

Spotlight on Washington, D.C. *Exploring America's Capital*

Highlights...

U.S. Capitol Building Tour • World War II Memorial • Washington National Cathedral • Choice on Tour: International Spy Museum or Lincoln Assassination Walking Tour • Arlington National Cemetery • Mount Vernon • Old Town Alexandria • Vietnam Veterans Memorial • White House Visitor Center • Smithsonian Institution



6 Days • 8 Meals: 5 Breakfasts • 3 Dinners

Cultural Connections

- Behold the impressive Washington National Cathedral.
- Peek into the life of America's first president at Mount Vernon.
- Experience DC your way by visiting a Smithsonian Museum of your choice.

Must-See Highlights

- Spend 5 memorable nights in the heart of Washington, D.C.
- Tour the iconic and storied U.S. Capitol building.

Culinary Experiences

- Experience international cuisine in local restaurants throughout the city.

Day 1: Washington, D.C.

Explore America's heritage and history during your stay in the capital city of the United States – Washington, D.C.

Day 2: Washington, D.C.

Your day begins at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center with a guided tour of this historic and storied building. Discover the celebrated history of America's capital on a city tour. Take in views of the White House, National Mall and other monuments and museums. Pause to reflect at the poignant World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Washington, D.C.

Tour the Washington National Cathedral, which hosted state funerals, Presidential inaugural masses, and MLK's last sermon. Decide how you want to see more of D.C. today – **it's your choice!** Join a walking tour retracing the plots and events leading to the Lincoln Assassination **-OR-** explore the life of espionage with a visit to the International Spy Museum. This evening after an included dinner, enjoy an illuminated twilight tour of the Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Lincoln Memorials before returning to the hotel. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Arlington National Cemetery - Mount Vernon, Virginia - Alexandria

Visit Arlington National Cemetery* for a narrated tour that takes you to the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites. Head to Old Town Alexandria, nestled along the Potomac, and enjoy time to stroll the cobblestone streets on your own during a break for lunch. Continue to Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. After a tour of the home, spend time wandering through the gardens and grounds before visiting the tomb of General Washington and his wife, Martha. This evening is yours to explore the district's culinary scene. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Washington, D.C.

Spend time in the White House Visitor Center and see artifacts from the White House collection. Then, uncover some of the treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with free time to visit any of the more than 10 museums surrounding the National Mall. This afternoon you can choose to live like a local and take the metro with your Tour Manager to return to the hotel. Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner commemorating the end of your historical journey. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Washington, D.C. this morning. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It! Washington National Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, better known as the Washington National Cathedral, has had a prominent place in Washington events since Congress granted its charter in 1893. The construction of the current building began in September 1907, with President Theodore Roosevelt in attendance for the ceremony. Since then, the cathedral has been host to state funerals, inauguration masses, national memorial services, and countless other national commemorations and celebrations. Construction of the church was finally completed in 1990, taking an incredible 83 years to finish – making it the longest running construction project in Washington, D.C.

Today, visitors marvel at the beautiful Indiana limestone facades and carvings, as well as the magnificent Great Organ that has been redesigned and expanded through the years to meet the needs of the active congregation and its breathtaking cathedral.

Your itinerary at a glance

Important Tour Information:

Days 1 – 5

Royal Sonesta Dupont Circle,
Washington, D.C.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Single-hotel Stays: Unpack just once and explore the world's most iconic cities during Spotlights' single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Must-see cultural highlights are always included, plus there's plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is planned to coincide as near as possible with the blooming of the trees. "Peak Bloom Date" is defined as the day on which 70 percent of the blossoms of the Yoshino cherry trees are

open. The date when the Yoshino cherry blossoms reach peak bloom varies from year-to-year, depending upon weather conditions. The mean date of blooming is April 3, but nature is not always cooperative, and the National Park Service horticulturists cannot make an accurate prediction much more than 10 days prior. The blooming period starts several days before the Peak Bloom Date and can last as long as 14 days; however, frost or high temperatures combined with wind and/or rain can shorten this period.

During the summer months (June-August), weather can reach high temperatures and many of our activities are outdoors.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Washington, D.C. attracts visitors year-round, specifically student groups, which means museums and top sites may be crowded.

*For any groups traveling during the second week of October, the Army Ten-Miler Race will be taking place with traffic and road closures impacting our route. Any groups traveling over this period, the day and timing of Arlington National Cemetery may change. No itinerary inclusions will be missed.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

A Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. State-issued driver's licenses and IDs that are not REAL ID compliant are no longer accepted as valid forms of identification at airports. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the traveler. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website:

<https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

Cherry Blossom Season in Washington, D.C.

Cherry Blossom season colors the city in a sea of pink and white from mid-March to mid-April. Thousands of trees now grow along the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park, East Potomac Park, and on the Washington Monument grounds. The original trees were a gift from Japan in 1912. Enjoy the many activities and festivities that take place during this beautiful herald of spring. Learn of the history and lineage of these beautiful trees.

Please Note: Blooming will vary slightly from year-to-year due to weather conditions. Dates are to be determined — only Mother Nature knows when the blooms will actually occur and peak!

Important reservation information:

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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accept the risks involved in travel, both foreign and domestic, and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions. Travelers may be required to review and sign a participation agreement prior to engaging in certain activities on the trip.

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