

REMEMBERING LINCOLN – WASHINGTON, ANTIETAM & GETTYSBURG

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Day 1

- Arrive at Washington, DC area airport and meet your Group Tour Company escort/guide and motorcoach; both will be for your exclusive use the next five days
- Lunch at own expense depending on arrival time
- Capitol Hill: Capitol building tour, Library of Congress and Supreme Court (*Lincoln was first a congressman from Illinois and he lived in a boarding house close by – explore the many layers of Capitol history, see the beautiful Supreme Court where the Old Brick Prison stood during the Civil War and the Library of Congress which during Lincoln's day shared space with the Capitol*)
- Emancipation Monument in Lincoln Park (*this statue, conceived and paid by freed slaves was the first Lincoln Memorial; now it also a neighborhood park*)
- Lincoln Statue at DC Courthouse (*Lincoln is remembered across the country at various public buildings and Washington has its own tribute, dedicated on the third anniversary of Lincoln's death*)
- Hotel check in: Hilton Mark Center, Alexandria, VA
- Welcome dinner
- Illuminated night tour of Washington's memorials and monuments including Jefferson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorials

[dinner included]

Day 2

- Breakfast at hotel
- View of the Willard Hotel (*before Lincoln's inauguration he and his family arrived in Washington secretly and lived in the hotel prior to moving into the nearby White House*)
- White House: interior tour available through your congressional delegation (*the Lincoln's home from inaugural day 1861 to 1865*)
- Journey to the "Summer White House" for tour of the Lincoln Cottage (*the Lincoln family summered here on the grounds of the Old Soldiers Home*)
- Lunch at own expense
- Arlington National Cemetery (*the home of Robert E. Lee was vacated at the beginning of the war over taxes and safety while the Union buried their dead in the Lee rose garden*) for the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites
- United States Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) Memorial
- Dinner at own expense, suggest Penn Quarter
- Lincoln, Korean War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans Memorials

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Day 3

- Breakfast at hotel
- Ford's Theatre and the Petersen House (*it was in this house that Abraham Lincoln died at 7:22 am, Saturday, April 15, 1865*)
- National Archives (*while not built during Lincoln's time this building now houses the Constitution of the United States which Lincoln defended as President*)
- Lunch at own expense
- Washington National Cathedral (*tour this beautiful "national" church and see the cathedral's own tribute to Lincoln*)
- Fort Stevens (*Washington was threatened by confederate forces in the summer of 1864 and the Commander in Chief made a visit to this fort during the crisis*)
- Dinner at own expense, suggest Old Town Alexandria

[breakfast included]

Day 4

- Breakfast at hotel followed by check out
- Drive to Sharpsburg, Maryland (*approximately 1 ½ hours/75 miles*) and visit Antietam National Battlefield (*September 17, 1862 was the bloodiest single day of the Civil War and technically a "draw," but also stopped the South's northward advance giving Lincoln the go-ahead to issue the Emancipation Proclamation*)
- Box lunch
- Drive to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (*approximately 1 ¼ hours/50 miles*)
- Briefly visit the Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park to load shuttles to the Eisenhower National Historic Site (*the only home he ever owned, a famous 20th Century General and President enjoyed retirement on his farm with views of the most famous of all Civil War battlefields*)
- Hotel check in: Comfort Suites or Days Inn Gettysburg
- Dinner at The Dobbin House

[breakfast, lunch and dinner included]

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Day 5

- Breakfast at hotel
- Gettysburg Multi-Media Experience including film, the restored 1884 Philippoteaux Cyclorama and museum
- Lunch at own expense in the Visitor Center Saloon
- Two-hour Battlefield Tour on your motorcoach (*the 3-day battle that was the high water mark of the Confederacy and turning point of the war*)
- David Wills House (*restored to its 1863 appearance when Lincoln put finishing touches on his Gettysburg Address*)
- Dinner at own expense with evening on own to enjoy your hotel or take one of the many ghost tours!

[breakfast included]

Day 6

- Breakfast at hotel followed by check out
- Soldiers' National Cemetery (*on November 19, 1863, the president was invited to speak although not the featured speaker, he still gave one of the most famous speeches in history*)
- Drive back to Washington for sightseeing as time permits and flight home
- Lunch and/or dinner at own expense
- Arrival at airport for flight home

[breakfast included]