

- Round-trip transportation
- Air-conditioned motorcoach while on tour
- 3 overnight stays in hotel
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director
- Sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide
- Visits to special attractions as per itinerary
- Overnight security
- Educational materials developed by the Smithsonian
- Medical and accident coverage
- Travel ID Badges and student backpacks

Options

- Downtown hotel (for private groups only)
- Lunches
- Gratuities
- Private group
- Opportunity to earn credit for group leaders and students



Smithsonian

STUDENT TRAVEL



WASHINGTON, D.C.: A WALK THROUGH AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

DAY 1: WASHINGTON, D.C.

Welcome to Washington, D.C. • Travel by airplane or motorcoach to Washington, D.C. The world's first planned capital city, Washington has served as the seat of Congress since 1800. Upon arrival, you are greeted by your Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

Introduction to the Smithsonian • 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, dedicated to the increase and diffusion of knowledge. The Smithsonian Institution houses more than 136.5 million objects and comprises 17 museums and the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., two museums in New York City and nine research centers around the world. It extends its global outreach through more than 150 Smithsonian Affiliate museums. The Smithsonian is an institution dedicated to discovery, exploration and learning.

The Smithsonian's museums • Explore all that the Smithsonian's museums have to offer. On display at the National Air and Space Museum is the *Wright 1903 Flyer*. You can also see the Apollo 11 command module, *Columbia*, which orbited the moon while Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin first walked on the surface in 1969. A stroll through the National Museum of Natural History will reveal objects as varied as the 45.52-carat Hope Diamond and dinosaur skeletons. To satisfy your artistic side, duck into the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, where masterpieces by Andy Warhol, Willem de Kooning and Pablo Picasso decorate the halls. (Please note: The museum(s) you visit may vary.)

Washington, D.C. by night • Experience the magic of seeing Washington's most impressive sights illuminated during your evening scenic tour downtown. Thanks to the foresight of D.C.'s urban planners (who placed strict limits on the height of downtown buildings), you're assured a view of the Washington Monument from nearly every part of the city. Other points of interest on our tour include the Lincoln Memorial, the WWII Memorial and the Korean War Memorial.

DAY 2: WASHINGTON, D.C. ★ BALTIMORE

Guided sightseeing of Washington, D.C. • A local guide introduces you to the sites where national policies and political reputations are formed and re-formed daily. You'll observe the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 200,000 veterans and their families. At JFK's gravesite, you'll see the eternal flame that was originally lit by Jacqueline Kennedy at her husband's funeral. Here you'll also witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Next, visit the United States Marine Corps War Memorial, which depicts U.S. Marines raising an American flag at Iwo Jima. On the grassy National Mall, which extends from the Capitol to the Potomac River, view the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

and the Washington Monument. Visit the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial and finish your sightseeing with a photo stop at the White House, home of every U.S. president except George Washington.

Bus tour of Baltimore • Transfer to Baltimore and enjoy a short bus tour of Baltimore's thriving waterfront and historic neighborhoods. See the World Trade Center and Washington Monument, pass footbridges connecting the historic row homes of Federal Hill to the harbor and the Star-Spangled Banner house—where the flag that inspired the national anthem was woven. To the west lie the house where Edgar Allan Poe wrote his first horror story and the birthplace of baseball legend Babe Ruth. You may also see some of the city's professional sports stadiums.

National Great Blacks in Wax Museum • See the dream of founders Dr. Elmer and Joanne Martin realized at this museum that honors important African contributors to our history. The Martins began in 1980 with just four figurines, and the collection has grown to a 10,000-square-foot facility. See more than 100 wax figurines, including men and women of the Civil Rights Movement and a full-scale model slave ship.

Free time at the Inner Harbor (time permitting) • Spend your free time later enjoying the restaurants, museums and shops of Inner Harbor's two pavilions. You may choose to visit the nearly 10,000 creatures in the National Aquarium of Baltimore or tour the *U.S.S. Constellation*, the last surviving Civil War-era naval vessel. Or, explore the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History and Culture*, which presents the lives of courageous African Americans and serves as an inspiration for all.

Transfer back to Washington, D.C. • Return to D.C., where you'll spend the night.

DAY 3: WASHINGTON, D.C.

Today is your best opportunity to arrange special visits such as meeting your representative in Congress or touring the White House. Please note that these appointments may affect the day's schedule.

The U.S. Capitol • See the U.S. Capitol, the city's epicenter and the heart of the American legislature. George Washington laid the first cornerstone for the building in 1793, but the edifice was set on fire in 1814 when British troops marched through the city. Much of the structure was salvaged, thanks to heavy rains that quelled the flames, and the Capitol remains the symbol of American government today. You'll also explore the Visitor Center, a new 580,000-square-foot extension to the Capitol Building. The underground facility features an exhibition gallery, orientation theaters, a 550-seat cafeteria and gift shops. The addition is the largest project in the Capitol's 215-year history.

(Please note: Smithsonian Student Travel is unable to make group appointments at the Capitol. Groups are responsible for arranging their own visit.)

U.S. Supreme Court • See the imposing white-marble Supreme Court building, where the nine justices of the nation's highest court convene to hear oral arguments and rule on cases that affect the course of law in the United States.

Library of Congress • Marvel at the green-domed Library of Congress, whose collection of 113 million items includes a Gutenberg Bible.

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National Museum of African Art • Explore the diverse collection of work at the National Museum of African Art. The museum's collection traces artistic expressions found throughout Africa from the past to today, with everything from ancient arts and tools to contemporary artists' works on display. Learn about the cultural, social and spiritual significance of African art as you discover masks, figures, ceramics, textiles and musical instruments. You'll also find a dynamic array of paintings, prints, sculpture and other media that highlight cultural trends and individual expression.

Frederick Douglass National Historic Site • Visit Cedar Hill, the former home of Frederick Douglass, one of the most important people in the fight against slavery during the 19th century. Douglass, an African American, was a slave himself, and once freed, dedicated his life to helping others achieve freedom. Called the "Father of the Civil Rights Movement," Douglass tirelessly fought for the rights not only of African Americans but also women and other minorities. His positions, including adviser to President Lincoln and the U.S. Marshal for the District of Columbia, began the long process of opening doors for minorities. At Cedar Hill, where Douglass lived from 1878 to 1895, you will find the well-furnished rooms much the same. Examine the books, paintings and mementos left behind, including gifts from Harriet Beecher Stowe and Lincoln.

Evening activity • Enjoy a special activity tonight. Choose from visiting ESPN Zone, the Kennedy Center or the Jefferson Memorial.

DAY 4: WASHINGTON, D.C. ★ DEPARTURE

Guided Civil War walking tour • Today, walk through history, literally. This guided tour takes you past the Civil War's most important sites, including the building where nurse Clara Barton worked toward battlefield relief efforts and the site of President Lincoln's second inaugural ball. Along the way, unique 6-foot-tall markers explain more about these historic events through narrative and authentic photographs.

Ford's Theatre and Petersen House • Visit the museum at Ford's Theatre, where, on April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth shocked the nation by assassinating President Lincoln during a performance of *Our American Cousin*. The stricken president was carried across the street to the home of tailor William Petersen. At the historically preserved Petersen House, you'll see the room where a 23-year-old doctor worked unsuccessfully through the night to save the mortally wounded president.

African American Civil War Memorial • Make a stop at this memorial, which opened in 1999 to bring to light the role that African Americans played in the Civil War. The photographs, documents and state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment show the path from Civil War to Civil Rights.

Departure • Your tour director assists with your departure.

Itinerary subject to change. For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions.



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