



Explore America

# WASHINGTON, D.C.: THE CAPITAL TOUR

4 days | Washington, D.C.



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**Requested Return Date:** Saturday, May 28, 2016  
**Depart From:** Burlington, CT

**Student  
Tour Fee\***

\$721  
\$761  
\$806

**Paying  
Participants**

45 +  
40-44  
35-39

*Valid until October 31, 2015*

**\*Adult Supplement**

For this tour, add \$205 to the Student Tour Fee.

**Anytime Protection Plan (Included in your Tour)**

In order to protect your investment, we strongly advise all participants to purchase our Anytime Protection Plan for \$79. This plan allows travelers to cancel their tour for any reason up until departure for a full refund (less any Non-Refundable Fees). For more information, please contact our Traveler Support Team at 1-888-333-9756.

*\*Adult Supplement required for age 20 and older at the time of travel. Change and cancellation fees of up to the total price will apply. All prices are subject to verification by an EF EA Tour Consultant. To view EF's Booking Conditions, visit [www.EFExploreAmerica.com/BC](http://www.EFExploreAmerica.com/BC).*

# EVERYTHING YOU GET



Round-the-clock Tour Director



Professional overnight security at your hotel



24-hour on-tour emergency support



Free chaperone for every 10 participants



All gratuities



Flexible Payment Plans



Round-trip and on-tour transportation



Comprehensive sightseeing tours and activities



Illness and Accident coverage for all participants



Quality hotel accommodations



Meals as specified



Professional liability coverage

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Washington, D.C.!

Planned by Charles L'Enfant, Washington, D.C. has served as the seat of Congress since 1800. Upon arrival, meet your EF Explore America Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

#### Spy Museum and Operation Spy

Enter the world of espionage as you gather intelligence about the tradecraft, history and contemporary role of international spies. Learn the lingo—a 'shoe' means a false passport—and view never-before-exhibited artifacts, ranging from a female operative's lipstick gun to ingenious disguises developed by Hollywood for the CIA. Discover secrets about celebrity spies, Navajo codetalkers and the challenges facing intelligence agencies in the 21st century. Your visit also includes Operation Spy, an action-packed adventure where you're the spy. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, may be to crack a safe, decode a message or conduct a polygraph test of a suspect agent.

#### Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

#### Guided Evening Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Experience the magic of seeing Washington's most impressive sights illuminated during your evening scenic tour downtown. Thanks to the foresight of D.C.'s urban planners, who placed strict limits on the height of downtown buildings, you're assured a view of the Washington Monument from nearly every part of the city. Other points of interest on our tour include the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the WWII Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

#### Hotel in Washington, D.C. area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

*Overnight in Washington, D.C. area*

### Day 2

#### Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

#### Guided Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Your Tour Director introduces you to the sites where national policies and political reputations are formed and reformed daily. View the iconic Washington Monument from the grassy National Mall, which extends from the Capitol to the Potomac River. Visit the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial along the Tidal Basin. Finish your sightseeing with a photo stop at the White House, home of every U.S. president except George Washington.

#### Arlington National Cemetery

Observe the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 200,000 veterans and their families. At JFK's gravesite, you'll see the eternal flame that was originally lit by Jacqueline Kennedy at her husband's funeral. You'll also witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

#### The United States Marine Corps Memorial

The cast bronze depiction of Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima honors all those who have served in the Marine Corps since its inception in 1775.

#### Excursion to Mount Vernon

Travel through the Virginia countryside to Mount Vernon, the lovely retreat overlooking the Potomac River, where George and Martha Washington lived from 1754 to 1799. As you tour the restored Georgian mansion, you'll see many symbols of the owner's eminence, including Washington's presidential chair. You'll also see the reconstructed slave quarters and Washington's tomb, as well as the elegant estate's 500 acres of grounds and gardens. Be sure to explore the comprehensive Ford Orientation Center and Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. The interactive displays, short films and high-tech immersive experiences featured in the center depict Washington at three significant stages in his life.

### **“Through My Eyes” Mount Vernon Program**

"Through My Eyes" takes your group on a trip back in time, as a character from Washington's world goes about his or her daily activities at Mount Vernon. You'll learn firsthand about life on the estate in the 18th century.

### **Dinner in Alexandria**

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

### **Legends of Alexandria Tour**

Take a one hour Legends of Alexandria tour in Old Town, where an 18th-century costumed guide shows you the way through the streets by lantern and shares ghost stories, legends and folklore about the area!

*Overnight in Washington, D.C. area*

## **Day 3**

### **Breakfast in Washington, D.C.**

### **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Permanent Exhibit**

The Permanent Exhibition presents a narrative history using more than 900 artifacts, 70 video monitors, and four theaters that include historic film footage and eyewitness testimonies. *Subject to availability.*

### **National Archives**

This important landmark holds priceless documents that have shaped the history and politics of the United States. Interactive components will give you an appreciation for the role records and archivists play in linking the past to the future. View all four pages of the Constitution simultaneously in the Charters of Freedom Rotunda. The Public Vaults also store important records from the earliest treaties with Native tribes to presidential websites.

### **The US Capitol Building Tour & Visitor's Center**

Visit the U.S. Capitol, the city's epicenter and the heart of the American legislature. George Washington laid the first cornerstone for the building in 1793, but the edifice was set on

fire in 1814 when British troops marched through the city. Much of the structure was salvaged, thanks to heavy rains that quelled the flames, and the Capitol remains the symbol of American government today. You'll also explore the Visitor Center. This underground facility features an exhibition gallery, orientation theaters, a 550-seat cafeteria and gift shops.

### **The Library of Congress**

Marvel at the green-domed Library of Congress, whose collection of 113 million items includes a Gutenberg Bible. Explore the stunning Jefferson Building and learn more about the incredible collections through interactive exhibits in the Library of Congress Experience.

### **Supreme Court**

See the imposing white-marble Supreme Court building, where the nine justices of the nation's highest court convene to hear oral arguments and rule on cases that affect the course of law in the United States.

### **Dinner in Washington**

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

### **Pentagon Memorial**

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## **Day 4**

### **Breakfast in Washington, D.C.**

### **Newseum**

The 250,000-square-foot Newseum is one of the world's most technologically advanced museums, offering a hands-on experience that lets you explore five centuries of news history and go behind the scenes to see how news is made. The modern facility features an interactive newsroom and seven levels of galleries, theaters, retail spaces and visitor services.

### **Depart for Home!**

Your tour director assists with your return home.

### **Itinerary subject to change:**

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