



## Dive into DC & Arlington

### *Passions of the Potomac*

This tour is for an adult motorcoach group visiting DC/Arlington for the first time. This group can stay in a hotel in DC or in Arlington.

#### **Day 1 - Thursday**

- Arrive in DC and start the day with a **Monument Tour**.
- Lunch at **Tony & Joe's Seafood Place at Washington Harbour**, an upscale restaurant on the waterfront in Georgetown featuring floor-to-ceiling windows & outdoor seating providing scenic river views as patrons dine on the freshest of seafood.
- Drive over **Key Bridge** to visit the **Iwo Jima Memorial** in Rosslyn. Take a group photo at the memorial.
- Depart and visit murals and art in Rosslyn.
- Tour the **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Explore the Hall of Flags, see the larger-than-life bronze bust of Kennedy himself, see the incredible view of the city from the rooftop terrace, discover the new REACH Expansion, and experience the NEW Art & Ideals: John F. Kennedy Exhibit! Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a "living memorial" to Kennedy, and authorized \$23 million to help build what was now known as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
  - Enjoy dinner at the center's café.
  - Take your seats and enjoy a show.
- Check-in to your hotel at **AC Hotel Washington DC Navy Yard**.



### Day 2 - Friday

- Enjoy a guided tour with a focus on women at the **National Air & Space Museum**. Experience the history of flight at one of the world's most visited museums, from the plane flown by the Wright brothers to the Apollo 11 command module. Features an incredible collection of aviation and space technology treasures.
- Have lunch at the **National Museum of American Indian**. From the American Southwest, Hawaii, Canada, South and Central America you will feel the spirit of these native people. See items from the great American pyramid builders to the beautiful craftsmanship of North, Central, and South America's indigenous people.
- Visit the **Military Women's Memorial** in Arlington. This memorial is the only historical repository documenting all military women's service. It educates and inspires through innovative and interactive exhibitions, world-class collections, and engaging programs and events for all generations.
- Visit the **National DEA Museum**. The DEA Museum collects, preserves, and shares the stories of America's connection to drugs, including public policy, federal drug law enforcement, and the work of DEA employees around the world. To accomplish this mission, the Museum collects artifacts and documents and acts as the steward of DEA's collections, archives, and historical materials. As a key component of the Drug Enforcement Administration's public outreach efforts, the Museum presents a contemporary learning environment with interactives and displays for visitors of all ages, and it engages in a wide selection of educational activities on site, on tour, and on virtual platforms. As a unique museum in America, the DEA Museum inspires visitors with knowledge to become Agents of Change in the fight against illicit drug activities, including drug use and misuse.
- Return to your hotel to refresh for the evening.
- Enjoy a **soccer or baseball game** and **dinner** included in DC.



### Day 3 - Saturday

- Tour the **Frederick Douglass House**. The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site preserves the last residence of Frederick Douglass (1818 -1895), one of the most prominent African American leaders of the 19th century.
- Visit the **Anacostia Community Museum** which aspires to illuminate and share the untold, and often overlooked stories of people furthest from opportunity in the Greater Washington D.C. region. Their mission is to tell stories of everyday people making impactful changes, who use their collective power to tackle complex issues and advance a more equitable future for all. While local in nature, these stories are relevant to people and communities across the nation.



- Enjoy lunch at **Busboys and Poets**. The name Busboys and Poets refers to American poet Langston Hughes, who worked as a busboy at the Wardman Park Hotel in the 1920s, prior to gaining recognition as a poet. It is a restaurant, bar, bookstore, and community gathering place.
- Visit the **Black Heritage Museum**. The Black Heritage Museum of Arlington celebrates the African American Journey to Freedom, providing a focal point exhibit on Arlington's Freedman's Village and contributions made by its residents and their descendants to local and national history.
- Return to your hotel to refresh and enjoy happy hour.
- Visit **Howard Theater** and **U Street**.
  - When the nation was deeply divided by segregation, the Howard Theatre provided a place where barriers blurred and music unified. Dubbed the, "Theatre for The People" by The Washington Bee, it was the place where dignitaries like President Franklin D. Roosevelt gathered with everyday folks to see both superstars and rising stars – many of whom debuted at The Howard Theatre.
  - U Street was once truly the heart of Black culture in America, attracting locals and visitors for an unparalleled music and nightlife scene.



#### Day 4 - Sunday

- Brunch at **Pink Taco** or **Blue Jacket Brewery** (DC).
  - Pink Taco was born of local culture and raised on rock and roll. Named for the signature entrée with bright pink shells, it's a tongue-in-cheek expression of a pursuit of passions.
  - The space that Blue Jacket occupies is as distinctive as the brewery itself. Built in 1919, the building – known as the boilermaker shops – was part of the navy yards ship and munitions manufacturing complex, and it is one of the few true industrial buildings remaining in Washington, DC. Bluejacket was built to be a brewery without boundaries, allowing beer director Greg Engert and his team of brewers to create beers across the broadest range of styles and flavors possible. At Blue Jacket, understanding of and respect for the traditions and techniques of classic brewing coexist with a spirit of constant experimentation, innovation, and collaboration, leading to delicious beers that showcase seasonality, culinary inspiration, and historic interpretation.
- Visit the **Air Force Memorial** and pose for a group photo. The redesigned Memorial is both BOLD and graceful and truly representational of the Air Force. Central to the design are three stainless steel spires which soar skyward. The highest of the spires will ascent 270' above the 3-acre elevated promontory site. Other key elements of the Memorial include a bronze Honor Guard, inscription walls, and an open glass Chamber of Contemplation, all landscaped to create a memorial park and parade ground overlooking the nation's capital.
- Lunch at **Hillwood Estate Museum and Gardens**. The mansion is the former home of cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and features one of the most comprehensive collections of eighteenth and nineteenth-century Russian Imperial art outside of Russia, as well as an extensive collection of





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eighteenth-century French decorative arts. Highlights include a diamond crown worn by Empress Alexandra at her marriage to Nicholas II; Beauvais tapestries designed by François Boucher; two Imperial Easter eggs by Carl Fabergé; La Nuit by William-Adolphe Bouguereau; and a collection of costumes and accessories worn by Mrs. Post or her family. The greenhouse and formal gardens are set among 25 acres of wooded hillsides located in the heart of Washington, D.C.

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