



Bedore Tours *presents...*

Washington, D.C.

3 Nights – 4 Days

Day One

5:00pm

ETA Washington, D.C. Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **Brio Tuscan Grille**. (**or similar**) Brio brings the pleasures of the Tuscan country villa to you. The Italians built their spacious country villas to escape the pressures of urban life and enjoy "La Dolce Vita" (the good life). They would mingle with family and friends and eat freshly prepared food from their grounds while surrounded by natural beauty. In just this manner, Brio offers its guests "La Dolce Vita." Dinner begins with Brio Chopped Salad. Entrée choices are: (1) *Lasagna Bolognese*; (2) *Chicken Under The Brick*, mushroom marsala sauce, served with garlic mashed potatoes and roasted vegetables; (3) *Tuscan Grilled Port Chops*. Chef's choice of dessert. All meals include coffee, tea, soda, or lemonade. **Please send in your choices with your rooming list.**

6:30pm

Depart.

7:00pm

Check in to our local hotel (Staybridge Suites or similar). **Baggage** handling included.

Day Two

7:30am

Enjoy **continental breakfast** at our hotel.

8:30am

Depart.

9:00am

Meet **GUIDE** at the **Visitor's Center** and visit **Arlington National Cemetery**. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Audie Murphy, prizefighter Joe Louis, and thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war. Arlington House home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee, Space Shuttle Challenger astronaut's Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknowns are also located on these famous 612 acres. Tourmobile tickets **are included** for your visit.

If desired, groups must arrange a Wreath Laying Ceremony on their own directly with the Army's Ceremonies and Special Events. Tour operators cannot place these reservations. A representative of the requesting organization must write to Arlington National Cemetery, Attn: Public Wreath Ceremonies, Arlington, VA 22211 on organizational letterhead. The sender should indicate on the outside of the envelope that it is a "wreath-laying request." The letter should indicate when the group is visiting, its schedule limitations, and complete contact information. If a Wreath Laying Ceremony is approved, group leader must notify Bedore Tours of the group's ceremony time. Bedore Tours will order the groups wreath at an additional charge. Please advise us of the colors for the Wreaths Ribbon and Verbiage to be placed on the wreaths ribbon.

11:00am

Depart.

11:30am

Stop at the **White House** for a **photo opportunity**.

12:30pm

Arrive at the **NEW Capitol Visitor's Center**. The Capitol Visitor Center welcomes visitors to the seat of American government. At nearly 580,000 square feet, the CVC is the largest project in the Capitol's 215-year history and is approximately three quarters the size of the Capitol itself. The entire facility is located underground on the east side of the Capitol so as not to detract from the appearance of the Capitol. Features include an exhibition gallery that features the House & Senate while in-session, orientation theaters, a 550-seat cafeteria, gift shops, and restrooms all within a secure public environment that will provide visitors shelter from the unpredictable D.C. weather. **NOTE: VIP Capitol Tours are free. Reservations must be placed directly by the group on the www.visitthecapitol.org web site (or contact your Senator or Congressman to obtain timed entry). Tours of the Capitol begin with a 13-minute orientation film and last approximately one hour. Security check points are located at the front of the building and groups will be subject to high security procedures.**

- Enjoy lunch on own at the Capitol Visitor's Center Cafeteria.

Enjoy unprecedented sightseeing opportunities of the following:

- **The United States Capitol.** The most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world, the U.S. Capitol has housed Congress since 1800 and is one of the most imposing public buildings in the world. The Capitol is where Congress meets to write the laws of our nation, and where presidents are inaugurated. Its ceilings are decorated with historic images, and its halls are lined with statuary and paintings representing great events and people in the nation's history. **Note: Stop for a photo opportunity and narrative tour of the outside only. Unless group has timed entry tickets.**
- Visit the **United States Library of Congress.** *Explore. Discover. Be Inspired!* Established as an act of Congress in 1800, The Library of Congress is the largest national library in the world with more than 100 million items in three buildings. The original Library of Congress Building (now called the Thomas Jefferson Building) is perhaps Washington's most richly ornamented building. **DID YOU KNOW? The library has more than 650 miles of bookshelves, and more than 138 million objects in 470 different languages.**
- **NEW The Library of Congress Experience. Pick up your Passport to Knowledge at the front desk upon arrival.** Interactive technologies make the Library of Congress and its collections more dynamic and accessible than ever. This Library of Congress Experience offers "hands-on" interaction with rare cultural treasures in ways that inspire and engage. Highlights on display include *Exploring the Early Americas*,

Waldeemuller 1507 Map known as “Americas Birth Certificate”, *Minerva- The Goddess of Wisdom, Creating the Unites States, Thomas Jefferson’s Library, Bob Hope and American Variety*, and the *History of the Library of Congress*. **If for any reason an inside tour is not available or the wait in line is extremely long our guide will conduct a tour outside the buildings.**

- 3:00pm Depart.
- 3:30pm Visit the **U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center**. Located off Pennsylvania Ave., the towering masts, waving flags, tiered waterfalls and Lone Sailor statue overlook the world’s seas in this striking memorial honoring the U.S. sea services. Military concerts spring-summer. Inside: nautical interactive videos and the Ship’s Store.
- 5:00pm Depart.
- 5:30pm Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **Buca di Beppo**. The name translates loosely as "Joe's Basement," and Buca di Beppo aims to re-create the experience of an Italian restaurant that might have flourished in New York's Little Italy in the '50s. Begin with House Bread and a Mixed Green Salad. Your Family style entrées include: Spaghetti with Marinara and Chicken Parmigiana. Your dessert is chef’s choice. Beverage of coffee, tea, or soft drink is included.
- 7:00pm Depart on an **Illuminated tour** of the following:
- Walk through The **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a "living memorial" to Kennedy, and authorized \$23 million to help build what was now known as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
 - Stop at **The Jefferson Memorial**. The 19-foot statue of the third president stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the Declaration of Independence and Jefferson’s other famous writings. Looking from the memorial across the *Tidal Basin* provides an unforgettable view of the city.
- 8:30pm **Drop GUIDE** at nearest metro and depart to hotel.

Day Three

- 7:30am Enjoy **continental breakfast** at our hotel.
- 8:30am Depart.
- 9:00am Meet **GUIDE** at **The Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial**. The FDR is unique among the memorials of Washington, DC. The memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, or rooms, one for each of FDR’s terms in office.
- 10:00am Depart.
- 10:30am Visit the **NEWLY Renovated National Museum of American History**. Be one of the first to view the 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, and view the exhibits that top the list of must-sees for any visitor with a taste for true Americana. See the First Ladies’ inaugural gowns, quilts, cars, locomotives and much, much more. New and improved features will include:
- a central atrium with a skylight that will dramatically open the building;
 - a grand staircase connecting the Museum’s first and second floors;
 - 10-foot-high artifact walls on both the first and second floors showcasing the breadth of the Museum’s 3 million objects;
 - a welcome center on the second floor to improve visitor orientation;
 - a new exhibition gallery for the Museum’s Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation;
 - and a new lobby for the 275-seat Carmichael Auditorium.
- The Smithsonian Institutions security policy is: All bags, purses, attaches, shopping bags satchels, suitcases, etc will be hand searched. To expedite this please bring only a small purse or fanny pack. DO NOT bring daypacks, backpacks, or luggage in to the museums. Most locker rooms have been closed. DO NOT bring sharp items into the museums, such as knives (including pocket), screwdrivers, corkscrews, scissors, nail files, etc.**
- Noon Enjoy **lunch on own** at the **Museum food court**.
- 1:00pm Meet **Guide** and **Motorcoach** at the **Mall Side Entrance** of Museum and depart.
- 1:30pm Stop at **The National World War II Memorial**. This *newest memorial* honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world.
- 2:30pm Stop at **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. This privately funded memorial has drawn millions who have come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos.
- Stop at **The Lincoln Memorial**, overlooking the Reflecting Pool, was patterned on a classic Greek temple. Inside, inscriptions from his Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address flank the 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President.
 - Stop at **The Korean War Veterans Memorial**. The triangular field contains nineteen ground troopers, clad in foul weather ponchos, fully equipped for battle. Representing those who supported the ground troops are hundreds of faces etched on a polished granite wall.

3:30pm	Depart.
4:00pm	Stop at the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Park . The memorial will honor the 184 victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks at The Pentagon. At the heart of the memorial 184 illuminated benches are arranged according to the victim's ages, from 3 to 71. The benches representing the victims on the plane will face skyward, and the benches representing the victims that were inside the building will face the Pentagon (in both cases, the line of sight follows the flight's path). As part of the landscaping, there will be approximately 80 Paperbark Maple trees planted.
5:00pm	Depart.
5:30pm	Enjoy your dinner this evening at Rock Bottom Brewery located in the Ballston Common Mall, Arlington, VA. Choose from: (1) Brown Ale Chicken served with White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes, (2) Alder Smoked Salmon Fish and Chips, (3) Pub Tenderloin Tips served with White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes and chef's choice of vegetables, or Penne Primavera served with fresh baked bread. All entrees come with house salad, dessert, and unlimited coffee, soda, or ice tea. Choose upon arrival.
7:00pm	Depart on an Illuminated tour of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop at The Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue). One of the largest bronze statues ever depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all marines who have died in battle since 1775. The view from this hillside looking across the <i>Potomac</i> into Washington is spectacular. • Stop at the Air Force Memorial built on a hillside overlooking the Pentagon. The memorial is bold and graceful and truly representational of the Air Force. Central to the design are three stainless steel spires which soar skyward. The highest of the spires ascends 270' above the 3-acre elevated promontory site. Other key elements of the Memorial include a bronze Honor Guard, inscription walls, and an open glass Chamber of Contemplation, all landscaped to create a park and parade ground overlooking the nation's capital.
8:00pm	Drop GUIDE at nearest metro and depart to hotel.

Day Four

7:00am	Enjoy continental breakfast at our hotel prior to checking out. Baggage handling included.
8:00am	Depart.
9:00am	Visit Mount Vernon , the estate of George Washington . If you haven't been to Mount Vernon since the 2006 opening of the Ford Orientation Center and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center , two facilities with 25 galleries and theaters, it's time for a visit! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover the real George Washington with a Hollywood-produced action adventure movie, interactive exhibits, an immersive Revolutionary War "snow" experience, more than 1,000 artifacts, original films, and life-size models of Washington created from a forensic investigation! Visitors may also tour the restored Mansion, its outbuildings, and 50 spacious acres of gardens and grounds, which include the tombs of George and Martha Washington, a memorial to the slaves who worked at Mount Vernon, and a four-acre working farm. And of course there's the gorgeous view of the Potomac River that can be enjoyed from one of several Windsor chairs on Washington's piazza!
Noon	Enjoy lunch on own at the Mt. Vernon food court .
1:00pm	Depart for home. Enjoy dinner on own en route.
10:00pm	Estimated time of arrival home

Tour includes: Transportation, 3 night accommodation, baggage handling, 3 breakfasts or continental breakfasts, 3 dinners, tourmobile tickets for ANC, admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity, **Except gratuity for Driver is NOT included.**

This is only a proposal, please contact Jennifer at 716-696-3200 / 800-538-8433 or jenniferdeitzer@bedoretours.com to book this tour!