



# Washington D.C.

*Exploring America's Capital*

Departing  
 June 20, 2012



## **Highlights....**

White House Visitor Center • World War II Memorial  
 Mount Vernon • Arlington National Cemetery  
 Smithsonian Institution • Annapolis • Baltimore  
 Washington National Cathedral • Ford's Theatre

**7 Days • 9 Meals: 6 Breakfasts • 3 Dinners**

**Approximate Per Person Rates: Double \$2,249; Single \$2,799; Triple \$2,219**

RSVP by February 19, 2012. Deposit of \$250 per person is due upon reservation. Final payment due April 21, 2012.

Includes: Land, Air from El Paso & Hotel Transfers.

<b>Your itinerary at a glance</b>		
Day	1, 2	Washington, D.C.
Day	3	Mount Vernon – Alexandria – Arlington National Cemetery
Day	4	Washington D.C.
Day	5	Annapolis, M.D., Baltimore, M.D.
Day	6, 7	Washington D.C.

## Collette Experiences

- ★ Spend 6 nights in the heart of Washington, D.C.!
- ★ Glimpse into the life of America's first president with a visit to his estate, Mount Vernon.
- ★ Tour the vibrant city of Baltimore, including Fort McHenry.

### Day 1: Washington, D.C. - Tour Begins

Explore America's heritage and history on this in-depth tour of the capital city of the United States, Washington, D.C.

### Day 2: Washington, D.C.

A guided tour of America's capital affords you wonderful views of the Capitol building, the White House, monuments and museums. Drive along Embassy Row and stop at the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. This afternoon, visit the White House Visitor Center where you will gain insight into the many transitions this historic residence has undergone. Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers at a special welcome dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 3: Mount Vernon - Alexandria - Arlington National Cemetery

Visit Mount Vernon, the beloved home of the first U.S. president, George Washington. Wander the beautiful plantation grounds he adored and tour the home, filled with 18th century artifacts. Next, arrive in old town Alexandria, a charming community nestled along the Potomac River. Enjoy time at leisure to wander the cobblestone streets, view the historic colonial architecture and stop in to some of the trendy restaurants and boutiques. **This afternoon, visit Arlington National Cemetery for a narrated tour including the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites.** *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 4: Washington, D.C.

This morning you'll uncover some of the treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with a visit to your choice of the famed Air and Space Museum or the National Museum of American History. Among the Air and Space Museum's collection in the location on the National Mall are the famous Wright 1903 Flyer, the *Spirit of St. Louis*, and the Apollo 11 command module *Columbia*. The National Museum of American History features artifacts from locomotives to the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to compose the national anthem, to the First Ladies Hall containing many ball

gowns worn by America's First Ladies. The afternoon is at leisure to continue exploring on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 5: Washington, D.C. - Annapolis, Maryland - Baltimore - Washington, D.C.

Today you'll tour the vibrant city of Baltimore with a local guide. Highlights will include Fort McHenry - where America's national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, was penned during the War of 1812; Johns Hopkins Hospital and Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Enjoy time at leisure in Baltimore. **Travel to Annapolis for a fascinating walking tour of the U.S. Naval Academy with a local guide.** Since 1845, more than 60,000 young men and women have successfully completed "four years by the bay" to take their hard-earned places in America's Naval service. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 6: Washington, D.C.

This morning, visit the Washington National Cathedral. This magnificent church took 83 years to complete and has been host to such poignant moments in America's history as state funerals, Presidential inaugural masses and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last sermon. Admire the beautiful craftsmanship of the cathedral as you learn more about its history during a docent-led tour. **This afternoon, visit Ford's Theatre\* where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on that fateful night in 1865. Tour the theatre and hear about the timeline of events that transpired as John Wilkes Booth's plan unfolded.** Finish your tour with a visit to the neighboring Petersen House, the boarding house to which the fatally injured Lincoln was carried. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special farewell dinner commemorating the end of a wonderful journey. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 7: Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends

Your tour ends in Washington, D.C. this morning. *Today breakfast will be included.*

## Experience Washington National Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, better known as the Washington National Cathedral, has had a prominent place in Washington events since its incorporation in 1893. The construction of the current building began in September 1907, with President Theodore Roosevelt in attendance for the ceremony. Since then, the cathedral has been host to state funerals, inauguration masses, national memorial services, and countless other national commemorations and celebrations. Construction of the church was finally completed in 1990, taking an incredible 83 years to finish – making it the longest-running construction project in Washington, D.C.

Today, visitors marvel at the beautiful Indiana limestone facades and carvings, as well as the magnificent Great Organ that has been redesigned and expanded through the years to meet the needs of the active congregation and its breathtaking cathedral.

## Cherry Blossom Season in Washington, D.C.

Cherry Blossom season colors the city in a sea of pink and white. Thousands of trees now grow along the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park, East Potomac Park, and on the Washington Monument grounds. The original trees were a gift from Japan in 1912. Enjoy the many activities and festivities that take place during this beautiful herald of spring. Learn of the history and lineage of these beautiful trees.

Please Note: Blooming will vary slightly from year-to-year due to weather conditions. Dates are to be determined.

### Please Note:

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

\*Ford's Theatre is a working, professional theatre and there may be occasions when access is restricted or not available.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

All airlines will ask for identification when you check-in. It is recommended that you carry a passport if you have one. A driver's license (with a photo I.D.) is also acceptable for domestic flights.

**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

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