



ROAD SCHOLAR

Signature City Washington, DC - Charter
Wednesday, March 21 to Wednesday, March 28, 2018



Program Summary and Highlights: Gain a deeper understanding of the nation's capital, uncovering hidden landmarks, iconography, vibrant history and strange legends alongside both historians and local experts. We'll explore Washington D.C. learning the stories behind the monuments, memorials and historic sites that pay testament to our national identity.

- Go beyond the memorials and monuments to discover fascinating aspects of Washington's rich history
- Witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery and then delve into Washington's life at Mount Vernon
- Walk in the footsteps of Lincoln and his assassin at Ford's Theatre, and that evening enjoy an evening performance at the same theatre!

Program Price Includes:

- 8 days, 7 nights, 17 meals (7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 6 dinners)
- Seven nights' accommodations, 12 field trips, 2 expert-led lectures, and 1 performance
- All gratuities, taxes, and admission fees, group travel and transfers
- A Road Scholar Group Leader and a Bradley staffer to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics and make your trip hassle free.
- The Road Scholar Emergency and Travel Assistance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

All Inclusive Pricing with Round-Trip Airfare:

Double Occupancy - **\$2,849 per person**

New! Triple Occupancy - **\$2,649 per person**

Single Occupancy - **\$3,649 per person**

OR For those wishing to extend their trip and make their own transportation arrangements (including to and from the airport, flights, and transfers), land-only prices are listed below.

Double occupancy LAND ONLY - **\$2,499**

New! Triple Occupancy LAND ONLY **\$2,249**

Single occupancy LAND ONLY **\$3,249**

NEW REGISTRATION PROCEDURE!!!! Lottery Style

- **Registrations will be accepted Tues., Aug. 22 –Fri. Sept. 15, 2017.**
In person, mail in and phone-in registration are all available.
It will NOT be first come, first served. If we have more than 26 registrations, everyone who has registered by 9/15/17 at 5:00 p.m. will be entered into a lottery to determine who receives a spot on the trip. Couples as well as roommates and friends can request to have their registrations “bundled”, meaning they will have 1 lottery number together, and they either both get selected or they both do not get selected. If we do not have 26 registrations by Friday, Sept. 15 at 5:00 p.m. we take everyone registered thus far and then register anyone else first come, first served until the trip is full.
- \$100 non-refundable deposit due when final registrations have been accepted.
- **Friday, Jan. 12, 2018** Final payment due
(Optional cancellation insurance also due at this time.)

Accommodations:

Grand Hyatt Washington : 7 nights

The Grand Hyatt Washington is a full service hotel located in downtown Washington D.C., conveniently located near the National Mall, as well many other area attractions and restaurants. Enjoy a spacious room, a full-service business center, gift shops, bistro/bar, Starbucks, an indoor pool and sauna, plus access to fitness center.

Day 1: Check-In, Registration, Orientation, Welcome Dinner Wednesday, March 21

Hotel Check-in: Available from 3:00 pm.

Program Registration: After you have your room assignment, come over to the Road Scholar desk in the lobby to pick up your arrival packet containing your name tag, the up-to-date schedule, and to confirm the time of the orientation session. Please be aware that program activities and scheduled times could change due to local circumstances. In the event of changes, we will alert you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Orientation: The Group Leader will greet you with a warm welcome, introduce everyone, and provide key staff contact names and phone numbers. We will review the up-to-date daily schedule and any changes, discuss responsibilities, Safety guidelines, emergency procedures, and answer any questions you may have.

Dinner: At the hotel, enjoy a welcome dinner with the group. **Evening:** At leisure.

Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2: Lecture, Monuments & Memorials, Tudor Palace, Cathedral Thursday, March 22

Breakfast: Breakfast at the hotel.

Lecture: "DC's Masonic Roots." Thanks to numerous books and movies, many people know of Masons but relatively few know exactly who they are and what they believe. There are also many myths, legends, and mysteries surrounding the role of Masons in the founding of the United States. Dan Brown's best-selling novel "The Lost Symbol" — set in Washington DC — blended Masonic history into his fantastic story. We'll be joined by a 33rd Degree Mason who will help us separate fact and fiction as we examine the influence of Masonic teachings on our nation's Founding fathers, and learn about Masonic symbols throughout the city. Following the lecture, we'll get an overview of our nation's capital via motor coach. Learn more about your surroundings from your group leader as you see the iconic monuments and historic sites that make Washington, D.C. the nation's capital and a unique city.

Lunch: Tea and its rituals have been enjoyed at Tudor Place for 200 years. For lunch today, we will enjoy an elegant Victorian tea party at an 1816 historic home of Martha Washington's granddaughter.

Afternoon: After lunch, learn about the Tudor Place landscaped gardens and historic home during an expert led walk. We'll then take an expert led field trip to Washington National Cathedral. See Woodrow Wilson's Tomb, marvel at the ironwork, and learn the history behind the country's "National House of Prayer." Pierre L'Enfant, the architect President George Washington commissioned in 1791 to create a master plan for the nation's capital, envisioned it. The cathedral's "birth certificate" authorizing construction was signed in 1893, but the cornerstone was not laid until 1907. It was officially completed in 1990 and is recognized today as one of the great achievements of ecclesiastical architecture.

Dinner: Dinner at a local restaurant. **Evening:** At leisure.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol Building

Friday, March 23

Breakfast: At the hotel

Morning: To begin our day, we will walk from the hotel to the Washington DC Metro and head to the Library of Congress (LOC) for a self-led exploration; detailed brochures are available from Information Desks in the Thomas Jefferson Building. The LOC is America's oldest federal cultural institution, established in 1800 by an Act of Congress. When the British burned the original collection housed in the capitol building in 1814, Thomas Jefferson replaced it with his own personal library. The LOC has grown to become the largest library in the world with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps, manuscripts, and other resources. The main Reading Room is one of the most magnificent spaces in Washington.

Lunch at the Madison Cafe located in the Library of Congress.

Afternoon: Next, walk to the United States Capitol Visitor Center where we'll see a short film that traces the development of our democracy and introduces the amazing building that houses our Congress: the House of Representatives and the Senate. We'll see the Crypt, Statuary Hall, and the Rotunda with a representative from the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. "The Capitol is among the most architecturally impressive and symbolically important buildings in the world. The Senate and the House of Representatives have met here for more than two centuries. Begun in 1793,

the Capitol has been built, burnt, rebuilt, extended, and restored; today, it stands as a monument not only to its builders but also to the American people and their government.”. We will return to the hotel via Metro.

Dinner is on your own this evening to explore and sample the city's numerous dining options. Your group leader will be happy to offer suggestions. **Evening:** At leisure.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Ford's Theater, National Portrait Gallery, Performance

Saturday, March 24

Breakfast: Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning: Departing the hotel, we will walk to Ford's Theater, still a working professional theater. We will explore Ford's Theater and trace the events leading up to Lincoln's assassination on April 14th, 1865. Next, we will head across the street to the Peterson House where Lincoln died the following day, and explore the recently opened Center for Education and Leadership. The museum presents interactive exhibits on the presidency of Abraham Lincoln as well as historic artifacts including the derringer John Wilkes Booth used on the night of April 14, 1865, as well as clothing President Lincoln wore the night he was shot. The Peterson House across the street is where President Lincoln died. The museum's permanent exhibits address the aftermath of Lincoln's death, his legacy.

Lunch: We will walk across the street to have lunch at the National Portrait Gallery, with vouchers provided.

Afternoon: Spend some time on your own exploring the National Portrait Gallery, which illustrates the extraordinary diversity of people who have had an impact on our country and our culture, including the only complete collection of presidential portraits outside of the White House. Your group leader will walk back the hotel at 3:00. Return to the hotel with the group or stay at the National Portrait Gallery to continue exploring if you wish.

Dinner: Dinner at a local restaurant.

Evening Performance: We will enjoy a live performance this evening at one of Washington D.C's premiere entertainment venues.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Mt Vernon, Holocaust Museum, Neighborhood walk

Sunday, March 25

Breakfast: Breakfast at the hotel.

Boarding the motor coach, we will depart to Mt. Vernon. Our visit will start with a Guided exploration of the house, with some time to explore the grounds.

Lunch: At Mt. Vernon

Afternoon: We'll return to the heart of the city for a visit to the Holocaust Museum. After our visit, we will walk back to the hotel through the historic Lafayette Square Neighborhood and explore on foot with our Group Leader. Gaze upon landmarks That tell the history of our nations, such as St. John's Church and the White House.

Dinner: Dinner at the hotel. **Evening:** At leisure.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: National Mall & Smithsonian

Monday, March 26

Breakfast: Breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy a lecture on subject of the National Mall. Afterwards head out on your own for to explore the Smithsonian museums and the mall we learned about that morning. All Smithsonian museums are free and open to the public.

Lunch: On your own

Afternoon: Continue exploring the National Mall on your own or try for reservations at the new National Museum of African American History and Culture

Dinner: At a local restaurant

Evening: See how the city comes alive at night with an evening adventure to see some of the most popular monuments in a different light.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7: Arlington Cemetery, Newseum & Farewell Dinner

Tuesday, March 27

Breakfast: Breakfast at the hotel

Board the coach and head out to Arlington National Cemetery. See the final resting place for the nation's heroes before heading back into the city.

Lunch: On your own. Visit the Cafe at the Newseum or try something nearby!

Afternoon: Spend some time at the Newseum, explore through 250,000 square feet of exhibits at your own pace. Near the cafe, you can start at the exhibit "Inside Today's FBI." This rotating exhibit has a focus on the FBI cases that have made modern headlines. Observe artifacts from major cases on display and the stories behind them. Currently on display is the FBI's investigation into the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombings and ensuing manhunt.

Dinner: Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8: Departure

Wednesday, March 28

Breakfast: At the hotel

Check out by 12 PM to head to the airport

Meals Included: Breakfast

