

Day One, Tuesday, November 3, 2015 - lunch and dinner included

9:15 a.m. Depart Indiana History Center via shuttle to the airport.

Arrive at **Washington Dulles Airport, United Flight #4754.**

Meet Civil War expert guide and board motor coach. Boxed lunch served en route.

Guided tour of **Fort Ward Historic site & Museum, Alexandria Virginia.** At Fort Ward, see the best preserved of the Union forts and batteries built to protect Washington, D.C. during the Civil War. Fort Ward Museum interprets the site's history and offers exhibits on Civil War topics, education and interpretive programs, and living history activities. The Museum and Historic Site also interprets Alexandria, Virginia as an occupied city, the city's role as a vital Union Army crossroads, life within the defenses of Washington, and the everyday life of Civil War soldiers and civilians.

The historic fort provides visitors with an excellent understanding of Civil War-era military engineering. About 90% of the fort's earthwork walls are preserved and the Northwest Bastion has been restored and reconstructed to its original condition. <http://alexandriava.gov/FortWard>

Visit **Alexandria National Cemetery**, one of the original 14 national cemeteries established in 1862. The first burials were for soldiers who died during training or from disease in the numerous hospitals around Alexandria. By 1864, the cemetery was nearly filled to capacity, which eventually led to the planning, development and construction of Arlington National Cemetery.

Continue to **George Washington Masonic National Memorial** (outside only) which offers one of the finest views of Washington. The hill on which the temple is located was the site of two strategic forts during the Civil War. The Memorial is located on the proposed site for the national capitol building. <http://www.gwmemorial.org/>

Dinner at **Overwood Wood-Fired American Kitchen** - <http://theoverwood.com/>

Following dinner, there will be a walking and driving tour, with a costumed guide, of Civil War and other significant sites of Alexandria. (outside only)

- **Christ Church** - A beautiful example of Georgian church architecture, dating from 1773. Silver plaques mark the pews of George Washington, who served as a vestryman, and Robert E. Lee. <http://www.historicchristchurch.org/>
- **Robert E. Lee's Boyhood Home** - A Georgian townhouse where Lee resided off and on over a 13 year period.
- **Carlyle House and Historic Park** - Home to John Carlyle, a Scottish merchant who was one of Alexandria's founders.
- **The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum** - In 1839, a group of gentlemen calling themselves The Alexandria Lyceum joined with the Alexandria Library Company to build a grand hall to provide a place for lectures, scientific experiments and quiet reading. Eventually, the building itself became known as The Lyceum and, since that time, it has been a Civil War hospital, a private home, an office building, and the nation's first Bicentennial Center. In 1985, The Lyceum became Alexandria's History Museum. <http://alexandriava.gov/Lyceum>
- **Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop** - Operated for five generations by a Quaker family, this shop was the second oldest drugstore in the nation until it closed in 1933. It now serves as a museum and gift shop. <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Apothecary>
- The **Bank of Alexandria** - A historic bank building built in 1807, consisting of a three-story main block, with a two-story east wing. The main block is five bays wide and 7 bays deep. It was converted for use as the Mansion House Hotel in the 1840's. <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2012/apr/12/old-town-history-bank-alexandria/>

Check in **Springhill Suites Alexandria** - 2950 Eisenhower Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22314 - 703-317-0013

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasva-springhill-suite-s-alexandria-old-town-southwest/> Baggage handling included.

Day Two, Wednesday, November 4, 2015 - dinner provided

7:00 a.m. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (include).

8:30 a.m. Depart with guide.

Visit **Arlington National Cemetery**, the most sacred land in America. This square mile plot is America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. This is the final resting place for thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war along with President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Robert F. Kennedy, Edward Moore (Ted) Kennedy, Audie Murphy, and prizefighter Joe Louis. The Cemetery is the former plantation and home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Adorning the grounds are monuments to nearly every major U.S. disaster, including the Space Shuttle Challenger Astronauts' Memorial. The Tomb of the Unknowns pays reverence to the many who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the nation's freedom. Still an active cemetery, Arlington averages nearly 27 funerals each weekday.

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Tour **Arlington House**, the former home of Confederate general Robert E. Lee. Arlington House was confiscated for delinquent taxes and the grounds were converted into Arlington National Cemetery. This beautiful Greek Revival home is restored with furnishings from the period, and the view from the front porch provides an unparalleled view of our capital city. <http://www.nps.gov/arho/index.htm>

Enjoy lunch on your own at the **Reagan Building/International Trade Center**, one of Washington's newest conference and event facilities. The Reagan Building has over 55,000 square feet of architecturally majestic space and features an amphitheater, an 11,500 square foot exhibit hall, reception areas and meeting rooms. The center also offers an impressive array of food vendors. <http://itcdc.com/>

Tour of the **National Building Museum**. Home to many exhibits on all aspects of architecture and historic preservation. View the "Washington: Symbol and City" exhibit, which chronicles the construction of the nation's capital. The museum also features the world's largest Corinthian columns and has been host to many Presidential Inaugural Balls.

<http://www.nbm.org/>

Visit the **African American Civil War Museum** for a film presentation and opportunity to peruse the museum. In January 1999, the African American Civil War Memorial Museum opened to the public. Using photographs, documents and state of the art audio visual equipment, the museum helps visitors understand the African American's heroic and largely unknown struggle for freedom during the Civil War. The Museum also chronicles the struggle for civil rights and equality after the war. <http://www.afroamcivilwar.org/>

Visit the **African American Civil War Memorial**. At the center of a granite-paved plaza encircled on three sides by the Wall of Honor is the Spirit of Freedom sculpture. Unveiled on July 18, 1998, the sculpture stands ten feet tall and features uniformed black soldiers and a sailor poised to leave home. Women, children, and elders on the cusp of the concave's inner surface seek strength together. Designed by Ed Hamilton of Louisville, Kentucky, this is the first major art piece by a black sculptor to be placed on federal land anywhere in the District of Columbia. <http://www.afroamcivilwar.org/>

Dinner at **The Mansion on O Street**. Following dinner, explore the mansion's 100 rooms and 70 secret doors, one of the most unusual properties you'll ever see. You can search for secret doors and explore the themed rooms like the log cabin, John Lennon suite and Rosa Parks room (she lived there for 10 years). You can browse the collection of manuscripts, books, art, memorabilia, and signature guitars (over 50 including Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, U2 & more.)

<https://www.omansion.com/restaurant/>

Day Three Thursday, November 5, 2015 - dinner provided

8:00 a.m. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (included).

9:00 a.m. Depart.

Tour the **Frederick Douglass National Historic Site (Cedar Hill) and Visitors Center**. This site preserves the home and legacy of Frederick Douglass, a runaway slave, abolitionist, civil rights advocate, author and statesmen. The site covers 8.5 acres known as Cedar Hill. This area includes the main house, gardens and an extensive collection of personal effects that both captivate and educate visitors about Douglass and his family. His life was a testament to courage and persistence, serving as an inspiration to all those who struggle for the cause of liberty and justice. Visitors to the site learn about his efforts to abolish slavery and his struggle to ensure the basic rights of all Americans.

<http://www.recreation.gov/tourParkDetail.do?parkId=77812&contractCode=NRSO>

Lincoln Park. This historic park celebrates the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia and features the Emancipation Proclamation statue and the Mary McLeod Bethune statue.

Enjoy free time and lunch on your own

Visit the **National Museum of American History**. View the National Museum of American History's complete make-over and renovation! Browse through the new state-of-the-art gallery that offers a spectacular view of the Star Spangled Banner. See the First Ladies' inaugural gowns, quilts, cars, locomotives and much, more. View the must-see exhibits for any visitor with a taste for true Americana. <http://americanhistory.si.edu/>

Tour the **Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office and Museum**. The office was originally rediscovered by Richard Lyons of the General Services Administration (GSA) in 1996, when the building was scheduled for demolition. Located on 7th street, NW, Washington D.C., the site is the location where Clara Barton (founder of the American Red Cross) lived during and immediately following the Civil War. She used this property not only as a place to live, but also to store the supplies she received for her work on the battlefield, and later as the **Missing Soldiers Office** which handled correspondence concerning missing soldiers. Between 1865 and 1868, Barton's office handled more than 63,000 letters, providing information to the families of more than 21,000 soldiers. <http://www.civilwarmed.org/clara-barton-museum/>

Enjoy a family style meal at **Carmine's** in Penn Quarter, Washington, D.C. - Located steps from the National Mall and the Verizon Center, Carmine's opened in our Nation's Capital in August 2010. The largest Carmine's yet, offering family style dining serving many dishes of Southern Italian cuisine. <http://www.carminesnyc.com/locations/washington-dc/>

Complete the evening with an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour**. Washington's grand buildings, memorials, and monuments impress during the day, but take on a special radiance in the evening. The soft illumination accents the light stone and bronze features of the monuments, while brilliantly reflecting off the water and fountains throughout the National Mall.

- **Freedom Plaza**. Originally known as Western Plaza, the space was renamed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., who worked on his "I Have a Dream" speech in the nearby Willard Hotel. In 1988, a time capsule containing a Bible, a robe, and other relics of Dr. King's was planted at the site. It will be reopened in 2088.
- The **Marine Corps Memorial** (Iwo Jima Statue)
- The **Air Force Memorial**
- The **Washington Monument**
- The **National World War II Memorial**
- We will also try to see as many other memorials and monuments as time permits

Day Four Friday, November 6, 2015

7:30 a.m. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (included) prior to checking out. Baggage handling included.

8:30 a.m. Depart.

Visit **Petersen House**. In 1849, William A. Petersen, a German tailor, constructed the plain red brick three-story and basement townhouse across the street from Ford's Theatre. After the shooting, President Lincoln was carried to the house and tended in a back bedroom until his death hours later. Since acquiring the house (now 516 10th Street) in 1933, the National Park Service has maintained it as a historic house museum, recreating the scene at the time of Lincoln's death. Here, visitors can learn more about that fateful night and the people who surrounded the President in his final hours. <http://www.fords.org/home/plan-your-visit/daytime-visits-fords-theatre/petersen-house>

Visit the **NEW Center for Education and Leadership**. In the Center for Education and Leadership, visitors explore the lasting effect Abraham Lincoln's presidency, and its untimely end, have had on our country. The Center is located at 514 10th Street, NW, across the street from the theatre and adjacent to the Petersen House.

Stop at the **White House Visitor Center**, located at 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. The visitors center offers guests a window into the president's iconic home. Visitors can explore an interactive touchscreen tour of the White House, view over 90 artifacts from the White House collection, shop at the White House Historical Association retail store, and view the 14 minute film, "White House: Reflections From Within."

Stop for a **White House** photo opportunity and walk through **Lafayette Square**.

Enjoy lunch on your own at **Union Station** and free time to explore the shops. The city's main train station is a classic Beaux-Arts design, restored to its original grandeur in the 1980's. Union Station features a large food court, a movie theater, shops and kiosks.

5:00 p. m. Depart from **Washington Dulles International Airport, United Flight #3742**.

6:48 p.m. Scheduled arrival time at Indianapolis airport.

Shuttle to Indiana History Center.

Inclusions:

- Round trip air from Indianapolis to Washington D.C.
- Transportation via luxury coach, restroom equipped
- 3-nights' accommodations
- Baggage handling
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunches, 3 dinners
- Admission to attractions noted in itinerary
- Civil War guide service each day
- All taxes and gratuities included