stops at the White House; Lafayette Square, and Black Lives Matter Plaza; Washington Monument; WWII Memorial
- Explore the Smithsonian, which may include visits to: National Museum of Natural History; National Museum of American History
- + Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum
- Take a night tour of Washington, D.C.: Lincoln Memorial; Korean War Veterans Memorial; Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Day 2: Washington, D.C. • Mount Vernon

- Visit Arlington National Cemetery: Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Kennedy gravesites; Women in Military Service for America Memorial
- Enjoy a photo stop at the Marine Corps War Memorial
- Visit Mount Vernon: Mansion (*pending availability*), grounds, museum, and education center; The Slave Memorial; George Washington's tomb
- + The Enslaved People of Mount Vernon Tour
- Partake in an evening activity

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Building the Lincoln Memorial was a big controversy back in the day. Half the country wanted to make a humble log cabin that represented Lincoln's simpler roots, while half the country wanted to build the most impressive monument in Washington, D.C. because Lincoln held our country together during its most difficult time. I always ask the kids, 'Which one would you have wanted? Would you have wanted the log cabin, representing the fact that he was like you and me? Or would you have wanted the temple that exists there today?'

– Mitch B., Tour Director





THE FLAG IS STILL THERE

The actual American flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write “The Star Spangled Banner” is on display at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History. During the War of 1812, Key was on a British ship trying to negotiate the release of some hostages. When he looked out and saw the American flag still flying over Fort McHenry, he was so inspired that he wrote a poem called “The Star Spangled Banner.” The rest is national anthem history.

Day 3: Washington, D.C. • Return home

- Tour the U.S. Capitol and Visitor Center (*subject to availability*)
- Take a photo stop at the U.S. Supreme Court and the Library of Congress
- Enjoy free time for lunch
- Explore the Tidal Basin: FDR Memorial; Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial; Jefferson Memorial
- Depart for home

⊕ 4-DAY TOUR

Day 3: Washington, D.C.

- U.S. Capitol and Visitor Center Tour (*subject to availability*)
- Take a photo stop at the U.S. Supreme Court and the Library of Congress
- Enjoy free time for lunch
- Explore the Tidal Basin: FDR Memorial; Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial; Jefferson Memorial
- Visit the National Archives (*time permitting*)
- ⊕ Potomac River Cruise (*seasonal*)

Day 4: Washington, D.C. • Return home

- Stop at the Pentagon Memorial
- Photo stop at Ford’s Theatre
- Discover the significance of local Black history at the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Anacostia Museum, or the Frederick Douglass House
- Depart for home

⊕ 5-DAY TOUR

Day 3: Washington, D.C.

- U.S. Capitol and Visitor Center Tour (*subject to availability*)
- Take a photo stop at the U.S. Supreme Court and the Library of Congress
- Enjoy free time for lunch
- Explore the Tidal Basin: FDR Memorial; Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial; Jefferson Memorial
- Visit the National Archives (*time permitting*)
- Visit the Smithsonian museums (*time permitting*)
- ⊕ Potomac River Cruise (*seasonal*)

Day 4: Washington, D.C.

- Take a photo stop at the Pentagon Memorial
- Photo stop at Ford’s Theatre
- Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture
- Explore the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: *Daniel’s Story* exhibit
- Visit the Kennedy Center and the permanent *Art and Ideals* exhibit
- ⊕ Theater performance

Day 5: Washington, D.C. • Return home

- Visit the International Spy Museum
- Depart for home

Itinerary subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.

THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE

Since it was first built, the White House has remained open to the people. These days, of course, not just anybody can walk through the front door, but in centuries past it was quite a different story. President Jackson used to leave a block of cheese out for people to come by and grab a bite if they were in the neighborhood, and during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln housed Union soldiers on the ground floor.



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Options

- Downtown hotel (*private groups only*)
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