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INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- Schaumburg, IL
- Monroeville, PA
- Gettysburg, PA Meal & Museum -Gettysburg Battlefield Guided

Tour & Visitors Center

- Washington, DC (3 nights)
 - -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
 - -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 & Martha

Washington's Home)

- Included meal
- •Dayton, OH Drury Inn kick-back meal and beverages
 - Air Force Museum
- Wisconsin Dells Pizza Party
- •Breakfasts 8 4 meals

America's Washington, DC Gettysburg • Washington, DC (3 nights) April 25 - May 3, 2025 9 Days





Fri., April 25: 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 for our first night lodging. Evening on own

Sat., April 26: 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.

Sun., April 27: Gettysburg, PA (B,D) This morning we drive through more of scenic Pennsylvania on our way to **Gettysburg**, **PA**. Upon arrival we will go to the Gettysburg Visitor's Center & Museum. Here have lunch on your own and then visit the **Museum**, the Cyclorama plus visit the shop, etc. 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 28: Washington, DC (B) After breakfast we depart for **Washington, DC**. We look forward to the next few days sightseeing in our nation's Capital. 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. We will visit the **American History Museum** and have lunch on own in the cafeteria. Next is the White House Visitor's Center and a picture stop of 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 in the Washington, DC, area**. The evening is on your own.

Tues., April 29: Washington, DC (B) We have a full day today as we head out to **Mt Vernon**, home of George and Martha Washington. We will tour the house and grounds and have lunch on own in the Cafe here plus check out their book and gift store. Later 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. continued....

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

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

Tues., April 29: continued... Then we will stop at the **Holocaust Museum** and then the **World War II Memorial** where the pillars stand stall and surround the fountain pond in honor of the **Armed Forces** at that time. Later, we will make an evening meal stop, and then 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 30: Washington, DC (B,D) 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 which has undergone a major renovation and 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. Included meal this evening. (the DC daily schedule subject to change)

Thurs., May 1: Dayton, OH (B,D) We will depart **Washington, DC** after spending the last 3 days learning much of our capital city, 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. Comfort & lunch stops along the way. **Lodging tonight at the Drury Inn with an evening Kick-back social time with food and beverages.**

Fri., May 2: Wisconsin Dells, WI (B,D) We will continue north through Indiana. Comfort and meal stops will be made along the way to our overnight in **Wisconsin Dells, WI**. and **incl pizza party** this evening

Sat., May 3: 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.**