



Education First

***Explore America***

# **PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON, D.C.**

5 days | Philadelphia | Gettysburg | Washington, D.C. | Charlottesville



## Your itinerary

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Philadelphia!

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

#### Guided Sightseeing of Philadelphia

Get to know the City of Brotherly Love. We'll begin our tour at the Antique and Jewelry Rows in the Washington Square district and continue through Rittenhouse Square, where you'll find chic shopping and upscale brownstones. Next, visit the Reading Terminal Market, the country's oldest continuously operating farmers' market, selling nearly every type of cuisine you can imagine. Then stop at Penn's Landing and the Old City Cultural District, where you will see City Hall, Congress Hall, the Second Bank of the United States, Franklin Court and Franklin Post Office before arriving at Christ Church. You'll also see nearby Elfreth's Alley, a cobblestone street made up of 30 houses featuring water pumps, wooden shutters and other artifacts that point to their age. (They were built in 1727.) It is the oldest continuously occupied street in the nation.

#### Christ Church and Burial Ground

Known as "The Nation's Church" because of the famous Revolution-era leaders who worshipped here, Christ Church was founded in 1695. It was the first parish of the Church of England (Anglican) in Pennsylvania. It is also the church where the American Episcopal Church was born. The Burial Ground at Christ Church is the final resting place of some of our nation's most prominent early leaders including Benjamin Franklin and four other signers of the Declaration of Independence.

#### Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

#### 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.

#### Museum of the American Revolution

Journey through the remarkable story of America's founding and gain a deeper understanding of the people, events, and ideals that gave birth to the nation with your visit to the Museum of the American Revolution.

#### Dinner in Philadelphia

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

#### Hotel in Philadelphia area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

*Overnight in Philadelphia*

### Day 2

#### Breakfast in Philadelphia

#### Travel to Gettysburg

#### National Civil War Museum

The National Civil War Museum presents a comprehensive and even-handed overview of America's greatest tragedy. The museum's collections include more than 4,400 artifacts and 21,000 archival pieces. While the collections include artifacts of famous figures from General Robert E. Lee to President Abraham Lincoln, the vast majority focus on the lives of the average soldiers from the North and South.

#### Lunch at the Dobbin House

#### Gettysburg Visitor Center, Museum & Cyclorama Experience

Immerse yourself in the Battle of Gettysburg at the Cyclorama Experience. Start by seeing A New Birth of Freedom, a film that looks at the life and work of President Abraham Lincoln, particularly as he struggled to abolish slavery during the Civil War. Move on to the three-dimensional circular painting depicting the dramatic charge of the Confederate infantry led by General George Pickett.

#### Guided Sightseeing of Gettysburg

A licensed guide leads today's tour of Gettysburg National Military Park, where 170,000 fought and 51,000 died during the Civil War's bloodiest battle in July 1863. Four months later, President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address where he exhorted Americans to remember the principles of the equality supported by the Declaration of Independence in the name of the slain soldiers.

#### Travel to Washington, D.C.

#### Dinner at The Carriage House Inn

#### Hotel in Washington, D.C. area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

*Overnight in Washington, D.C. area*

### Day 3

#### 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.

#### Wreath for Wreath Laying Ceremony at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

EF will provide a wreath with your school's name and colors for a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. Pending scheduling.

#### 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 at Pentagon City Mall**

Local meal voucher included.

### **U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Permanent Exhibition**

The Permanent Exhibition presents a narrative history using more than 900 artifacts, 70 video monitors, and four theaters that include historic film footage and eyewitness testimonies. 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 Cruise on the Potomac River**

Enjoy a buffet dinner, then dance the night away with friends on a boat cruise down the Potomac River.

*Overnight in Washington, D.C. area*

## **Day 4**

### **Breakfast in Washington, D.C.**

### **Travel to Charlottesville**

### **Lunch at Michie Tavern Included**

### **Visit to Monticello**

Begun in 1770 and completely designed by Thomas Jefferson, the estate of Monticello was completed in 1809. The 35-room house was his home for 56 years and is now a national shrine. The brick mansion has a Greek portico and a Roman-style dome and is filled with innovations like a dumbwaiter to the wine cellar, an all-weather passage linking the kitchen and dining room, and an indoor compass to register wind direction via a rooftop weathervane. The president is buried in the family plot on the grounds.

### **Luray Caverns**

Luray Caverns, for more than 130 years, has been renowned as one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders. A world of magic and majesty, still as marvelously beautiful as described in the newspaper headlines over a century ago.

### **Dinner at the Mimslyn Inn**

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

### **Return to Washington, D.C.**

*Overnight in Washington, D.C. area*

## **Day 5**

### **Breakfast in Washington, D.C.**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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**

Your Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

### **Depart for home!**

Your tour director assists with your return home.