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Explore America

WASHINGTON, D.C.: THE CAPITAL TOUR

5 days | Washington, D.C.



Your itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to Washington, D.C.!

Guided Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Your Tour Director, a licensed Washington, D.C. guide, introduces you to the sites where national policies and political reputations are formed and reformed daily. Take a photo in front of the White House, home of every U.S. president except George Washington. View the iconic Washington Monument from the grassy National Mall, and look for your home state at the National WWII Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

The Smithsonian Museums

Explore all that the Smithsonian's museums have to offer during a self-guided visit. The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum and research complex, endowed by James Smithson and created by an act of Congress in 1846.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Permanent Exhibition

The Permanent Exhibition presents a narrative history using more than 900 artifacts, 70 video monitors, and four theaters that include historic film footage and eyewitness testimonies. Subject to availability.

Dinner in Washington

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Guided Evening Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Experience the magic of seeing Washington's most impressive sights illuminated during your evening scenic tour downtown. Points of interest on your tour include the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

Hotel in Washington, D.C. area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 2

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Capitol Building & Visitor Center

Visit the U.S. Capitol Building, the city's epicenter and the heart of the American legislature. Tour subject to availability.

Photo Stop at the Library of Congress and U.S. Supreme Court

Make a photo stop at the green-domed Library of Congress and the imposing white-marble Supreme Court building.

Lunch Included

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Explore the Tidal Basin

Continue your exploration of Washington, D.C. with a walk around the Tidal Basin for some of the most impressive memorials in D.C.: the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial.

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Evening Activity in Washington, D.C.

Join us for a special activity tonight in Washington, D.C.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 3

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Arlington National Cemetery

Observe the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 200,000 veterans and their families. As you enter the Cemetery, you'll see the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, the only major national memorial honoring women who have served in the US Armed Forces. You'll also witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The United States Marine Corps Memorial

The cast bronze depiction of Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima honors all those who have served in the Marine Corps since its inception in 1775.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Travel to New York City

Dinner Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Top of the Rock Observatory

See unparalleled views of New York City from the Observation Deck on the 70th floor of 30 Rockefeller Center.

Hotel in New Jersey

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in New Jersey

Day 4

Breakfast in New Jersey

Circle Line Liberty Cruise

Experience the grandeur of New York on the Circle Line Cruise. You'll enjoy magnificent views of the world's premier skyline and a close-up view of Lady Liberty.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Walking Tour of the Financial District

A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of Lower Manhattan. Start your tour at Bowling Green, New York City's oldest park and Native American council ground where the sale of Manhattan took place in 1626. Nearby, you'll find Arturo Di Modica's famous Charging Bull sculpture, which began as guerilla art but quickly became an iconic piece of the New York City landscape and has come to symbolize Wall Street and the "bull" market. From the narrow canyon that is Wall Street to the temple-fronted New York Stock Exchange, you'll pass by Federal Hall, the first meeting place of the United States Congress and site of George Washington's inaugural oath. Marvel at the medieval stained-glass windows and ornate bronze doors of nearby Trinity Church, one of the early triumphs of the Gothic Revival style in America. Finish your tour at the National September 11 Memorial, a tribute of remembrance and honor to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, whose twin reflecting pools sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood.

Visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum

Explore the global implications of the events of September 11, 2001 at the National September 11 Memorial Museum, which displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery. Afterwards, visit the Memorial's twin reflecting pools, which sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood.

Dinner in New York City

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Times Square

Be dazzled by a dizzying array of towering electronic billboards, sounds of street performers and the buzz of the crowds that make this intersection a one-of-a-kind spectacle.

Broadway Show

Enjoy your Broadway show, sure to be an unforgettable theater experience!

Overnight in New Jersey

Day 5

Breakfast in New Jersey

Guided Sightseeing of Midtown

A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of Midtown. Begin your tour at the United Nations Headquarters, where more than 190 member-nations engage in international diplomacy. Pass through the soaring Main Concourse of Grand Central Terminal as you head towards Bryant Park and the New York Public Library, whose twin marble lions guard the second-largest collection in the country. Stroll down glamorous Fifth Avenue and marvel at the grandeur of St. Patrick's Cathedral, with its 26-foot-wide rose window and soaring Gothic spires. Finish your tour at the iconic Rockefeller Center.

Central Park

Make a stop in 843-acre Central Park, an idyllic oasis in the concrete jungle. Join the more than 35 million annual visitors that make Central Park the most visited urban park in the United States.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Metropolitan Museum of Art

With more than 3 million objects in its collection, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is home to one of the most extensive art collections in the world. The galleries include works from the Paleolithic era to the contemporary avant-garde. Among the museum's most popular exhibits are Egyptian artifacts, Oriental sculpture, ancient glasswork, African art, early European musical instruments, and American decorative art.

Depart for home!

Your tour director assists with your return home distributes \$15 each.