



"This tour made all the history we learned in school come alive! You'll visit so many important places in our history."
Mary - Ellsworth, WI



Cruise the beautiful Potomac River

Washington D.C. & Gettysburg

March 26 - April 6, 2024 (12 days)

HIGHLIGHTS



- Famous Gettysburg Hotel Stay for 2 Nights
- Stay 5 Nights in the Washington D.C. Area
- Local Expert Guide in Washington D.C.
- Gettysburg Battlefield
- Manassas Battlefield
- Independence Hall
- Iwo Jima and WWII Memorial
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Jefferson, Lincoln & Vietnam Memorials
- Mount Vernon
- U.S. Capitol Tour
- Easter Morning Service at the National Cathedral
- Smithsonian Institute
- Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Potomac River Cruise

*This nonstop tour requires extensive walking that will bring your Nation's Capital to life!



Marines Memorial - R&J Marine Veteran



Touring Gettysburg Battlefield

MAP AT A GLANCE



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What a special experience to attend the Easter Sunday service at the Washington National Cathedral! It took 83 years from when the first until the final stone was laid!



Day 1 - Home to Rockford, IL

Get to know your fellow passengers as we travel to Rockford. We'll have lunch together enroute today. This evening we check into our hotel.

Included Meals: Lunch
Hotel: Radisson

Day 2 - Rockford to Richfield, OH

Enjoy the passing landscapes as we make our way eastward through Indiana, Ohio, and on to the Cleveland area for the night.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Comfort Inn

Day 3 - Richfield to Gettysburg, PA

After breakfast, we travel the rolling hills of the Pennsylvania countryside to Gettysburg, with a stop at the Flight 93 Visitors Center along the way. Our lodging will be at the beautiful Gettysburg Hotel. This historic hotel was established in 1797 and is a unique experience. Dinner is at the famous Historic Dobbin House, that once served as a "station" for runaway slaves, and then a hospital for wounded soldiers of both the North & South. Today, it appears virtually the same as it did over 200 years ago!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Gettysburg Hotel (2 Nights)

Day 4 - Gettysburg

This morning we'll enjoy a scrumptious breakfast before we tour Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center with its incredible Cyclorama, and have the opportunity to walk through the cemetery (weather permitting). Then onto touring one the most important sites in the Civil War, the Gettysburg Battlefield. An expert national park guide explains how this bloody battle was the turning point in the war. Next we visit the Eisenhower National Historic Site, the home and farm of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Stand where Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address.

Included Meals: Breakfast



Helpful R&J Travelers!



The Holocaust Museum



Philadelphia's Independence Hall - Declaration of Independence & US Constitution signed here



Historic 1776 Dobbin House





Visit Mt. Vernon - home to our first President



U.S. Capitol



World War II Memorial



Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

Day 5 - Gettysburg to Alexandria, VA

After another hearty breakfast, we depart for Philadelphia, passing through the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch & German (Deutsch) Countryside. This is a land where time has stood still for a hundred years. Arrive in Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love" and home of the first and second Continental Congresses as well as the first Capitol of the U.S. See the Liberty Bell and tour Independence Hall, the site of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Arrive just outside of Washington DC for five nights.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Hampton Inn (5 Nights)

Day 6 - Washington D.C.

It's Easter Sunday! This morning R&J Tours is privileged to be guests at the National Cathedral for their Easter Service – what a special and rare way to spend Easter morning! After the Cathedral service, we visit the incredible Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and the Holocaust Memorial Museum before returning to our hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 - Washington D.C.

An informative step-on guide joins us for a full day of touring. We will visit the Washington Monument and Jefferson, Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, WWII, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Iwo Jima Memorials. We drive by Kennedy Center, Embassy Row, National Cathedral, National Archives, and the Old Post Office. Step out near the U.S. Capitol and the White House. There will be a stop for lunch before our touring of D.C. and the Monuments continues all afternoon. What a great day of special sites!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 - Washington D.C.

This morning we board a tourmobile sightseeing bus to visit Arlington National Cemetery and witness the Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This afternoon is at your leisure to explore the Smithsonian Institute before we're treated to a tour of the U.S. Capitol.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 9 - Washington D.C.

Awake this morning and enjoy breakfast before we depart for Mount Vernon. Tour the mansion and stroll the grounds of George Washington's beautiful plantation before we enjoy a wonderful lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn. We will return to the hotel before we depart for a sightseeing cruise down the Potomac River featuring historical narration on the landmarks, monuments, & memorials along the way. We'll possibly view cherry blossoms along the banks too! After our cruise we will head to Ted Montana's Grille for an included dinner. This will be a truly historic, memory-making day!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Tour Eisenhower's Home & Farm



Fun at Mount Vernon



Stay 2 Nights at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel



Cyclorama at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum

Day 10 - Washington D.C. to Wheeling, WV

Breakfast is served at the hotel before we board our motorcoach and start our journey home. We will make a stop at Manassas Battlefield before we motor through the beautiful rolling hills to Wheeling, West Virginia. Enjoy a restful evening here.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 11 - Wheeling to Normal, IL

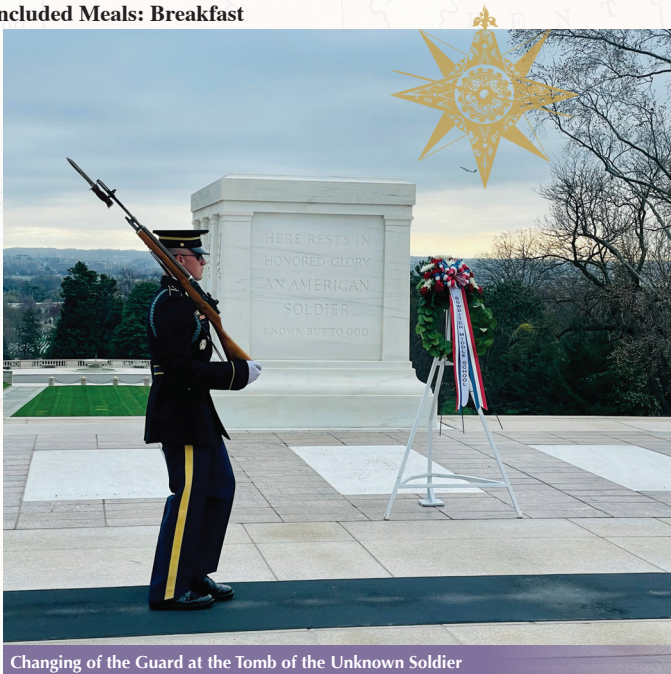
Cross America's heartland, the Ohio Valley and on to Normal. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local favorite restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 12 - Normal to Home

A full breakfast is served before our final stretch home. As we travel, reminisce about our country's past that has come alive to us the past few days, and enjoy the friends made on this historic trip!

Included Meals: Breakfast



Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Manassas National Battlefield Park



Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon

Beautiful spring blossoms!

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2024 DATES & PRICES		
DATES:	March 26 - April 6, 2024 (12 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$2,899 Double \$2,689 Triple	\$3,699 Single \$2,549 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	16 Meals, Hotels & Activities as stated, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$177 Double per person	\$232 Single
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$40 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this tour	
TOUR PACE:	Extensive Walking	

"R&J does a fabulous job of taking you to see what you should see at their destinations. The accommodations are great, the food is great, the tour guide & bus driver are great. Over & above with everything."

Merle & Pat Marohn
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