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Washington, DC *at Cherry Blossom Time* & New York City Tour

Gettysburg, PA ~ DC (3 nights) ~ NYC (2 nights) ~ Nappanee, IN Amish

March 23-April 3, 2020 • 12 Days

Motorcoach Tours across the U.S. & Canada

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- 11 Breakfasts / 4 Meals
- Schaumburg, IL, area
- Monroeville, PA
- Gettysburg, PA
 - Gettysburg Battlefield Guided Tour & Visitors Center
 - Dinner
- Washington, DC
 - (3 nts at Marriott in Arlington, VA)
 - Locally Guided City Tour
 - Washington National Cathedral
 - White House Picture Stop/Vis. Center
 - Jefferson Memorial
 - Lincoln Memorial
 - Vietnam Memorial
 - Korean War Memorial
 - World War II Memorial
 - Museum of the Bible
 - Nat'l Museum of American History
 - Arlington Cemetery
 - Nat'l Museum of Natural History or Nat'l Museum of Air & Space
 - Union Station -Night Driving Tour
 - Capitol Building / Guided Tour
 - FDR Memorial
 - Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial
 - Mt. Vernon Tour
 - Dinner
- New York, NY
 - (2 nights Hilton Garden Inn/Times Sq.)
 - *Option (not included in cost): Broadway Play (tba)
 - Locally Guided City Tour
 - Bowery -Wall Street
 - Garment District -Theater District
 - Rockefeller Center -Central Park
 - National 9/11 Memorial & Museum
 - One World Observatory
 - Battery Park
 - Ferry to Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island
- Stroudsburg, PA
- Toledo, OH, area
 - Dinner
- Nappanee, IN
 - Amish Acres
 - Family-Style Threshers Dinner
- Janesville, WI

STATES VISITED on this tour:

MN, WI, IL, IN, OH, PA, MD, VA, DC, DE, NJ, NY

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy\$2,250
Triple Occupancy.....\$2,220
Quad Occupancy\$2,190
Single Occupancy\$2,990
DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. (due upon sign-up)
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Feb. 10, 2020

**Early Bird Discount \$50 per person
if you pay the deposit by 12/30/19**

**discounts to be deducted from final payment*

Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance available.
Ask us for details or see our website.

Mon., March 23: Schaumburg, IL Spring is in the air and today we will begin our journey to the East coast experiencing the history and importance of our Nation's Capitol during the Cherry Blossom Time. Get acquainted with your traveling companions enroute to **Schaumburg, IL, area** for our overnight destination.

Tues., March 24: Monroeville, PA (B) We continue eastward today enjoying the countryside as we drive through Indiana and Ohio to Pennsylvania. We will be spending the night in **Monroeville, PA**.

Wed., March 25: Gettysburg, PA (B, D) This morning we drive through more of scenic Pennsylvania on our way to **Gettysburg, PA**. Upon arrival we'll have lunch on our own in downtown Gettysburg. Then, at the **Gettysburg Battlefield** we'll start at the **Visitor's Center & Museum** to familiarize ourselves with the history here. A **local guide** will then meet us for a **guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield**. The bloodiest and most decisive battle of the Civil War was fought here on July 1, 2, & 3, 1863, resulting in 50,000 casualties. Learn of the important part Lincoln had here too, in giving the Gettysburg Address. Our overnight will be spent in **Gettysburg**. Tonight we get together for a delicious **included meal**.



Thurs., March 26: Washington, DC (B) After breakfast we depart for **Washington, DC**, which is celebrating their **Cherry Blossom Festival**, which commemorates the gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Japan. A **local DC tour guide** will join us for the day, taking us around DC. We start at the impressive **Washington National Cathedral**, which took 83 years to complete and contains over 215 stained glass windows, and many other amazing features. Then follow **Embassy Row** to the National Mall area. Next is the **White House Visitor's Center** and a **picture stop at the White House**. At the Tidal Basin area we'll see the **Jefferson Memorial**, where the bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson is surrounded by the beautiful white pillars, and a domed roof. Then at the **Lincoln Memorial**, you'll find the marble statue of our 16th President, as he sits in contemplation, overlooking the Reflection Pond. The **Vietnam Memorial** is next, where you'll find more 58,000 names etched into the long black wall in commemoration of those that gave their lives in service to our country. Nearby, the statues that seem to come to life at the **Korean War Memorial** stand in tribute to the veterans. Then we will go to our hotel for a **3-night stay at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, VA**. The evening is on your own.



Fri., March 27: Washington, DC (B) We have a full day in **Washington, DC**, today. We start out at the **Arlington Cemetery** you will see the gravesites of the Kennedy's, the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Robert E. Lee House. In the Cemetery, row upon row of simple markers remind us of the true cost of war, peace and freedom. Next we'll stop at the **National Museum of American History**, that collects and preserves more than 3 million artifacts. Then, at the **Museum of the Bible**, which opened in 2017, wander through the different floors learning more about the Bible. Next, you can choose to go to the **National Museum of Natural History**, which altogether is the size of 18 football fields and houses 126 million natural science specimens and cultural artifacts. **Or**, you can choose to go to the **National Museum of Air & Space** where you'll find the 1903 Wright Flyer, the *Spirit of St Louis*, and even the Apollo 11 Command Module - the *Columbia*, and much more. Later, we'll eat at **Union Station**, and do a **Night Light Driving Tour of DC**. This is a beautiful way of sightseeing some of the buildings lit up at night. Then return to our hotel for the night.

(B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner included that day)

Sat., March 28: Washington, DC (B, D) This morning we'll go to **Capitol Hill** and **tour the U.S. Capitol Building**. Here we will go into the **Visitor's Center** and a guide will take us on a tour of the building plus see a movie presentation. Lunch is on own at the cafeteria here. Then we'll visit the **FDR Memorial**, where you'll find the bronze statue of FDR & his Scottish terrier, a manmade waterfall, and more with a view of the Washington Monument across the way. A walk along the Tidal Basin takes us to the **Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial**, where the 30-foot tall memorial has been carved out of granite and stands tall as a tribute to his struggle for freedom, equality and justice, and is one of the newest memorials to be added, as it was just dedicated in 2011. Our next stop is at the **World War II Memorial** where the pillars stand tall and surround the fountain pond in honor of the Armed Forces at that time. This afternoon we will walk in the footsteps of our first president and better understand the life and times of **George & Martha Washington** at **Mount Vernon**, their 18th century estate. We will tour the house and ground and spend time at the Visitor's Center. They have a great book store here and you can also get a cup of coffee. Then return for our last night in DC. A delicious **dinner** is included tonight.



Sun., March 29: New York, NY (B) Today we'll travel through Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey to **New York City**. We will go to our accommodations for a **two-night stay at the Hilton Garden Inn in the Times Square area**. We start our time in the *Big Apple* with the *option of attending a Broadway Play (tba)* and dining at one of the fine restaurants in the Times Square area.



Mon., March 30: New York, NY (B) A **local step-on guide** will board our coach this morning for **full day city tour**. During the tour our local guide will share information about the different areas including the **Bowery, Wall Street, the Garment District, Theater District**, plus you'll get out and walk around **Rockefeller Center and Central Park**. Then walk around the **9/11 Memorial** gazing over the twin pools that have the names of those lost during the attack engraved all around them. Nearby, at the **One World Trade Center** we'll take the elevator up to the 102nd floor to the **One World Observatory**. Enjoy 360° views from the tallest skyscraper in the Western Hemisphere and explore the three levels of innovative and immersion exhibits here. We'll end at the **9/11 Museum**. You'll also go through the Museum viewing the artifacts, pictures, and interactive displays as you learn more about this tragic day and the changes that have occurred since then. We then return to our hotel for the evening. Those of you that wish can go out and explore on your own this evening, exploring more of the Times Square area nearby, or many of the other things to do in New York.



Tues., March 31: Stroudsburg, PA (B) From **Battery Park** on Manhattan Island we board the double-decker **ferry**, taking us to the **Statue of Liberty** to walk around the Island. A new museum opened here May 2019! Then take another ferry a short distance to **Ellis Island**, learning more about the immigrants and see many displays and artifacts from that era, before returning to Battery Park. Then we leave New York City behind us as our scenery changes from skyscrapers to gentle rolling hills on a short drive to **Stroudsburg, PA**.

Wed., April 1: Toledo, OH (B, D) A beautiful drive on I-80 takes us through Pennsylvania and into Ohio. We route through Youngstown and Elyria to our overnight in the **Toledo, OH, area**. Toledo is located on the western end of Lake Erie and is nicknamed "the Glass City." We've included a delicious **dinner** for your tonight.

Thurs., April 2: Janesville, WI (B, L) This morning we cross into Indiana and take Hwy 6 to **Nappanee, IN**, with a stop at the **Amish Acres**. This area was settled by Amish from Germany in 1839. We'll visit their shops full of homemade crafts, local products, a bakery, meat and cheese shop, and more. Then sit down for a **family-style Thresher's Dinner** - a feast of Amish country favorites, followed by a guided farm tour in this area. After lunch we'll continue on, skirting Chicago, making our way to **Janesville, WI**, for an evening on your own.

Fri., April 3: (B) We are homeward bound today as we return after enjoying the variety of sights, the history, and the scenery on this tour. Meal and comfort stops will be made along the way today as we reminisce with our friends on the bus. Thank you for traveling with Utopia Tours.

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FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 2/10/20.

Payment by cash or check is preferred.

VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER accepted.

DISCOUNTS: U-Save Coupons, Early Bird Discounts, etc., are to be deducted from final payment, not your deposit.

PICK-UPS AND DROP-OFFS are in: Fargo / F-M Visitors Center; Fergus Falls / Wal-Mart; Alexandria / Perkins; St Cloud / Country Inn & Suites (on Park Ave). You can leave your car at these locations for the duration of your tour.

Other pick-ups may be available depending on route of tour.

SEE POLICY SHEET FOR MORE INFO.

TOUR INCLUDES: See "Price Includes" Section. All sightseeing admissions, transportation, transfers, guide fees, a Utopia Tours tour director, events included in our itinerary, lodging, baggage handling (for one piece of luggage per person), taxes, tips for services included in tour, meals mentioned in "Price Includes" section of itinerary. **NOT INCLUDED:** Tips for meals or services not included in tour price, Tour Director and Tour Driver tips.

PACKING: Dress for comfort! Layered clothing is the way to go! **TOUR BUS:** The tour bus will have a restroom in the back of the bus. Most buses have WiFi capabilities (limited in Canada & Alaska). Some buses may have plug-ins for your electronics. **MOTORCOACH SEATING:**

There are no assigned or reserved seats.* It is common policy on motorcoach tours to rotate seats during tours. For the comfort and courtesy of all passengers, it is required that everyone participate in seat rotation.* (*unless we've been contacted by you for medical reasons) **BREAKS:** On driving days, we stop every few hours for coffee and lunch breaks. This is a great time to stretch a little, use restroom facilities, take a smoke break, and mingle with the other passengers. **UTOPIA TOURS** reserves the right to make changes or alterations in the printed itinerary, dates, routings, or included features prior to or during the tour as may be necessary for the smooth and efficient operation of the tour without prior notice and assumes no responsibility for delays and/or expenses due to such modification. We will make every effort to fulfill special meal and rooms requests, but do not assume responsibility or liability if request isn't fulfilled.

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