

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING & SIGN UP

October 21, 2024 | 6:00 PM in the middle school cafeteria



You will receive information to register the night of the meeting.

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# WASHINGTON, DC & NEW YORK



## 01 | TRAVEL DAY

We board the motorcoach this morning and begin our journey east with comfort stops along the way. Remember a sack lunch! Tonight we will stop for dinner on our own before settling in for the overnight drive.

## 02 | GETTYSBURG & WASHINGTON, DC

This morning we will stop to freshen up and have breakfast before making our way to **Gettysburg** to learn about the details of the Civil War's most decisive battle through interactive exhibits and the film *A New Birth of Freedom*. We'll also take a guided tour of the battlefield that will bring the history of Gettysburg to life. A boxed lunch will be provided en route to Washington, DC, and **Arlington Cemetery**. This cemetery is our nation's most sacred shrine, and we will pay our respects at the Kennedy gravesites and the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**. Up next is the **Iwo Jima Memorial** followed by dinner at a local restaurant. We'll end our day with the **World War II Memorial** and **Washington Monument** before checking in to the hotel.

(breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included)

## 03 | WASHINGTON, DC

After an early breakfast, our first stop of the day is George Washington's **Mount Vernon**. We'll learn about the life of our nation's first president and the social and economic details of life in the 18th century. Enjoy lunch on your own before we make our way to the **U.S. Capitol Visitor Center** for an in-depth look at Congress' history and how it works. We'll enjoy a short film and then tour the Capitol Building including a walk in the great rotunda and visit to Statuary Hall. Then we're off to the **International Spy Museum** where interactive exhibits will allow us to go undercover and crack codes. Dinner will be enjoyed as a group this evening, with our memorial tour continuing afterwards with stops at the **Jefferson, FDR, and Martin Luther King Jr. memorials**.

(breakfast and dinner are included)

## 04 | WASHINGTON, DC

Our touring today will start with a visit to the **White House Visitors Center** to learn about past presidents, first families, and life in the White House. Afterward we'll begin our tours of the Smithsonian Museums. First is the **Museum of American History** which reflects the experience of the American people and houses items such as the original Star Spangled Banner, Lincoln's top hat, and Dorothy's slippers from *The Wizard of Oz*. Vouchers will be provided for lunch at the Smithsonian food court. Next up is the **Museum of Natural History** for an up-close look at rare gemstones, fossilized dinosaurs, and many more exhibits related to our natural world. Our final Smithsonian tour is at the **Air & Space Museum** which traces the history of American aviation from the Wright brothers' plane and Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis to the Apollo 11 Lunar Excursion Module. At **Ford's Theatre** we'll see the President's Box exactly as it was the night Lincoln was assassinated and then step across the street to the **Peterson House** where he was taken after he was shot. Dinner will be enjoyed as a group before heading out on an evening memorial tour including the **Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean War memorials**.

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## 05 | REHOBOTH BEACH

We'll say goodbye to our nation's capital after breakfast this morning as we depart for **Rehoboth Beach, DE**, for an afternoon of swimming in the Atlantic Ocean! Enjoy the beach, ocean views, and boardwalk with its unique shops and wide variety of options for lunch on your own. After a fun day at the beach, we will board the motorcoach and continue north toward New York City. Dinner will be enjoyed en route. Our day will come to an end at our New Jersey hotel just outside the city.

(breakfast and dinner are included)

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## 06 | NEW YORK CITY

After breakfast is a **sightseeing tour of the Big Apple!** From **Battery Park** we'll travel through **Chinatown, Little Italy, SoHo,** and the **Flatiron District** before exploring **Midtown** followed by **Central Park** and **Rockefeller Center** on our way to **Grand Central Terminal**. This historic NYC landmark is not only a transportation hub, it's a shopping, dining, and cultural destination with 60 shops, 35 places to eat, and a full calendar of events. After some free time and lunch on our own, we'll venture north to **RiseNY**. This 4-D flight simulator will send us soaring over New York City during an exhilarating virtual tour! Enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant this evening before making a visit to the **Empire State Building**. The main observation deck provides 360-degree views of New York, Brooklyn, Queens, and beyond, and it has been the setting for dozens of movie and television scenes!

(breakfast and dinner are included)

## 07 | NEW YORK CITY

After breakfast we will board the ferry to head back into Manhattan to the **9/11 Memorial and Museum** to pay tribute to the lives lost on September 11. The museum's glass atrium houses two enormous tridents that are artifacts from the steel facade of the original North Tower. The memorial features two waterfalls and reflecting pools set within the footprints of the twin towers and bronze panels with the names of the nearly 3,000 victims of the September 11, 2001, and February 26, 1993, terrorist attacks. We will savor a wonderful group lunch before we catch the ferry in New Jersey and cruise to **Liberty Island**. Here, we will see the **Statue of Liberty** and learn about Ellis Island's role as an immigration station. We will then meet our motorcoach and say goodbye to NYC as we depart for home, with dinner along the way.

(breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included)

## 08 | HOME

Today marks the final leg of our journey home. Stops will be made for breakfast and lunch on our own before we arrive in Carroll.

Some of the greatest gifts we can give our children are memories to last a lifetime!



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## INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe Windstar Lines motorcoach transportation
- 5 nights' accommodations in quad occupancy
- 15 meals (6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners)
- Admission to attractions as stated in itinerary
- Professional tour manager
- Trip t-shirt and backpack
- Taxes and gratuities for included services
- Private overnight security at hotels

## TOUR PRICING (based on a minimum of 40 paying passengers)

**Student Rate** - \$1,750 per person, quad occupancy

**Chaperone Rate** - \$1,810 per person, double occupancy

A \$100 deposit per person is required with your registration form.

**Final payment is due: APRIL 2025 at the final meeting**

For an optional travel protection plan, please visit:

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## DETAILS

- A final meeting will be held in April. Final payment is due at this time.
- **Cancellation policy:** If cancelled prior to April 1, you will receive a full refund. From April 1 - May 1 there is a \$100 per person penalty. There is no refund after May 1.
- VISA, MasterCard, check, or cash are all accepted forms of payment.  
A credit card convenience fee of 3% will be applied to all transactions. This fee is charged to cover the processing costs associated with credit card payments. Please note that this fee is non-refundable if a credit card refund is processed.
- Installment payments are highly encouraged via ACH transfer or credit card at <https://stardestinations.mytravelerprofile.com/PaymentLinks>. For check payments, each must include **your child's name and Account #25093**. Checks can be sent to:

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