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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.!

Planned by Charles L'Enfant, Washington, D.C. has served as the seat of Congress since 1800. Upon arrival, meet your EF Explore America Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

Lunch at Mount Vernon

Tour Director distributes local meal voucher.

Excursion to Mount Vernon

Travel through the Virginia countryside to Mount Vernon, the lovely retreat overlooking the Potomac River where George and Martha Washington lived from 1754 to 1799. Explore the elegant estate's 500 acres of grounds and gardens, including the reconstructed slave quarters, Slave Memorial, and Washington's tomb.

Dinner in Alexandria, VA

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Evening Activity in Alexandria

Explore the history and legends of Alexandria as you make your way through the streets of the Old Town on a guided adventure.

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.

Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum: Udvar-Hazy Center

The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is the companion facility to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum on the National Mall, showcasing the largest collection of aviation and space artifacts in the world. Examine exciting aircraft from the early days of aviation to the space shuttle program while learning about changes in technology over time.

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 \$20 each.

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.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 3

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Ford's Theatre and Petersen House

Visit Ford's Theatre, where, on April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth shocked the nation by assassinating President Lincoln. The stricken president was carried across the street to the home of tailor William Petersen. At the historically preserved Petersen House, you'll see the room where a 23-year-old doctor worked unsuccessfully through the night to save the mortally wounded president.

Visit the National Archives (Time Permitting)

This important landmark holds priceless documents that have shaped the history and politics of the United States, including the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence.

Lunch at Reagan International Trade Center

Local meal voucher included.

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.

Dinner in Washington

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Twilight Tattoo Military Parade

This hour-long, live-action military pageant features soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own."

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 4

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture, where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives, and how it helped shape this nation. Subject to availability.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

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.

Dinner in Washington

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

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.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 5**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 at Pentagon City Mall

Local meal voucher included.

Photo Stop at the Pentagon Memorial

Visit the Pentagon Memorial, a permanent outdoor memorial to the 184 people killed inside the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77 in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Dinner Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Depart for home!

Your tour director assists with your return home.