



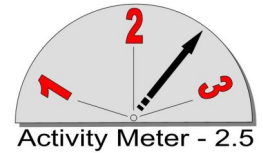
# Springtime in Washington, DC

8 Days: April 11-18, 2012



A Legacy Educational Package

*This travel package planned and escorted by Kathy Hawkins.*



Make this spring absolutely unforgettable by touring the sacred grounds of Gettysburg and the inspirational memorials of our Nation's Capital.

April 11 leave from one of our many convenient departure points for an exciting travel experience to the Civil War battlefields at Gettysburg and a true celebration of spring in our Nation's Capital. Tonight we will reach our first overnight destination, Fremont, IN.



April 12 after **breakfast**, we continue on our journey east through the rolling farmlands and forests of Pennsylvania to the historic Civil War town of Gettysburg, resplendent in flowering pear trees. After a stroll through the National Cemetery where Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address, we enjoy a delicious **dinner buffet** and tour the **Dobbin House Tavern**, the oldest, most historic house in Gettysburg. We overnight in Gettysburg.

April 13 after **breakfast**, we join our expert **Park Ranger Guide** for a **tour of the Gettysburg battle sites**, stepping off the bus for many views of important battle scenes and beautiful memorial sculptures. We step into the **Gettysburg Visitors Center** for a view of the spectacular 360 degree **Cyclorama** show, museum and gift shop. After lunch we travel to **Arlington National Cemetery** where we tour these hallowed grounds. We witness the **Changing of the Guard Ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, view the **Kennedy Graves** and see **Arlington House**, the home of Robert E. Lee. On our way to our hotel, we can view the Pentagon, the Air Force Memorial and the Mason's International Headquarters. We check in at our hotel in **Alexandria, VA**, across the Potomac from DC, where we will stay for the next **4 nights**. After dinner, we'll enjoy an **evening drive** into DC to view the spectacular **illuminated monuments and memorials**. We plan an evening stop at the **WWII Memorial** to see the wonderful illuminated fountains in the Rainbow Pool, the majestic States Pillars and Freedom Wall of over 4000 gold stars.



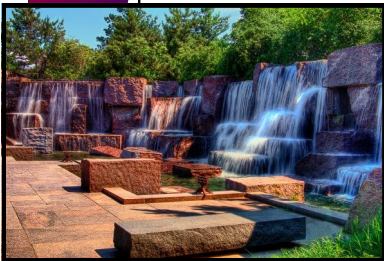
April 14 after a delicious **breakfast**, we drive to the famous US Marine **Iwo Jima Memorial**. A special treat this Saturday morning is the **Cherry Blossom Festival Parade**. You may choose to watch the parade or visit the Smithsonian Museums this morning and early afternoon. Plan to have lunch on the ground floor of the **National Gallery of Art** and enjoy time to check out the art galleries or choose from other Smithsonian Museums, including the **National Air and Space Museum**, the **Museum of American History** and the **Mu-**

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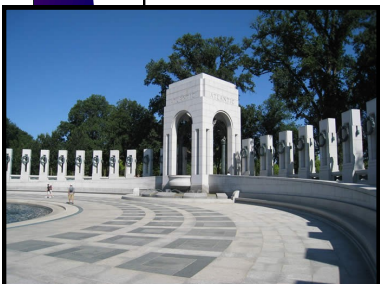
check out the art galleries or choose from other Smithsonian Museums, including the **National Air and Space Museum**, the **Museum of American History** and the **Museum of Natural History**, as well as outdoor sculpture gardens. Later we will take a stroll through beautiful **LaFayette Park**, bedecked in springtime splendor, to the gates of the **White House** for a great photo opportunity. We will stop at the **Navy Memorial** where waters from the seven seas are combined in a beautiful pool. Next, we'll have dinner at **Union Station**, the beautifully preserved, and still active, train and Amtrak station alive with shops and restaurants. Tonight at the newly-remodeled, historic **Ford's Theatre** you'll delight in the historical production of the musical **1776**, bringing the founding of our nation and its famous characters to you in the most delightful way!



April 15 enjoy **breakfast** before our side trip along the beautiful Potomac River to George Washington's **Mount Vernon Estate**. Tour his home, view artifacts, then stroll leisurely to his and Martha's gravesite, his farm yards and see reenactments of his early farming days. We'll enjoy a **boxed lunch** from the Mount Vernon Inn on our way back to DC. This afternoon, we head back to Washington, DC, to view the **Thomas Jefferson Memorial** near the **Tidal Basin**, the **FDR Memorial** (a 4-acre water-themed memorial to FDR, honoring his accomplishments in the 4 terms of his presidency) and the newly-dedicated **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial**. Radiant tulip gardens abound in DC - over 200,000 bulbs are planted annually as a tribute to Lady Bird Johnson. This evening enjoy a twilight **dinner & dance cruise on the Potomac River** aboard the **Riverboat Dandy** for an unparalleled view of our Nation's majestic monuments.



April 16 after **breakfast** we spend a leisurely morning along the **Reflecting Pool**, with time to spend honoring our veterans at the **Korean and Vietnam Memorials** and stand before the awe-inspiring sculpture of President Lincoln at the **Lincoln Memorial**. Later this morning, we tour the **Holocaust Memorial Museum** - a powerful memorial which promotes human dignity and strengthens our appreciation of the freedoms we enjoy. This afternoon, we go to the **US Capitol** grounds and begin our tour in the new **Visitors Center** with a short, informative film. We are led by expert guides through the stately Rotunda and Statuary Hall where the history of our country comes alive in beautiful murals and presidential statues. Later we stop at the **Ronald Reagan International Building** for a glimpse at a piece of the **Berlin Wall** and have lunch in the food court. This afternoon's tour will include a daytime stop at the **WWII Memorial**. We'll have dinner before heading back to the hotel with time this evening for packing.



April 17 after enjoying a leisurely **breakfast**, we depart from Washington and start westward along a more southerly route through the beautiful countryside of West Virginia and Ohio to Richmond, IN, for our overnight stay.

April 18 after **breakfast** we continue toward home. Our inspirational spring has been filled with sights and experiences that make history come alive – creating memories which instill in us a new appreciation of our nation.

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\$1,595 per person, double occupancy

\$1,525 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$2,025 per person with single room accommodations

**Reservations:** anytime as long as space is available

**Deposit:** \$165 per person, due with reservation

**Balance Due:** March 12

**Cancel By:** March 12 for penalty-free cancellations

**Early Booking Discount:** \$50 per person discount applied toward final payment if deposit is received by September 21

**Peace of Mind Protection:** 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or travel insurance is available. Contact our office for details.

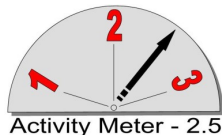
**Scheduled Departure Cities:** Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton and Waterloo

**Government-issued photo ID required at security checkpoints of several places we visit.**

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