



Education First

Explore America

WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK

6 days | Washington, D.C. | New York City



Your itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to Washington, D.C.!

Planned by Charles L'Enfant, Washington, D.C. has served as the seat of Congress since 1800. Upon arrival, meet your EF Explore America Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Guided Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Your Tour Director, a licensed Washington, D.C. guide, introduces you to the sites where national policies and political reputations are formed and reformed daily. Take a photo in front of the White House, home of every U.S. president except George Washington. View the iconic Washington Monument from the grassy National Mall, and look for your home state at the National WWII Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II.

Wreath for Wreath Laying Ceremony at WWII Memorial

Dinner in Washington

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Guided Evening Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Experience the magic of seeing Washington's most impressive sights illuminated during your evening scenic tour downtown. Points of interest on your tour include the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

Hotel in Washington, D.C. area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 2

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Walking Tour of Capitol Hill

See the heart of our government on this walking tour of the U.S. Capitol Building, the Library of Congress, and the Supreme Court.

Arlington National Cemetery

Observe the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 200,000 veterans and their families. As you enter the Cemetery, you'll see the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, the only major national memorial honoring women who have served in the US Armed Forces. You'll also witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The United States Marine Corps Memorial

The cast bronze depiction of Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima honors all those who have served in the Marine Corps since its inception in 1775.

Photo Stop at the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial

Visit the Pentagon Memorial, a permanent outdoor memorial to the 184 people killed inside the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77 in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Lunch Included

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Washington Monument

Get a bird's eye view of the nation's capital from the top of the Washington Monument. Built to honor George Washington, this 555-foot marble obelisk towers over Washington, D.C. Subject to availability.

The Smithsonian Museums

Explore all that the Smithsonian's museums have to offer during a self-guided visit. The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum and research complex, endowed by James Smithson and created by an act of Congress in 1846.

Dinner in Washington

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Explore the Tidal Basin

Continue your exploration of Washington, D.C. with a walk around the Tidal Basin for some of the most impressive memorials in D.C.: the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 3

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Excursion to Mount Vernon

Travel through the Virginia countryside to Mount Vernon, the lovely retreat overlooking the Potomac River where George and Martha Washington lived from 1754 to 1799. Explore the elegant estate's 500 acres of grounds and gardens, including the reconstructed slave quarters, Slave Memorial, and Washington's tomb.

Boxed Lunch in Washington, D.C. Included

Free Time in Great Falls Park

Embassy Row

Drive through one of Washington's most cosmopolitan neighborhoods as you pass Embassy Row. This area of grand houses and over 130 foreign embassies boasts a range of architecture as diverse as its international denizens. You'll also pass by the residence of the Vice President.

Washington National Cathedral

See the beautiful architecture and grounds and enjoy the spectrum of spiritual and cultural activities offered year-round by the Washington National Cathedral.

Dinner in Washington

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Photo Stop on the Kennedy Center Rooftop

Enjoy the view of the Washington, D.C. skyline from the rooftop of the Kennedy Center.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 4

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Travel to Philadelphia

Visit to the Liberty Bell Center

The Liberty Bell Center is home to the Liberty Bell, the famously cracked 2,000-pound bell made of mainly copper and tin that was originally cast for the Pennsylvania State House.

Guided Visit of Independence Hall

A local guide shows you Independence Hall, a World Heritage Site where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution was written. George Washington oversaw the debate of the Constitution here over a four-month period in 1787 before it was ratified by nine states, taking effect on June 21, 1788.

National Constitution Center

Located on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, this museum is the first of its kind dedicated to honoring and explaining the U.S. Constitution.

Lunch Included

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Travel to New York City

Free Time in Chinatown and Little Italy

Dinner in Little Italy

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Edge Observation Deck at Hudson Yards

Take in New York City's iconic skyline from the highest observation deck in the Western Hemisphere. At the Edge, you can walk 65 feet out into the sky, stand on the large glass floor and look down at the bustling streets below, and lean out over Manhattan on the nine-foot wall of boldly angled glass--if you dare..

Hotel in New York City

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in New York City

Day 5

Breakfast in New York City

Tour Director distributes \$10 each for breakfast.

New York City Subway Pass Included

Do as the locals do and hop on the subway for an unforgettable ride underneath Manhattan. Includes 4 subway rides..

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

Ferry to Liberty Island to marvel at the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France in honor of the French-U.S. alliance. Continue on to Ellis Island, which welcomed millions of immigrants to the New World around the turn of the century. Ellis Island is now the site of a museum chronicling the history of immigration.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Walking Tour of the Financial District

A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of Lower Manhattan. Start your tour at Bowling Green, New York City's oldest park and Native American council ground where the sale of Manhattan took place in 1626. Nearby, you'll find Arturo Di Modica's famous Charging Bull sculpture, which began as guerilla art but quickly became an iconic piece of the New York City landscape and has come to symbolize Wall Street and the "bull" market. From the narrow canyon that is Wall Street to the temple-fronted New York Stock Exchange, you'll pass by Federal Hall, the first meeting place of the United States Congress and site of George Washington's inaugural oath. Marvel at the medieval stained-glass windows and ornate bronze doors of nearby Trinity Church, one of the early triumphs of the Gothic Revival style in America. Finish your tour at the National September 11 Memorial, a tribute of remembrance and honor to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, whose twin reflecting pools sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood.

Dinner in New York City

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Broadway Show with Upgraded Seating

Enjoy upgraded seating at your Broadway show, sure to be an unforgettable theater experience!

Professional Group Photo in New York City

Get a picture of your entire group for long-lasting memories of your trip to NYC.

Overnight in New York City

Day 6

Breakfast in New York City

Tour Director distributes \$10 each for breakfast.

Guided Tour of Central Park

Join your licensed guide for a romp through New York's backyard playground. Admire the 58 hand-carved horses parading around the Frieledsam Memorial Carousel, brought to the park from Coney Island. Later, head over to the boathouse and Tavern on the Green. Continue through Bethesda Terrace, one of Central Park's best places for people watching, and find the statue of Alice in Wonderland at the northern end of the Conservatory Water.

Walking Tour of Midtown

Explore the heart of midtown Manhattan with your Tour Director. Your tour begins at the United Nations Headquarters, where more than 190 member-nations engage in international diplomacy. Pass through the soaring Main Concourse of Grand Central Terminal as you head towards Bryant Park and the New York Public Library, whose twin marble lions guard the second-largest collection in the country. Stroll down glamorous Fifth Avenue and marvel at the grandeur of St. Patrick's Cathedral, with its 26-foot-wide rose window and soaring Gothic spires. Finish your tour at the iconic Rockefeller Center.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Dinner Included

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Depart for home!

Your tour director assists with your return home.