AMERICA'S Washington DC

Gettysburg • Washington, DC (3 nights), Dayton, OH

March 29- April 6, 2027 9 Days



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WASHINGTON, DC NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

INCLUDES:

- **Motorcoach Transportation**
- **Hotel Accommodations**
- **Utopia Tours Tour Director**
- **Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)**
- **Schaumburg, IL**
- **Monroeville, PA**
- **Gettysburg, PA Inc Meal**
  - **-Gettysburg Battlefield Guided & Visitor's Center**
- **Washington, DC (3 nights)**
  - **Included meal - hotel**
  - **- Arlington Cemetery Visit**
  - **-White House Picture Stop/ &Visitor's Center**
  - **-Lincoln Memorial**
  - **-Vietnam Memorial**
  - **-Korean War Memorial**
  - **-Mt Vernon (Home of George & Martha Washington**
  - **- -Capitol Building / Guided Tour**
  - **-World War II Memorial**
  - **-Holocaust Museum**
  - **- Iwo Jima Memorial**
  - **-Nat'l Museum of American History Smithsonian**
  - **-Jefferson Memorial**
  - **-FDR Memorial**
  - **-Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial**
  - **- Flight 93 visit**
  - **- Dayton, OH - Inc meal**
  - **- Nat'l Museum of the US Air Force**
  - **- Janesville, WI inc meal**
- **Breakfasts 8 5 meals**

Mon., March 29: 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

Tues., March 30: 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 31: 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 **Visitor Center & Museum** where you can have lunch on own and spend some time here. Then, at 3:00pm a local guide will come on the bus 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**

Thurs., April 1: Washington, DC (B) After breakfast we depart for **Washington, DC**. We look forward to the next few days sightseeing in our nations capital during the annual **CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL in DC**. Our first stop will be at the **TIDAL BASIN** area where we will first go to 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 3,000 cherry trees which were a gift from Japan in 1912.** Then continue the walk along the Basin to the **FDR Memorial** where you will find the bronze statue of **FDR & his Scottish terrier**, a manmade waterfull and more with a view of the Washington Monument across the way. Then our walk continues to the **Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial**, where the 30 foot tall memorial has been carved out of the granite and stands tall as a tribute to his struggle for freedom, equality and justice.
We will then go to the **Smithsonian Nat'l American History Museum** located on Constitution Ave. Lunch is on your own in the lower level of the museum in the cafeteria. Here you will see the original Star Spangled Banner on display plus it houses the heritage of the US in areas of social, political, technological and military history, plus see the gowns of the First Ladies.
After the Smithsonian, we will go over to the **White House Visitor Center,** where exhitits tell the story of the White House, home of the President of the United States for a picture stop (If available to do)
After our day here in DC seeing the sights, we will head to our lodging for the next 3 nights at the **Hilton Garden Inn - Arlington/Shirlington.** The evening is on your own with restaurants & shops close by.

Fri., April 2: Washington, DC (B,D) After breakfast at the hotel, we will go to the **Arlington National Cemetery.** Row upon row of simple markers remind us of the true cost of wars, peace & freedom. Tourmobiles will take us to the gravesites of **John F Kennedy & Jackie Kennedy and his brother Robert Kennedy.** Then up the hill to the **Changing of the Guard** at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** as they stand in honor of the fallen. Is guarded continuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is an active working military cemetery. This maintained landscape spans over 630 acres and evokes a profound, humbling atmosphere. The third stop is at the Robert E. Lee House sitting on a hill overlooking Washington, DC cont --

Price per person/Room Occ: Double Occ-$2,930; Triple Occ-$2,900; Quad Occ-$2,870; Single Occ-$3,900. Deposit Per Person: $200 due upon sign-up. Final balance due by: Feb. 18, 2027. Payments by Cash or Check only to Utopia Tours. (not taking cc's at this time) See policy information and trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance information on our website for more details & pricing. Travel Guard Trip cancellation & interruption Insurance is available --see policy info. *Information (dates, inclusions, prices, etc.) subject to change without notice. Pick-ups along route of the tour.

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Next, we will go to **Capitol Hill** and visit the **US Capitol building** which is home of Congress in Washington, DC. We will enter through the Visitor's Center and go through security. They have a good cafeteria for you to go through and enjoy before the tour. There is a good museum here and shops with books and information on DC. At the set time, we will get in line for the tour of the capitol building. We will first see a film on how the capitol was built. Construction began in 1793. The guides will take us to the Rotunda where we see the statues of many honored citizens & is where many ceremonial events including lying in state of honored citizens takes place. Plus more--
We will then go to the **Lincoln, VietNam & Korean Memorials** where you can walk between them. Plus, meet and walk along the Reflection Pond to the **World War II Memorial,** a majestic landmark on the National Mall. It honors the 16 million people who served in the U.S. armed forces on the home front and over 400,000 who died. It features 56 granite pillars for U.S. states and territories alongside two large arches for the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres. Time of reflection here...
We will then return to the **HGInn for a delicious included meal** here at the hotel this evening.

Sat., April 3: Washington, DC (B) After breakfast, we will take a drive out to the mansion of one of our founding fathers – **Mt Vernon - Plantation Home of George & Martha Washingto**n & learn of their life here . Also is his home as the first President of the United States. We will see a movie and then walk out to the **Mt Vernon**, where we will tour the home with guides stationed throughout the house giving us a guide in to their life here. You will then be able to walk around the grounds and can see where they are buried down the hill. Then head up to the Visitor Center where you can have lunch and visit the book store before boarding the coach back to D.C. Back in D C , we will go to the **Holocaust Memorial Museum .** As you go through the exhibition you will see artifacts, photographs, films, etc spanning the history from 1933 to 1945. Reflection---
We will make a picture stop at the **Iwo Jima Memorial --- the US Marine Corps War Memorial** honoring all US Marines who have died defending our country since 1775. The 32-foot bronze statue of the 6 servicemen raising the American flag on Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima.
After our sightseeing day, we will stop at a Plaza with an eatery and shops. Or, return to the hotel for our last evening in Washington, DC. (the DC daily schedule subject to change)

Sun., April 4: Dayton, OH (B) We depart Washington, DC after learning about and seeing many of the sites of our Nations Capital City - Washington, DC. We depart Washington, DC on our way to Shanksville, PA where we will visit the site of **Flight 93 National Memorial**. We will stop at the Visitor Center - a park ranger will give a talk - and the Memorial Plaza where you can see the wall of names. The exhibit portrays what began early on the morning of September 11, 2001. Never forget....
Then, we travel to Dayton, OH where we will have our lodging for the night & Included meal.

Mon., April 5 (B,D) This morning we will visit the **National Museum of the U. S. Air Force here in Dayton.** The Valkyrie Cafe is available for lunch-on own. This is the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. Located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, it features over 350 aerospace vehicles, rare missiles and thousands of historical artifacts spread across 19 acres of massive indoor hangars and outdoor air parks. These exhibits bring history to life and connect the Wright brothers' legacy with todays stealth and precision technology. After departure, we will make necessary stops to Janesville, WI with lodging at the Hampton Inn. The **Cracker Barrel Restaurant is next door and we will have our farewell meal included here.**

Tues., April 6: Home (B) Homeward bound today. A stop will be at the **Mousehouse Cheesehaus** in Windsor, WI. Enjoy handcrafted cheeses plus sweet & savory treats here. 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 9 days. We'll arrive home later afternoon. Thank you for traveling with **Utopia Tours.**



