



Tours & Experiences Available to Book

This list reflects the tours that I and my associates regularly lead. Our guides are dedicated to creating enjoyable, engaging experiences that help guests make lasting memories. We believe that in every place there are stories waiting to be remembered—and our job is to bring the city to life through thoughtful storytelling, context, and connection. Tours emphasize history, culture, storytelling, and a strong sense of place rather than formal government instruction.

Most Requested Tours

DC Essentials: Monuments & Memorials Overview

Our most popular Washington, DC tour and the most common starting point for visitors. This experience provides context, storytelling, and orientation to the National Mall and surrounding memorials, helping guests understand how Washington, DC functions as both a ceremonial capital and a living city—without focusing on government processes. Guests can experience all or just a taste of the city’s major monuments and memorials. And with our expert storytellers leading the way, many guests leave knowing more about DC than some locals by the time we’re through. Available as a walking or bus tour and offered as either a half-day or full-day experience. Short on time? A curated version can be achieved with a minimum of 2 hours.

Monuments by Moonlight

An evening tour of Washington, DC’s monuments and memorials that offers a quieter, more reflective experience and a different perspective on the city after dark.

Arlington National Cemetery Overview

A guided experience at the nation’s largest military cemetery and one of its most significant national memorial landscapes. The tour provides historical context and orientation while highlighting notable individuals buried at Arlington and explaining the cemetery’s role in American memory and service. 3-4 hours

Black History in Motion: A Cultural Journey Through DC (Bus Tour)

A citywide Black history bus tour connecting major sites across Washington, DC. The tour blends select stops with drive-by storytelling and cultural context drawn from Lauri Williamson’s book *111 Places in Black Culture in Washington, DC That You Must Not Miss*. Ideal for groups who want a broader understanding of Black history beyond the National Mall.

Popular Specialty Tours

Shaw Neighborhood Black History Walking Tour

An in-depth walking tour of the Shaw neighborhood, highlighting historic institutions, community spaces, and influential residents. Figures featured include Carter G. Woodson, Mary McLeod Bethune, A. Philip Randolph, and others connected to Shaw's role as a center of Black intellectual, political, and political organizing—including the location where the March on Washington was planned.

Echoes of Black History (National Mall Walking Tour)

A guided walking tour that takes place throughout the National Mall area, exploring themes of visibility, invisibility, and legacy in Black history. Designed for guests who want to experience familiar spaces through a deeper historical lens.

U Street / Black Broadway Cultural Walking Tour

A storytelling tour centered on U Street's legacy as the heart of Black culture, music, and entrepreneurship in Washington, DC.

Black History at Arlington National Cemetery Walking Tour

A focused tour exploring the stories of African Americans connected to Arlington National Cemetery, including service, sacrifice, segregation, and legacy within this national sacred space. (Transportation may be included on the cemetery shuttle for an additional cost)

Harriet Tubman on Maryland's Eastern Shore (Full-Day Excursion)

A full-day excursion to Maryland's Eastern Shore exploring the early life, environment, and legacy of Harriet Tubman. This experience visits the region where Tubman grew up and places her story within the broader landscape of enslavement, resistance, and freedom-seeking. The Eastern Shore is approximately a 1.5-hour drive from Washington, DC.

Museum-Based Experiences

Guided In-Museum Highlights Tours

Small-group guided experiences inside select Washington, DC museums are available. These tours provide narrative framing and historical context focused on key galleries or themes, followed by time for guests to explore independently.

Availability varies by museum, group size, and date. Inquire for options.

Format Notes

- Tours are suitable for adults, students, and mixed-age groups; the core content and itinerary remain consistent.
- Walking and bus formats are available where noted.
- Experiences emphasize cultural history, storytelling, and sense of place

In addition to leading tours, Lauri Williamson is a Certified Meeting Planner and the owner of Capital Gift Baskets, Inc. For groups interested in elevating a tour into a more complete experience, options such as coordinated lunches, curated stops, or custom gift bags for the bus can be arranged. Additional options are available to enhance the overall experience; additional costs apply.



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