

UTOPIA TOURS

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America's Washington, DC, Tour

Gettysburg, PA ~ Washington, DC (3 nights)
Charlottesville, VA ~ Charleston, WV ~ Florence, KY/Ark Encounter
April 14-24, 2020 • 11 Days

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- 10 Breakfasts / 4 Meals
- 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
 - Museum of the Bible
 - World War II Memorial
 - 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
 - Dinner
 - Monticello (Thomas Jefferson's)
 - Lunch at Michie Tavern
- Williamstown, KY
 - Ark Encounter
 - Lunch
- Florence, KY
- Janesville, WI

STATES VISITED on this tour:

MN-WI-IL-IN-OH-PA-MD-VA-DC-WV-KY

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy\$1,980
 Triple Occupancy.....\$1,950
 Quad Occupancy\$1,920
 Single Occupancy\$2,499
 DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. (due upon sign-up)
 FINAL PAYMENT DUE: March 3, 2020

Early Bird Discount \$50 per person if you pay the deposit by 1/21/20

**discounts to be deducted from final payment*

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

Tues., April 14: 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.

Wed., April 15: 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.**

Thurs., April 16: 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 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.**



Fri., April 17: Washington, DC (B) 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.



Sat., April 18: Washington, DC (B) 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 own at the cafeteria here. Then, at the **Museum of the Bible**, which opened in 2017, wander through the different floors learning more about the Bible. Our last 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. 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)

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TO SIGN-UP:

•Visit us at our office •Call us •Use form on our website •Use form from office

DEPOSIT: \$200 p.p. due upon sign-up.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 3/3/20.

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.

RESPONSIBILITY: Utopia Tours is not responsible for any loss or damage of personal property or for injuries, expenses or damages whatsoever incurred or claimed by any tour member. Once our activities have ended for the day and we are at our lodging, as well as any time you have exited the bus during the tour day, you are on your own and Utopia Tours is not liable for your activities and/or any accident/incident that may occur. Please use your best judgment when crossing streets/roads and be careful for uneven or slippery sidewalks. Your safety is important to us! **MORE INFORMATION** will be mailed out to you approximately 10 days prior to departure. This letter will include a tour brochure, hotel list, your pick-up and drop-off times/location, luggage tags, and more. Name tags will be in the tour packet you receive when you board the bus.

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 7 business days prior to departure.....75%*
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Sun., April 19: Washington, DC (B) 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 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 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.

Mon., April 20: Charlottesville, VA (B, D) 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 get a cup of coffee. 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**. After checking in to our lodging we will go out for an **included meal**.

Tues., April 21: Charleston, WV (B, 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.

Wed., April 22: Florence, KY, area (B, L) We will depart Charleston and soon enter Kentucky, which is known for their horse farms and horse racing. We will travel through Lexington, KY, the horse capital of the World, viewing the many beautiful farms, as we continue north to **Williamstown, KY**. Around noon we will arrive at the **Ark Encounter**. Bigger than imagination—experience Bible history at the life-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. It is 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high. It opened in 2016, and is based on the Genesis flood Bible story of Noah and his family, and the building of the Ark. **Lunch** is included while here. Our lodging will be in the **Florence, KY**, area this evening.

Thurs., April 23: Janesville, WI (B) We will continue north to Indiana with a stop at the Indianapolis Speedway. Comfort and meal stops will be made along the way to our overnight in **Janesville, WI**.

Fri., April 24: Home (B) 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.