

## HonorSociety.org Washington, DC Tour

# SAMPLE ITINERARY

# <u>Day 1</u>

## 4:30 PM Approximate Arrival in Washington, DC

Individuals will provide their own airfare to DCA (not included in the tour cost), arriving in the morning/early afternoon. There are THREE airports in the Washington, DC Area. Transportation will be provided to and from Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA) only. Shared shuttle service is provided on a timed basis from DCA to the hotel in Arlington, VA.

## **Deluxe Motorcoach**

Deluxe motorcoach equipped with air conditioning, reclining seats, lavatory, and TVs and DVD player. Group will have exclusive use of the motorcoach for the duration of the tour.

## Washington, DC Area Hotel

Accommodations at the Sheraton Pentagon City located in Arlington, VA. Please note that we do not hold hotel space for a group without a tour commitment; therefore, tour pricing is subject to change in the event that availability changes at the hotel.

### 6:30 PM Dinner- Student Friendly Restaurant

Hard Rock Cafe (pending availability)

### 8:00 PM Alexandria Colonial Ghost Tour

Follow an 18th century costumed guide by lantern light through the charming streets of Alexandria's historic district known as Old Town. On this entertaining tour you'll hear ghost stories, legends and folklore. You will also hear about unsolved mysteries, tales of romance and angry ghosts looking for revenge. At the tour's end your guide will abandon you in a graveyard!

### 9:30 PM Return to the Hotel

# Day 2

## 7:00 AM Breakfast- Full Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel

Hot Buffet Breakfast may include the following: eggs, pancakes, french toast, or waffles, breakfast potatoes, breakfast meats (bacon, sausage) along with fresh fruit, breakfast breads, etc. Buffet Menus may vary depending on location.

### 8:15 AM Lincoln Memorial

"In this temple, as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever." Beneath these words, the 16th President of the United States—the Great Emancipator and preserver of the nation during the Civil War—sits immortalized in marble. As an enduring symbol of freedom, the Lincoln Memorial attracts anyone who seeks inspiration and hope.

### **Vietnam Memorial**

The Vietnam Wall honors members of the U.S. armed forces who fought in the Vietnam War and who died in service or are still unaccounted for. The Memorial Wall, designed by Maya Ying Lin, is made up of two black granite walls. The memorial also includes the Three Soldiers Memorial and the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

### **Korean Memorial**

Here, one finds the expression of American gratitude to those who restored freedom to South Korea. Nineteen stainless steel sculptures stand silently under the watchful eye of a sea of faces upon a granite wall—reminders of the human cost of defending freedom. These elements all bear witness to the patriotism, devotion to duty, and courage of Korean War veterans.



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## Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial is conceived of as an engaging landscape experience. The composition of the memorial utilizes landscape elements to powerfully convey three fundamental and recurring themes of Dr.King's life: justice, democracy and hope. The circular geometry of the memorial, juxtaposed within the triangular configuration of the site, engages the Tidal Basin and frames views to the water.

## **FDR Memorial**

Located along the famous Cherry Tree Walk on the Western edge of the Tidal Basin, this is a memorial not only to FDR, but also to the era he represents!

### 12:00 PM Lunch- Food Coupons Included

### 2:00 PM Capitol Hill Tour

The Capitol Hill Tour includes a Capitol Building Tour (pending availability), the outside of the US Capitol Building, Capitol Visitor Center, Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress. Groups can view the outside of the buildings on Capitol Hill. If time permits, they may enter the Supreme Court, where they will have access to the Great Hall that features marble busts of the Chief Justices. Groups may also have time to explore the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

### 3:30 PM Holocaust Museum Permanent Exhibit

The Museum's Permanent Exhibition presents a narrative history using more than 900 artifacts, 70 video monitors, and four theaters that include historic film footage and eyewitness testimonies of the Holocaust, the world's greatest genocide. **\*Pending Availability\*** 

### 6:00 PM Dinner- Student Friendly Restaurant

Buca di Beppo (Pending availability)

### 7:00 PM White House- Photo Stop Only

The White House is the official residence and principal workplace of the President of the United States. Group to stop for photos in front of the most famous house in America. Make sure to look for secret service men on the roof!

#### **Jefferson Memorial**

Visit the presidential memorial dedicated to our third president on the Potomac River Tidal Basin. The memorial's design references the Roman Pantheon and Jefferson's own design for the Rotunda at the University of Virginia.

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## Day 3

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# 8:00 AM Air Force Memorial

The United States Air Force Memorial honors the service and sacrifices of the men and women of the United States Air Force and and its predecessor organizations. Evocative of flight and the flying spirit, the memorial features three stainless steel spires that soar skyward, which impart a sense of accomplishment in command of the sky and which also represent the three core values of the Air Force: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All That is Done.



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### 9:00 AM Arlington National Cemetery

Walk among the headstones that chronicle American History and honor our nation's war heroes. View or participate in a Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and witness the Changing of the Guards. Make sure to also visit the Kennedy Grave Sites and the Challenger Memorial.

### **Iwo Jima Memorial**

One of the first objectives of the Battle of Iwo Jima in the attack was capturing Mount Suribachi, the highest point on the island. On February 23, a flag was raised by five Marines and a Navy corpsman. The raising was witnessed by news photographer Joe Rosenthal whose pulitzer prize winning picture of the flag raising would become a symbol of the war in the Pacific. This event is immortalized through the Iwo Jima Memorial.

### 11:00 AM Pentagon Memorial

The Pentagon Memorial park consists of 184 memorial units, each of which are dedicated to an individual victim by its unique placement within the collective field. The field is organized as a timeline of the victims' ages, spanning from the youngest to the oldest. This memorial provides a place for future generations to remember and reflect on September 11, and its significance for us and our nation.

### 11:30 AM Lunch- Food Coupons Included

#### 12:30 PM Newseum- Adult Admission

The Newseum is the world's most interactive museum, where five centuries of news history meets up-to-the-second technology in the heart of Washington, DC. The Newseum's 14 major galleries and 15 theaters will immerse you in the world's greatest news stories — the people, the places and the times.

#### 3:30 PM National Archives

The Rotunda of the National Archives Building in downtown Washington, DC, contains the permanent exhibit of the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. The Public Vaults display over 1,000 fascinating records (originals or reproductions) from the National Archives holdings.

6:00 PM Dinner- Included

Gala Dinner - Site TBD

#### 9:00 PM Return to the Hotel

## Day 4

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10:30 AM Kings Dominion Amusement Park- 1 Day Admission

Kings Dominion is a 400-acre theme park that's home to more than 40 rides, shows and attractions. The park features 14 world-class roller coasters making it one of the largest coaster collections on the East Coast. Kings Dominion also has two children's areas and WaterWorks, a 20-acre water park playground that's included with park admission.

## 12:30 PM Lunch- Food Coupons Included

5:00 PM Dinner- \$15 of Meal Money Included



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### 9:00 AM Mount Vernon Estate- Adult Admission

Visitors are invited to tour the Mansion house and more than a dozen outbuildings including the slave quarters, kitchen, stables, and greenhouse. Also make sure to visit The Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center which includes 25 new theaters and galleries that tell the detailed story of George Washington's life. More than 500 original artifacts, eleven History Channel videos, and immersion theater experiences illuminate the remarkable story of the first American hero.

### 11:00 AM Lunch- Food Coupons Included

### 12:30 PM Smithsonian Museums on the Mall

Visit the Smithsonian Institute Museums on the National Mall, home of over 140 million objects collected from around the world. Highlights include the Wright Brothers' biplane at the National Air and Space Museum, the Hope diamond at the Museum of Natural History and the original Star Spangled Banner at the newly renovated American History Museum.

### 1:30 PM Depart for the Airport

The motorcoach will make 2 shuttles from the hotel to the airport (1:30 PM & 3:30 PM). Any participant who do not take the shuttles will get to the airport by their own arrangement at their own expense.