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America's Washington, DC

Gettysburg • Washington, DC (3 nights) • Ark Encounter

April 9-19, 2021 11 Days



INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- Schaumburg, IL
- Monroeville, PA
- Gettysburg, PA
 - Gettysburg Battlefield Guided Tour & Visitors Center
 - Dinner
- Washington, DC (3 nights at Key Bridge Marriott)
 - Locally Guided City Tour
 - Washington National Cathedral
 - White House Picture Stop/Vis. Ctr.
 - Jefferson Memorial
 - Lincoln Memorial
 - Vietnam Memorial
 - Korean War Memorial
 - Ford's Theatre & Petersen House
 - Capitol Building / Guided Tour
 - World War II Memorial
 - Holocaust Museum
 - Union Station
 - Night Light Driving Tour of DC
 - U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (aka Iwo Jima Memorial)
 - Arlington Cemetery
 - Nat'l Museum of American History
 - FDR Memorial
 - Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial
 - National Museum of Air & Space
 - Kennedy Center
 - Mt. Vernon (George Washington's)
- Fredericksburg, VA
 - Visitors Ctr & National Cemetery
- Charlottesville, VA
 - Monticello (Thomas Jefferson's)
 - Lunch at Michie Tavern
- Dayton, OH
 - Air Force Museum
- Richmond, IN
- Indianapolis Speedway
- Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Meals t.b.a.

Fri., April 9: Schaumburg, IL We set off on this exciting tour that will explore our nation's capital-Washington, DC! Get to know your fellow traveling companions as we make our way to the **Schaumburg, IL**, area of Chicago.

Sat., April 10: Monroeville, PA 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**.

Sun., April 11: Gettysburg, PA (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 is here in **Gettysburg**. Tonight we get together for a delicious included **meal**.

Mon., April 12: Washington, DC After breakfast we depart for **Washington, DC**. 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. The area is surrounded by 3,400 cherry trees which were a gift from Japan. 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.

Tues., April 13: Washington, DC We have a full day in Washington, DC, today, starting with time at **Ford's Theatre**, the historic theatre where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865. Tour the Theatre, explore the museum, watch the One Destiny play, and walk through the Petersen House. Next 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 our own at the cafeteria here. *continued....*

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner included that day

This is a tentative brochure. Let us know if you would like to sign up for this tour, or if you are just interested in this tour, and we will e-mail or mail a brochure at a later date listing more complete details and prices. No deposits are due to hold seat at this time. Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance information is available on our website.

STATES VISITED ON THIS TOUR: MN-WI-IL-IN-OH-PA-MD-VA-DC-WV-KY

Tues., April 13 continued... Then, 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. The **Holocaust Museum** is next, which serves as this country's memorial to millions of people murdered during the Holocaust. 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.

Wed., April 14: Washington, DC Our day starts out at the **U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (aka Iwo Jima Memorial)**. Then 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. Lunch is on your own here in the cafeteria. Then we'll visit the **FDR Memorial**, where you'll find the bronze statue of FDR & his Scottish terrier, a man made 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 dedicated in 2011. Then we 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. Following the museum, we're off to the **Kennedy Center**, to walk through this historic building. Then return for our last night in DC.

Thurs., April 15: Charlottesville, VA This morning 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 eat lunch in the coffee shop. About an hours drive takes us to historic **Fredericksburg, VA**, known for its Colonial and Civil War history, and is the home of four battlefields. Fredericksburg is amongst the most famous battles of the Civil War. We will learn more of this at the **Visitors Center** where you can watch a movie, see exhibits, and take a walk down Sunken Road which is the scene of the heaviest fighting. Return to the Visitors Center by way of the National Cemetery where over 15,000 Union soldiers are buried. We will have some free time here, then depart for **Charlottesville, VA**.

Fri., April 16: Charleston, WV (L) This morning we will go to **Monticello** (pronounced Mont-eh-chello), the **beautiful mountain top plantation and gardens of Thomas Jefferson**, who, at the age of 26 he inherited the land from his father. Jefferson was the third U.S. President and author of the Declaration of Independence. He was also an accomplished inventor. After our tour of Monticello and the gardens, we will go a short ways down the hill to **Michie Tavern**, which is an historic period restaurant serving southern fare food. **Lunch** is included here at the Tavern. We will then depart the area, viewing beautiful scenery as we travel through the Shenandoah Valley, and along the Blue Ridge Mountains of the Appalachian Range, to **Covington, VA**. After a coffee stop here, we continue on to Charleston, West Virginia's riverfront capital city. Our lodging is here **Charleston, WV**, with a free evening.

Sat., April 17: Richmond, IN, area We will depart Charleston and travel to Dayton, OH, for a stop at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. The military and aviation history museum features more than 350 aerospace vehicles and missiles and thousands of artifacts amid more than 19 acres of indoor exhibit space. Thousands of historical items and powerful sensory exhibits bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with today's stealth and precision technology. We then continue on to **Richmond, IN**.

Sun., April 18: Wisconsin Dells, WI We will continue north through Indiana. Comfort and meal stops will be made along the way to our overnight in **Wisconsin Dells, WI**.

Mon., April 19: Home Homeward bound today. Relax and enjoy this last day of the tour with your new traveling friends, reminiscing about all the scenery, history, and sites we've done the last 11 days. We'll arrive home early evening. Thank you for traveling with Utopia Tours.

*Deposit due at later date. Price includes highlighted info in write-up, motorcoach transportation, hotels as listed, Utopia Tour Director, meals as noted. See Policy Sheet for more information. Travel Guard Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance is available. *Information (dates, inclusions, prices, etc) subject to change without notice.*