



## **Air, Land, & Water**

### *A Tour of History & Culture*

Explore the history and charms of Northern Virginia's charming countryside as we travel through the rolling hills of Loudoun and Prince William County.

#### **Day 1, Friday**

- Arrive IAD – **Washington Dulles Airport**, meet your motorcoach and depart.
- Check into your **Tyson's Corner Area Hotel** (per client request, must be ADA friendly).
- Enjoy a **welcome dinner at Maggiano's Little Italy - Tyson's Corner** for season-fresh Italian food inspired by traditional Italian recipes, served family style.
- Depart for **Wolf Trap!**
- Enjoy an intimate **show at The Barns at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts**. Built from two restored 18th-century barns, The Barns at Wolf Trap is a popular spot for music lovers in the greater Washington, D.C. area. The intimate 382-seat theater offers audiences a chance to experience superb acoustics and impressive performances from top-notch artists across genres in an intimate setting. You'll find more than 80 performances annually during a typical season at The Barns between October and May—everything from legendary folk singers to chamber musicians to jazz greats. During the summer months, The Barns is home to Wolf Trap Opera.
- Retire to your hotel for the evening.

### Day 2, Saturday

- Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning.
- Depart for **Great Falls** – A National Park in the heart of Fairfax, VA as the sun rises and birds take flight. Arrive and take in the views of wildlife and wild rapids just a brief 5-10 minute walk from the Visitor’s Center.
- Depart.
- Arrive **Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** for your **docent led tour**. The Udvar-Hazy Center provides space for the objects that tell the history of aviation and space flight. Over 335 air and spacecraft will be on display. The displays will include the Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR-71 Blackbird, Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, the B-17 Flying Fortress, an F-4 Phantom fighter, the B-29 Superfortress “Enola Gay”, and the de Havilland Chipmunk. Many artifacts will be on display for the first time. Visitors are able to walk among the exhibits and view them from elevated “skyways”. There is an Observation Tower where visitors can watch air traffic at Dulles International Airport. On site there are restaurants, a large theatre, gift shops and more.
- Depart.
- Arrive **Glory Days** for a casual **lunch**. Glory Days Grill is a full-service, sports-themed American grill and bar featuring a wide variety of menu items including burgers, ribs, wings, sandwiches, entrées, salads, and more. They pride themselves on delicious food, outstanding service, and a commitment to the communities in which they operate. Every restaurant features numerous large screen televisions tuned to a variety of sports, cartoons, news and entertainment, and every table and booth has an individual volume-controlled speaker allowing guests to tune in to the TV of their choice. Glory Days Grill has been named Best Casual Theme Restaurant, Best American Restaurant, Best Sports Bar, and has also received accolades for Best Wings, Best Ribs, Best Chili, Best Burger, and Best Bartender, among others.
- Depart.
- Arrive **Tyson’s Corner Shopping Center** for an afternoon of shopping. Enjoy **dinner on your own** before returning to your hotel. Located just outside of Washington, DC – Tysons Corner Center is Virginia’s premier shopping destination with stores like Apple, Nordstrom, Bloomingdale’s, Lenkersdorfer, and Sephora and restaurants including Barrel & Bushel, Eddie V’s, The Capital Grille, Earl’s, and Seasons 52. It is also home to AMC Theatres, Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner Center, and VITA Luxury Apartments.



### Day 3, Sunday

- Enjoy **breakfast, included**, at your hotel this morning.
- Meet your **guide** in the lobby and depart for **The National Museum of the United States Army**.
- Embark on a **self-guided or audio tour** of the **National Museum of the United States Army**. The Museum celebrates over 240 years of Army history and honors our nation’s Soldiers – past, present, and future – regular Army, Army Reserves, and the Army



National Guard. It provides the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions and offers educational experiences, illustrating the Army's role in building and defending our nation, as well as humanitarian missions, public contributions, and technological and medical breakthroughs.

- Depart with your **boxed lunch**.
- Arrive at **Mount Vernon**, the estate of George Washington. Here George Washington escaped the rigors of public office and enjoyed the life of a successful Virginia planter. America's most visited historic house, Mount Vernon sits on a grassy, shaded slope overlooking the *Potomac River*. Many of the furnishings are original pieces acquired by Washington himself. Mount Vernon is both George Washington's home and final resting-place. This Southern plantation standing on the banks of the *Potomac River* details the life of the "Father of Our Country" while providing fascinating insights into Colonial times.
- Enjoy your specialty tour – **The Enslaved People of Mount Vernon**. Mount Vernon was a thriving plantation because 318 enslaved people working sunup to sun down in bondage to George Washington. George Washington profited from this system of enslavement throughout his life, and, despite private letters suggesting a shift in attitudes, only arranged to free those he enslaved after his death. In an hour-long tour you will see where Mount Vernon's enslaved people worked and lived and gain insights into enslaved individuals and their duties such as what they ate, how they were clothed, how they established families, and the penalties for their resistance.
- Depart on your water **Taxi down the Potomac River**. Take in the sights of Virginia and Washington DC as you cruise the river and disembark in Old Town Alexandria. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Pier and explore the **Tall Ship Providence**. Tall ship Providence provides a living link to our rich maritime, naval, and Revolutionary history. Our Providence is a reproduction of the first ship authorized to serve in the Continental Navy and Captain John Paul Jones' first American command. Come aboard and get a taste of what life was like aboard an eighteenth-century sloop.
- Arrive for an early dinner at the **Fish Market**. Located in the heart of Alexandria's waterfront district at the corner of King and Union Streets, the Fish Market offers the best and freshest seafood in Northern Virginia!
- Depart on a driving tour of **Old Town Alexandria**. A beautifully preserved historic district on the Potomac River, Old Town Alexandria is the heart of the city George Washington called home. Today cobblestone streets and red brick sidewalks hum with an energy that attracts everyone from presidents to pet lovers to some of the best Old Town Alexandria restaurants, arts, shopping, and historic attractions.
- Continue on your drive tour as you venture into Washington, D.C. for an **Illuminated Monument Tour** of Washington, D.C. Under a moonlit sky, experience the majestic views of our Nation's renowned treasures. While impressive during the day, they are stunning at night. See the following and more on your evening cruise through the capitol –
  - **Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**





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- **Air Force Memorial, Washington Monument**
- **Jefferson Memorial**
- **National WWII Memorial.**
- Drop your guide and continue on to your hotel for the evening.

#### **Day 4, Monday**

- Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning.
- Depart for Washington, D.C.
- Enter the **National Museum of African American History and Culture**. The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. It was established by an Act of Congress in 2003, following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. To date, the museum has collected more than 36,000 artifacts.
- Arrive for your Farewell Dinner Reception at **The Winery at Bull Run**. The Winery at Bull Run is a working farm winery focused on crafting fine Virginia wines while paying tribute to the history and preservation of 19th century pastoral Fairfax County. The closest winery to Washington, D.C., they offer an escape from the hustle and bustle of your daily life to a simpler time—where you can relax in the beautiful Virginia countryside with your family and friends and sip delicious, award-winning Virginia wine.
  - Enjoy a delicious dinner from **Mission BBQ** surrounded by the beautiful Northern Virginia landscape paired with a wine flight crafted at the winery itself.

#### **Day 5, Tuesday**

- Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning.
- Check out of your hotel and depart for home.

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