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America

# WASHINGTON, D.C.: THE CAPITAL TOUR

3, 4 or 5 days | Washington, D.C.



Washington, D.C.

## Day 1: Washington, D.C.

- Arrive in Washington, D.C.
- Smithsonian museums, may include: National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of African Art, National Museum of American History
- Night tour of Washington, D.C.: Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial

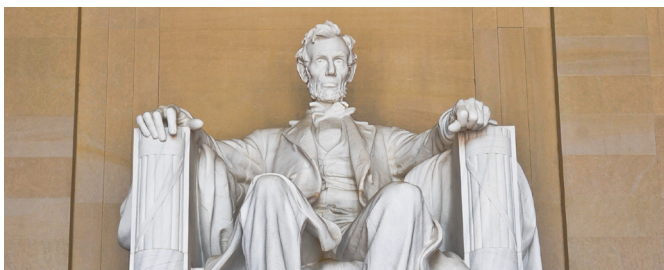
## Day 2: Washington, D.C. • Mount Vernon

- Arlington National Cemetery: Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy gravesites
- Photo stop at the Marine Corps War Memorial
- Guided sightseeing tour of Washington, D.C.: Photo stop at Washington Monument, FDR Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, Jefferson Memorial
- Photo stop at the White House
- Mount Vernon: Mansion and grounds, museum and education center, George Washington's tomb
- Evening activity

## LINCOLN MEMORIAL

*The building of the Lincoln Memorial was a big controversy back in the day. Half the country wanted to make a simple 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



🔗 **Customize this tour** by adding optional activities or extending your experience by a few days.



## 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

- Capitol Hill: U.S. Capitol and Visitor Center (subject to availability), U.S. Supreme Court, Library of Congress
- National Archives
- Depart for home

### ⊕ 4-DAY TOUR

#### Day 3: Washington, D.C.

- Capitol Hill: U.S. Capitol and Visitor Center (subject to availability), U.S. Supreme Court, Library of Congress
- National Archives
- Smithsonian museums, may include: National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of African Art, National Museum of American History

- ⊕ Potomac River Cruise (seasonal)

### Day 4: Washington, D.C. • Return home

- Embassy Row: View the residence of the Vice President
- Smithsonian’s National Zoological Park
- Depart for home

### ⊕ 5-DAY TOUR

#### Day 3: Washington, D.C.

- Capitol Hill: U.S. Capitol and Visitor Center (subject to availability), U.S. Supreme Court, Library of Congress
- National Archives
- Smithsonian museums, may include: National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of African Art, National Museum of American History

- ⊕ Potomac River Cruise (seasonal)

### Day 4: Washington, D.C.

- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: Daniel’s Story exhibit
- Smithsonian’s National Zoological Park
- ⊕ Theater performance

### Day 5: Washington, D.C. • Return home

- Newseum
- 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 always remained open to the people. These days, of course, not just anybody can walk right in 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 nibble if they were in the neighborhood, and during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln housed Union soldiers on the ground floor.



## Everything you get

- Round-trip and on-tour transportation
- Full-time licensed Tour Director
- 2 nights hotel accommodations (3 or 4 nights on 4- or 5-day tours)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours

- Visits to special attractions
- Overnight security at your hotel
- Illness and Accident Coverage
- Travel ID Badges and backpacks
- Gratuities

## Options

- Downtown hotel (private groups only)
- Extended stay
- Lunches
- Earned credit for Group Leaders and students