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| **March 7, 2025 | Program Begins** | | | |
| Friday  **Meals Included**  NA  **Philadelphia Accommodations**  Holiday Inn Express or similar | * Flight departs for Philadelphia – *Arranged by Participants*   *Welcome to Philadelphia! Maybe the city in your mind's eye is the colonial home of the revered Liberty Bell or maybe it's the gritty stomping grounds of Rocky Balboa. The 5th largest city in the U.S., it is full of iconic charisma with both blue-blooded historical significance and blue-collared American charm.*   * At the most common arrival time of all participants, transfer to your accommodations –*private transportation included.* * Receive 3-day public transportation passes for your stay in Philadelphia. * Check-in to your accommodations or store luggage if check-in is unavailable. * Enjoy the remainder of the day free with dinner on own | | |
| **March 8 | Philadelphia** | | | |
| Saturday  **Meals Included**  Breakfast  **Philadelphia Accommodations**  Holiday Inn Express or similar | * Make your way to today’s engagements – *Half day local staff and public transportation included.*   **Philadelphia City Tour – Guided**  The names of its residents alone would be enough to draw anyone to Philadelphia: Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman. Explore "America's most historic square mile" with a local licensed guide and see where the founding myths of America were created. Independence Hall saw the signing of both the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, which was read in public for the first time after the ringing of the Liberty Bell on July 8, 1776. The Bell itself now rests in its own pavilion, where it is rung every Independence Day. (Activity fees included)   * Break for lunch on own. * Continue to next visit on own.   **Carpenters’ Hall – Self Guided** Enjoy a guided tour of the ceremonial rooms of Carpenters’ Hall cover the history of the Company, its current role and charitable work. (No fees needed)   * Continue to next visit.   **The President House – Self Guided**  The outdoor exhibits examine the paradox between slavery and freedom in the new nation. Presidents Washington and Adams, and their households, once lived and worked at a house on this site. Although the house was demolished in 1832, some of it's stories are preserved through videos shared from the perspective of enslaved individuals who lived and worked here, and text panels shed light on everything from visiting tribal delegations to the work of the executive branch. Look for the foundations of the home still embedded in the ground. This is a self-guided exhibit. (No fees needed)   * Enjoy the remainder of the day free with dinner on own. | | |
| **March 9 | Philadelphia to Washington D.C.** | | | |
| Sunday  **Meals Included**  Breakfast  **Washington D.C. Accommodations**  Hyatt Place Washington DC/US Capitol or similar  *Offering optional reduction to move out of city center to the Hyatt Place Bethesda, priced separately* | * Check out of your accommodations and depart for your next destination with stops en route – *Private transportation included.*   **Constitution Center Museum – Self Guided**  (Entrance fees included)   * Break for lunch on own. * Continue to next visit.   **Museum of the American Revolution - Self-guided**  The American Revolution was dramatic, gritty, and full of uncertainty — an era of unparalleled political and social upheaval, even by today’s standards. The Museum invites you and your group to explore this rich and complicated era and its connections to our world today. Through its unmatched collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, documents, and works of art, the Museum considers the complexities of our nation’s history and uplifts stories that have gone untold. (Entrance fees included)   * Continue to your next destination.   *Welcome to Washington, D.C.! This is the heart of American democracy, where history, power, and action converge on the banks of the Potomac River. This stately city is among the most important in the world, and yet, somehow, monumentally American.*   * Upon arrival, make your way to your accommodations – *Local staff and private transportation included.* * Local staff will provide 3-day public transportation passes for your stay in Washington DC. * Check-in to your accommodations or store luggage if check-in is unavailable. * Enjoy the remainder of the day free with dinner on own. | | |
| **March 10 | Washington DC** | | |
| Monday  **Meals Included**  Breakfast  **Washington DC Accommodations**  Hyatt Place Washington DC/US Capitol or similar | * Make your way to today’s engagements – public transportation included.   **National Archives – Self Guided**  Visit the building that houses the most important documents in the history of the United States, including the Constitution, Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. (Entrance fees included)   * Continue to next visit.   **Library of Congress – Self Guided**  Enjoy a self-guided tour, volunteers are stationed around the Jefferson Building to answer questions, give directions, and share stories about the building, the collections, and the institution (No fees needed)   * Break for lunch on own. * Continue to next visit.   **Supreme Court Building tour – Self Guided**  Walk the halls where some of the most influential Americans have walked and see the courtrooms where some of the most defining decisions in American history have been made. (No fees needed)   * Enjoy a break for dinner on own. * Continue to next visit. – *Half day local staff assistance included.*   **Capitol Visitor Center – Guided**  Enjoy a guided visit to the Crypt, the Rotunda and National Statuary Hall. (No entrance fees needed)  *Note: The tour does not include the Senate and House Galleries.*   * Continue to next visit.   **Washington D.C. Bus Tour – Guided**  Night is the perfect time to see the capital, when white marble monuments and silvery pools glow in the floodlights. See the geometric memorials of the Mall—the imposing rectangular Lincoln Memorial, and the line of the Washington Monument bisecting the sky—as well as the innovative and moving monuments to the veterans of the Vietnam and Korean Wars. (Activity fees and private transportation included)   * Enjoy the remainder of the day free. | |
| **March 11 | Washington DC** | | |
| Tuesday  **Meals Included**  Breakfast  **Washington DC Accommodations**  Hyatt Place Washington DC/US Capitol or similar | * Make your way to today’s engagements – *public transportation included.*   **Smithsonian National Museum – Self Guided**  Choose between visiting the Natural History Museum, the American History Museum, the National Portrait Gallery, the American Indian Museum, and the American Art Museum. In a tomb in the Smithsonian Castle lie the remains of John Smithson, an Englishman who left his fortune to the U.S. government in 1829 for the establishment of a museum in his name. (The government was a bit at a loss, given that Smithson had never visited the U.S., had no connections to the U.S., and never told anyone why he was leaving his money to the U.S.) Since then, the Smithsonian Institution has grown into 16 museums, covering everything from art to zoology. (No entrance fees needed)   * Enjoy the remainder of the day free with dinner on own. | |
| **March 12 | Washington DC to Mt. Vernon to Charlottesville** | | | |
| Wednesday  **Meals Included**  Breakfast  **Charlottesville Accommodations**  DoubleTree Charlottesville or similar  *Optional upgrade to city center hotel Fairfield Inn Charlottesville* | * Check out of your accommodations and depart for your next destination with stops en route – *private transportation included.*   **Coach to Mt. Vernon** - *Approximately 47 minutes*  **Mt. Vernon Visit – Self Guided**  General admission to the Ford Orientation Center, the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center and the Distillery & Gristmill site and guided tour of the Mansion. (activity fees included)   * Break for lunch on own. * Continue to next visit.   **Coach to Charlottesville** -\_ \_*Approximately 2 hour & 30 minutes*   * Upon arrival , make your way to your accommodations – *private transportation included.* * Check-in to your accommodations or store luggage if check-in is unavailable. * In the afternoon, make your way to today’s engagements – *private transportation included.*   **University of Virginia Visit – Self Guided**  *Content sourced by Middle Tennessee State University.*   * Continue to next visit.   **Ambert & Shirley Small Special Collections – Self Guided**  *Content sourced by Middle Tennessee State University.*   * Enjoy the remainder of the day free with dinner on own. | | |
| **March 13 | Charlottesville** | | | |
| Thursday  **Meals Included**  Breakfast  Lunch  **Charlottesville Accommodations**  DoubleTree Charlottesville or similar | * Make your way to today’s engagements –\_*Private transportation included.*   **Montpelier – Guided**  This one-hour guided tour is the most popular way to experience the Montpelier plantation and House. Explore the histories and legacies of James and Dolley Madison, the Enslaved Community, and the Constitution inside the Madisons’ home. (Activity fees included)   * Break for lunch as a group. * Continue to next visit.   **Monticello – Guided**  Explore Thomas Jefferson’s life, Monticello’s iconic architecture, and slavery on the plantation. Includes first floor rooms and outdoor spaces. (Activity fees included)   * Enjoy the remainder of the day free with dinner on own. | | |
| **March 14 | Program Ends** | | |
| Friday  **Meals Included**  Breakfast | | At the most common departure time of all participants, transfer to the airport – *Private transportation included.*   1. Flights return home – *Arranged by participants.* |