

Washington DC with Festivals of Music
4 Days, 3 Nights



Day 1:

a.m. Depart for Washington DC.

p.m. Highway stop for lunch on own.

p.m. Arrive. Dinner at a local restaurant.

p.m. Guided walking/bus tour of Washington DC to include the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, White House, US Capitol

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Building, etc. You may ask your guide to stop at the memorials of your choice for picture-taking on own.

p.m. Depart for your hotel.

10:00 p.m. Arrive. Check in, relax and enjoy hotel facilities.

Day 2:

a.m. Flow in for deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel.

a.m. Depart for music competition.

a.m. Competition with Festivals of Music, timings subject to festival schedule. Location TBA.

p.m. Depart for Washington, DC.

p.m. Time for lunch on own at the Reagan Building Food Court. This is DC's favorite food court with 17 eateries featuring flavors from around the world and seating for approx. 1,000 people.

Restaurants (subject to change): 14th Street Deli, Bassett's Original Turkey, Buck's County Coffee, City Lights of China Express, Everything Yogurt and Salad Café, Flamers Charbroiled Hamburgers and Chicken, Gelatissimo, Great Wraps, Kabuki Sushi and Teriyaki, Kelly's Cajun Grill, Larry's Cookies and Ice Cream, Mr. Pretzels, Nach-O Fast, Quick Pita, R&B Steak and Grill, Sbarro, Smoothie King, or Subway, subject to change. If you plan to visit the Reagan Building during peak tour season (March – June), be sure to review their online calendar to avoid high volume times.

p.m. Visit the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, located at 7th St. and Independence Ave. S.W. The Museum is devoted to the history and development of air and space technology and is one of the world's most popular museums. The focal Milestones of Flight gallery displays such historically important items as the Wright brothers' 1903 Flyer, Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, Chuck Yeager's Bell X-1, John Glenn's spacecraft Friendship 7, the Apollo 11 Command Module and a Viking Mars Lander. More than 20 other galleries deal with such subjects as early flight, jet aviation, lunar and planetary exploration, rocketry, military aircraft, computers in aerospace and aerial imaging. Another gallery has changing exhibits about aviation and space art. Visitors can touch a moon rock or walk through the huge Skylab space station. A gallery explains the principles of flight and features hands-on activities, live demonstrations and interactive

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stations. Space Race highlights the struggle between the United States and the former Soviet Union and the race to be first in space.

p.m. Depart for dinner.

p.m. Dinner at the Hard Rock Café.

p.m. Depart for Kennedy Center.

p.m. Arrive.

p.m. Performance/Presentation begins at Kennedy Center, subject to schedule, availability and seat location. Run time TBA.

Option: Performance at Ford's Theatre instead, subject to schedule, availability and seat location.

p.m. Depart for the hotel.

p.m. Arrive.

Day 3:

a.m. Flow in for deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel.

a.m. Depart for Washington DC.

a.m. Festivals of Music awards ceremony. Location and time TBA.

a.m. Set up for performances at one of the monuments/memorials in Washington DC i.e. Jefferson, Lincoln, WW II Memorial, subject to availability.

p.m. Performances for concert band, jazz ensemble, orchestra and/or chorus, subject to festival schedule.

p.m. Lunch on own at the Reagan Building Food Court.

p.m. Visit the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, 10th St. & Constitution Ave., NW. Exhibits on earliest human origins; development of world cultures; ancient and modern mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects, and sea creatures.

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Highlights Dinosaurs; history and culture of Africa; Janet Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems, and Minerals; Hope diamond; Kenneth E. Behring Family Hall of Mammals; Sant Ocean Hall; David H. Koch Hall of Human Origins; Butterfly Pavilion, subject to change.

AND/OR

Visit the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, 1400 Constitution Ave., NW, devoted to the scientific, cultural, social, technological, and political development of the United States. Highlights Star-Spangled Banner, the flag that inspired the national anthem; Washington's uniform; Jefferson's lap desk; Dorothy's ruby slippers.

p.m. Depart for cruise.

p.m. Boarding begins.

p.m. Spirit of Washington student DJ dinner cruise based on a Saturday evening, subject to cruise schedule.

p.m. Depart for the hotel.

p.m. Arrive.

Day 4:

a.m. Flow in for deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel.

a.m. Depart for Arlington, VA.

a.m. Arrive. Visit Arlington Memorial Cemetery with a self-guided walking tour to include the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers where the Changing of the Guard takes place, subject to schedule. Here is the final resting place of thousands of American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Hours: 8 am – 7 pm April-September, 8 am – 5 pm October-March

Option: For an additional cost: Arlington National Cemetery's 105 passenger trolley shuttle service (hop on hop off) with an interpretative tour runs (mid-March through Veterans Day) from the visitor center/welcome center to The Arlington House, located atop the Cemetery's highest point, and back.

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Stops within the Cemetery include the Kennedy Family Gravesite, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where the Changing of the Guard takes place, US Marine Corps Memorial, US Coast Guard Memorial, U.S. Army Gen. John J. Pershing's gravesite, and The Arlington House, home of Robert E. Lee.

- Option:** **Free tour of Kennedy Center given by the Friends of the Kennedy Center, subject to availability.** Tour departs from the parking plaza on level A and includes the majestic Hall of States Hall of Nations and five of the Center's main theaters, including its three grand performance halls (the Concert Hall, Opera House, and Eisenhower Theater) as well as an interactive exhibit on the life and presidency of John F. Kennedy. The tour concludes with a breathtaking 360-degree view of the nation's capital from the building's roof terrace.
- Option:** **For an additional coast instead of the Cemetery or Kennedy Center tour, subject to availability: Depart for Mount Vernon, VA.**
Entrance to Mount Vernon with a self-guided tour of the 45-acre estate including the Mansion, gardens, and 12 outbuildings and Washington's Tomb. Washington's final term of residence at Mount Vernon, from 1783 until his death in 1799, was interrupted by his tenure as president. The mansion has been restored to appear as it was during the last year of Washington's life. The mansion and museum contain much of the original furniture. Displays include the bed in which Washington died, his sword, the key to the Bastille presented to him by Marquis de Lafayette and articles belonging to Martha Washington and her granddaughter, Nelly Custis.
Begin with an orientation film then continue through the mansion. There are docents in most rooms of the mansion. Then visit the grounds (slave quarters, pioneer farm, animals, blacksmith shop etc.), educational center (dioramas, exhibits, videos etc.) and the museum with personal artifacts from the Washington family.
- Option:** **Instead of the Cemetery, Kennedy Center tour, or Mount Vernon, depart for Baltimore Inner Harbor for sightseeing, shopping, and lunch on own.**
- p.m.** **Depart for your school**
- p.m.** **Highway stop for lunch on your own.**
- p.m.** **Arrive at your school.**

The Trip ends here! Thank You for traveling with Four Winds!!

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