

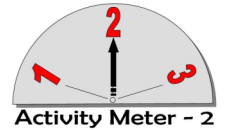


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Autumn in Washington, DC, Philly & New York

12 Days: September 19-30, 2012



Visit Washington, DC, West Point Military Academy, Philadelphia, Harpers Ferry and New York all in one enjoyable trip!! AND, because of so many requests, we are again returning to Longaberger Baskets in Ohio. At this time of the year, the colors should be beautiful and the scenery outstanding.

September 19 we leave our scheduled departure cities, picking up along our way to **Crawfordsville, IN**. We stay at a new location with a **catered meal** upon arrival. Our hotel has a large heated indoor pool for your enjoyment and free long distance calls for your convenience.



September 20 after **breakfast** we travel through colorful Indiana and Ohio, stopping for a visit at the **Longaberger Basket Co.** near Dresden. Its office building looks like a giant picnic basket! We will tour the factory where weavers make baskets of all sizes, shapes and colors, then visit the museum and company store with a little time to browse and shop. We stay in **St. Clairesville, OH**, where our hotel has an Italian restaurant on site.

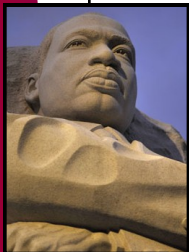
September 21 after **breakfast** we'll visit **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**, the site where George Washington persuaded the federal government to construct a national armory and where abolitionist John Brown led his famous raid in 1859. The 19th-century buildings in the Park reflect the diverse historical events that shaped the region. We'll tour the **John Brown Museum, Fort and Civil War Museum** and also learn about the arrival of the first American Railroad and the largest surrender of Federal troops during the Civil War. Today's final destination is the **Washington, DC**, area where we will stay for the next 3 nights. Our hotel is within walking distance of the Smithsonian, the Metro lines and the Washington Nationals' baseball stadium (yes, there is a home game scheduled). If you want to see more on your own you'll have easy access to all the sights, attractions and national monuments. Our hotel has a full-service restaurant and lounge.



September 22 & 23 after **breakfast** each morning we're off to experience the sights and sounds of our nation's capital city. Our **tour** with a local step-on-guide will include the **Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Marine Corps Iwo Jima Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Korean Memorial and the newly-dedicated Martin Luther King Memorial**. We'll conclude one of our days with an evening driving



tour of the beautiful **illuminated monuments and memorials**. A tour of the new **Capitol Visitor Center** will be included just before a tour of the **Capitol**. Time permitting, we will tour the **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. We'll have **lunch** at **Phillips Seafood Flagship Restaurant** for all you seafood lovers (there are lots of other entrees for those who aren't seafood lovers!) You'll have time at the **Smithsonian Institute**, allowing you to visit the museums that interest you. Time will be allowed Sunday morning for a visit to the **Washington National Cathedral** for a worship service followed by **lunch** at **Gadsby's Tavern**, an 18th-century tavern that was a center of political, business and social life in early Alexandria.



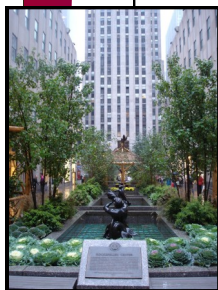
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September 24 after **breakfast** we cross the **Potomac River** to witness the very solemn and moving **Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery**, visit the **John F. Kennedy Gravesite** and **Arlington House**, the home of Robert E. Lee. This afternoon, we journey to **Baltimore** where you can pick that perfect spot for lunch on your own, then visit the **National Aquarium** at Baltimore's beautiful **Inner Harbor**. The 5-story aquarium displays a collection of 16,000 aquatic animals representing more than 600 species from around the world. Our experience will include the **4-D Immersion Theatre**, a **dolphin show** and the **aquarium** itself. The Immersion Theatre combines sight, smell and sound with 3-D film technology. Such effects as bubbles, steam, wind, vibrating seats and water mists are timed to correspond with the action taking place on the 3-D screen. We stay the next two nights in **King of Prussia, PA**.



September 25 following **breakfast** our professional step-on guide joins us for a full day of exploring historic **Philadelphia**. We hope to visit such sights as **Christ Church**, **Quaker Meeting House**, **the Bourse**, **Independence Hall**, **the Liberty Bell Center** (which houses the renowned Bell), and much more as time permits. At many locations you'll be struck by the narrow streets and row houses – it's amazing our forefathers could maneuver. Later, again if time – and traffic – permits, we'll visit **Valley Forge**.

September 26 after **breakfast** we travel through New Jersey to board a ferry for a short ride to "the Isle of Tears," **Ellis Island**. Over 12 million immigrants passed through its doors between 1892 and 1954. It was a place of new beginnings for those who successfully passed inspection and a place of sadness for those who entered, only to face deportation. We have found it to be a very humbling, moving experience. \$156 million has been spent to restore this very important national historic site. The copper "**Wall of Honor**" holds the names of nearly 200,000 immigrants. From Ellis Island, board a ferry to **Liberty Island** for an up-close look at the **Statue of Liberty**. She has been refurbished and stands proud as ever, greeting all who pass into this great harbor. This should be a magnificent day as we visit these two important symbols of our nation's heritage. Our hotel in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, for the next 2 nights, has a restaurant and lounge.



September 27 enjoy another **breakfast** before a **local guide**, one of the best in the city (who happens to be a former lowan!) joins us for a **full-day tour of New York City**. We'll drive down world famous Fifth Avenue, which takes us past the Plaza Hotel, FAO Schwarz, Saks and other fine stores. We'll visit **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, one of the largest churches in the United States, with a seating capacity of 2,400. The church's foundation was laid before the Civil War, but the church was not open until 13 years after the War. We'll visit **Rockefeller Center**, a model of urban planning and design, housing 24 acres of underground shops and restaurants. We will stop at the newly-dedicated **Ground Zero**, the former site of the Twin Towers. Visitors have said the location is powerful, moving, beautiful and amazing: a 30' waterfall plunges into black granite voids, the names of those lost are carved into bronze plaques and the astonishing view of the new 1WTC rising up floor by floor, towering over the site. We will then drive past the **Financial District**, the home of Wall Street and the Commodities Exchange before we make our way for a walk through **Central Park**. We will conclude the day's activities with a 2-hour narrated **Harbor Lights Cruise** on the **Hudson River**, enjoying the sights around the Island of Manhattan.



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September 28 enjoy **breakfast** before we leave for **West Point**, home of the **United States Military Academy**, for a **1-hour tour of the campus** with a **step-on guide**. A tour highlight includes **Cadet Chapel**, which features stained-glass windows and one of the largest church organs in the world. We begin our homeward trek, stopping for the night in New Columbia, PA. We have an outdoor pool, restaurant and lounge at our hotel.



September 29 following **breakfast** we continue our journey home, traveling north and west to Elkhart, IN, where we will overnight at one of our favorite stops. We have many restaurants close by.

September 30 after **breakfast** we get an early start on our way back to our departure cities, enjoying the fall colors and our new-found friends.

Your 12-day Autumn in Washington, DC, Philly and New York package includes: Luxury motor-coach transportation, lodging for 11 nights, luggage handling, tickets to all bolded attractions, National Park Service fees, gratuities for step-on guides, 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$2,199 per person, double occupancy
\$2,049 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds
\$2,932 per person with single room accommodations



Deposit: \$250 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance due: August 20

Cancel by: August 20 for penalty free cancellations

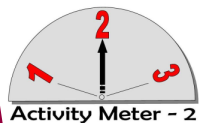
Delayed reservation fee: after August 20, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or **Travel Insurance** is available as a group rate for this package. Please contact our office for more details.

Scheduled Departure Cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton and Waterloo

Every passenger **MUST** have a **photo ID** with them at all times.

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Moderate itinerary - some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking



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