



Education First

Explore America

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN D.C. & WILLIAMSBURG

5 days | Williamsburg | Washington, D.C.



Your itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to Washington, D.C.!

Upon arrival, meet your EF Explore America Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

Breakfast 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.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture, where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives, and how it helped shape this nation. *Subject to availability.*

Travel to Williamsburg

Dinner in Williamsburg

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Colonial Williamsburg Evening Program

Enjoy one of Colonial Williamsburg's evening programs.

Hotel in Williamsburg

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in Williamsburg

Day 2

Breakfast in Williamsburg

Guided Sightseeing of Jamestown Settlement

On your guided visit to Jamestown Settlement, join Captain John Smith and other costumed interpreters that take you back to 1607, when these Englishmen first landed on the banks of the James River. Explore reproductions of the three boats that originally carried the men over to Virginia, wander through a re-creation of a Powhatan village or marvel at a 17th-century colonial fort.

Lunch Included

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Historic Jamestowne at Colonial National Historical Park

Walk in the footsteps of Captain John Smith, Pocahontas, and the men and women who settled England's first permanent colony in North America at Historic Jamestowne. Explore the actual location of James Fort and the active archaeological dig that has unearthed more than 2 million artifacts since excavations began in 1994. You will also visit the Glasshouse of 1608, where modern-day artisans demonstrate glass-making techniques used by the 17th-century colonists.

Sightseeing of Colonial Williamsburg

A licensed guide leads today's tour of Colonial Williamsburg. Touring this working colonial village, you'll visit the Capitol, where Virginia legislators like Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry cut their political teeth; Market Square's Courthouse; and the Public Gaol (jail). As you stroll through the town, you'll see tradespeople performing colonial vocations, including construction, blacksmithing, bookbinding, shoemaking and foundry work.

Dinner in Williamsburg

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Evening Activity in Williamsburg

Join us for a special evening activity tonight.

Overnight in Williamsburg

Day 3

Breakfast in Williamsburg

Travel to 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.

Lunch Included

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Ford's Theatre and Petersen House

Visit Ford's Theatre, where, on April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth shocked the nation by assassinating President Lincoln. The stricken president was carried across the street to the home of tailor William Petersen. At the historically preserved Petersen House, you'll see the room where a 23-year-old doctor worked unsuccessfully through the night to save the mortally wounded president.

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 4

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

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.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

Frederick Douglass House

Established in 1988 as a National Historic Site, the site preserves the home and estate of Frederick Douglass, one of the most prominent African Americans of the 19th century. Douglass lived in this house, which he named Cedar Hill, from 1877 until his death in 1895. Perched high on a hilltop, the site also offers a sweeping view of the U.S. Capitol and the Washington D.C. skyline.

Anacostia Community Museum

Founded on September 15, 1967, the mission of the Anacostia Community Museum is to challenge perceptions, broaden perspectives, generate new knowledge, and deepen understanding about the ever-changing concepts and realities of 'community' while maintaining its strong ties to Anacostia and the D.C. Metropolitan region. The permanent collection is comprised of artifacts, photographs, archival documents, media, and art objects that document family and community locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

African American Civil War Memorial

Photo stop at the African American Civil War Memorial.

Dinner in Washington

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Evening Activity in Washington, D.C.

Join us for a special activity tonight in Washington, D.C.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 5

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Capitol Building & Visitor Center

Visit the U.S. Capitol Building, the city's epicenter and the heart of the American legislature. *Tour subject to availability.*

Group Photo in Washington, D.C.

Get a professional photograph of your entire group for long-lasting memories of your trip to Washington, D.C.

Photo Stop at the Library of Congress and U.S. Supreme Court

Make a photo stop at the green-domed Library of Congress and the imposing white-marble Supreme Court building.

Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

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.

Dinner Included

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Depart for home!

Your tour director assists with your return home.