



MARS Shared Departures

Christmas in Washington DC

December 9-12, 2025

Experience the magic of Washington, DC, this December with an unforgettable and unique four-day tour! From iconic monuments and festive holiday displays to enriching historical sites like George Washington's Mount Vernon and the U.S. Capitol, this trip offers a perfect blend of culture, history, and holiday cheer.

Enjoy a special volunteer opportunity, explore the wonders of the Museum of the Bible, and soak in the beauty of illuminated monuments by night. With delicious meals, guided tours, and a festive performance of A Christmas Carol, this journey of giving and celebration promises to be the highlight of your holiday season!

Itinerary

Day 1 - TUE December 9, 2025 ~ Welcome to DC!

Arrive in Washington, DC, and kick off your adventure with a visit to the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, home to over 335 fascinating air and spacecraft, including the Space Shuttle Enterprise and the iconic Enola Gay. Later, enjoy a relaxed evening with a delicious Welcome Dinner at a favorite local restaurant.

Day 2 - WED December 10, 2025 ~ Icons of the Capital City

Embark on a guided tour of DC's most iconic memorials, including the WWII Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. Take in the grandeur of the U.S. Capitol on a Guided Red Coat Tour prior to enjoying some holiday cheer, shopping, and tasty treats at the Downtown Holiday Market. Conclude your exciting day with a delicious dinner and an Illuminated Monument Tour!

Day 3 - THU December 11, 2025 ~ Giving Back

Start the day participating in a volunteer opportunity creating meal bags for the Ronald McDonald House. Afterwards, take a deep dive into history where you'll witness the nation's founding documents at the National Archives. This afternoon explore the Museum of the Bible, where incredible biblical artifacts come to life. Discover the seasonal beauty of the US Botanic Garden's poinsettia display, and cap off the night with an included dinner and a magical performance of DC favorite, "A Christmas Carol" at Ford's Theatre.

Day 4 - FRI December 12, 2025 ~ Step Back in Time

Journey back in time at George Washington's Mount Vernon, where history and breathtaking views of the Potomac meet. Afterward, stroll the cobblestone streets of charming Old Town Alexandria on a Guided Colonial Walking Tour before saying farewell to Washington, DC.

Highlights

- Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum
- Volunteering at Ronald McDonald House
- Museum of the Bible
- National Botanical Garden & Poinsettias Display
- Illuminated Monument Driving & Walking Tour
- Pathway of Peace White House Ellipse Lawn
- Monuments & Memorials Guided Tour
- Capitol Visitor Center Tour
- National Archives
- DC Holiday Market
- A Christmas Carol Performance at Ford's Theatre
- George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate
- Old Town Alexandria Colonial Walking Tour

Inclusions

- Local luxury motor coach transportation in DC
- Full-Time Tour Director
- 3 nights' hotel accommodations
- 3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners
- A Christmas Carol Performance at Ford's Theatre
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes and Hotel Fees



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\$1455 Standard Double Occupancy Package
+\$255 Single supplement

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Local, luxury motorcoach transportation and driver in Washington, DC, Full-Time Tour Director, 3 nights' accommodations, roundtrip baggage handling, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, "A Christmas Carol" performance at historic Ford's Theatre, admissions, and guide services as stated in the itinerary, plus all applicable taxes & fees. Gratuity for guide and driver is not included.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$300 per person due with confirmed reservation. "A Christmas Carol" at Ford's Theatre ticket sales open in August 2025; travelers who've not yet made their first deposit will be subject to availability and/or may be seated in a different area. Balance due September 25, 2025.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Regardless of the reason, cancellations result in a costly process and additional labor. To offset these costs, the following fees will apply. Deposits are fully refundable if cancelled more than 75 days prior to departure. For cancellations made within 75 days prior to departure, the following penalties will apply: 75 - 31 days, 50% charge. 31 days - 100% charge.

The operation of shared departures tours is contingent on minimum sales. In the case that a minimum count is not achieved, the Tour Operator may cancel shared departures tours, in which case deposits paid to date will be fully refunded.

TRAVEL PROTECTION / INSURANCE

Travel protection/insurance is not included in the package price for this tour. Travel is a significant investment and strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance. This is optional, but should you chose to protect your investment, you can purchase insurance through any company of your choosing, including our preferred partner, Travel Insured - [Click here for a quote today](#). If you choose to decline coverage you are assuming the financial loss associated with your travel arrangement.



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