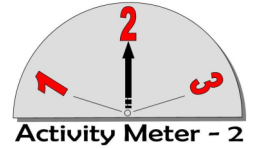




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DC Cherry Blossom Centennial

11 Days: March 25– April 4 , 2012



It's a "bloomin' milestone" for one of our most popular trips! This year's **Cherry Blossom Festival** marks the 100th celebration of the original 3,000 cherry trees given in 1912 by the people of Tokyo to the people of Washington, DC. Cherry Blossom time is beautiful - while we are there, more than 4,000 trees of several varieties surrounding the tidal basin should, if the weather cooperates, create a sea of pale pink and white. Want to see Washington, DC, at a more relaxed pace and not fight traffic? Stay **six nights in a DC hotel**, a stone's throw from the



US Capitol (instead of that long commute to and from the city every day) and very near the Metro (subway) line if you'd like to do a little sightseeing on your own. Discover historic Annapolis and the Naval Academy. You'll find no better way to see and experience the sights and excitement of our nation's capital than by motorcoach. Bring your **walking shoes** - there are so many things to do and see!

March 25 we pick up in our guaranteed departure cities as we journey south and east to Crawfordsville, IN, meeting our fellow travelers and enjoying the scenery. On arrival, we will be treated to a **get-acquainted dinner** at our hotel.

March 26 following **breakfast** we travel through the Appalachian Mountains. Our overnight stop is a new hotel in Charleston, WV.



March 27 after **breakfast** we visit **Monticello**, the beautiful and fascinating home of President Thomas Jefferson. Monticello represents the remarkable integration of Jefferson's love of classical architecture and his passion for modern innovation. Our third president also delighted in gardening, showcased by the restored orchards and gardens on the property. In Jefferson's time, over 250 varieties of vegetables and herbs were in abundance including 20 varieties of English peas, believed to have been his favorite vegetable. Early this evening we arrive at our Washington, DC, hotel, where we stay for the next six nights. Our hotel

is one of the prime hotels in the downtown area - only three blocks from the Washington Nationals Baseball Stadium. The excellent location provides the opportunity to travel the Metro mass transit lines all over the city to visit the sites that interest you the most (if not already covered on our itinerary.)

March 28–April 1 after **breakfast** each morning, we're off to see the sights and sounds of our nation's capital city. Planned stops include the **Jefferson, Lincoln, Vietnam Veterans, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Iwo Jima Memorials**, the newly dedicated **World War II Memorial, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a service at the Washington National Cathedral** and so much more. Photo stops will be made at the **Capitol** and the **White House**. A local **step-on guide** will join us for an afternoon and

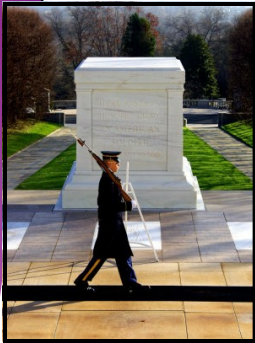


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evening so we can learn more about the many sights and experience the beauty of the illuminated city. Our **guide** joins us for another half-day so we can experience even more of our nation's history. You'll have time at the **Smithsonian Institute**, allowing you to visit the museums that interest you. We have reserved tickets to visit the **National Holocaust Museum**. For seafood lovers, enjoy lunch one day at a local **seafood buffet**. We'll also have lunch at **Gadsby's**, an 18th century, historic tavern that was a center of political, business and social life in early Old Town Alexandria, VA (Benjamin Franklin may even have lunch with us.) If time permits, we may visit the National Archives and the Library of Congress. We'll visit the new **Capitol Visitor Center** designed to enhance our knowledge of the US Capitol. Enjoy a 13-minute orientation film and informative exhibits that tell the history of the Capitol along with the story of representative democracy in the United States.



The 580,000 square foot Visitor Center took 6 years to complete at a cost of \$621 million. Following our orientation, we'll **tour** the Capitol including the rotunda, described as the structure's symbolic and physical heart. We'll travel across the Potomac to witness the very solemn and moving **Changing of the Guard** at **Arlington National Cemetery**, visit the **John F. Kennedy Gravesite**, tour **Arlington House** and view the newest **memorial for the Air Force**. We'll leave the city for a short drive to **Annapolis, MD**, the site of our **US Naval Academy**, training our military for over 200 years. Our next stop will be **Mount Vernon**, home of Martha and George Washington. Over-



looking the Potomac, Mount Vernon was acquired by President Washington in 1754. He personally oversaw every detail of design, construction and decoration, even when away at war. The mansion has been restored to appear as it was during the last years of Washington's life and still contains much of the original furniture. The **Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center** has 23 theaters with interactive displays and original videos produced by the History Channel, offering viewers a state-of-the-art theater experience depicting Washington's life story. We'll experience dinner in Georgetown before retuning to the **Kennedy Center** for a special "**whodunit**" **presentation**. (At this time, a **tour of the Pentagon** is pending.)

April 2 enjoy **breakfast** then depart for **Gettysburg**, where one of our favorite **local guides** will join us for a **tour of the battlefields**, sharing accounts of the battles fought on these now peaceful Pennsylvania fields. Civil War sites are experiencing a surge of interest since the 150th observance of the War occurs over the next 4 years. Prior to your tour, sharpen your perspective at the **Gettysburg Miniature Battlefield Diorama**. This light and sound show takes you through the three days of battle in 3-D, miniature detail. After a **buffet lunch**, we tour the **Eisenhower National Historic Site**, the only home ever owned by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife, Mamie. We'll arrive at our hotel in Breezewood, PA, early in the evening. A restaurant is located next door.



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April 3 following **breakfast** we begin our journey home. We'll travel north and west to Elkhart, IN, to stay at one of our favorite stops, with several restaurants nearby.

April 4 is our final travel day, and following **breakfast**, we make our way back to our departure cities, enjoying our newfound friends and the beautiful spring scenery.

This 11-day DC Cherry Blossom Centennial package includes: Luxury motorcoach transportation, lodging for 10 nights, luggage handling, tickets to all bolded attractions, gratuities for step-on guides, 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$2,269 per person, double occupancy

\$2,199 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$3,011 single room accommodations



Deposit: \$225 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance due: February 24

Cancel by: February 24 for penalty-free cancellation

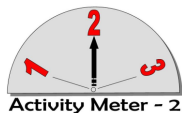
Delayed reservation fee: after February 24, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$50 per person.

Peace of Mind protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or **Travel Insurance** is available at a group rate for this travel package. Call for details and prices.

Guaranteed departure cities: Fort Dodge, Ames, Des Moines, Newton, Decorah, Cedar Rapids, Coralville, Clear Lake and Waterloo

Government-issued photo identification required for this trip.

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