

## VETERANS TOUR/HONOR FLIGHT

*Washington, DC*

### DAY 1

Arrive at one of Washington, DC's area airports – Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA); Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD); Baltimore Washington International Marshall Airport (BWI) – to be met by The Group Tour Company's escort/guide who will be with you during the course of your visit to Washington. Depending on your arrival time, visit the **World War II Veterans Memorial** where you will have time for viewing, learning about the construction and symbolism, picture taking and reminiscing.

Next enjoy dinner at an area restaurant followed by a night illuminated motorcoach tour of Washington's memorials and monuments with perhaps a visit to the **United States Air Force Memorial**, which evokes the spirit, the service and the sacrifice of the Air Force and its predecessors. Check in at your hotel followed with time for relaxation and rest. Your luggage will be checked ahead and be waiting for you in your room. **[dinner]**

### DAY 2

Breakfast at your hotel in private function space to allow for announcements, speakers or to present colors. Visit the **Lincoln, Korean War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans Memorials** this morning, again taking time to see all aspects of these memorials. Next arrive at **Arlington National Cemetery** and board a tram to take you around the cemetery. Viewing stops can include **President John F. Kennedy's gravesite and Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial**, as well as the **Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns**. Visit Arlington's Visitor Center for souvenirs to take home.

Recommend a delicious box lunch to be eaten upon arrival back at the motorcoach and to keep the "troops" moving, although we will be happy to work on other alternatives. Visit the nearby **United States Marine Corps War Memorial**, which honors all Marines who gave their lives since the founding of the Corps in 1775 through the iconic depiction of the raising of the flag atop Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima.

Next visit memorials to Twentieth Century world figures – **Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr.** Followed by dinner and a drive along **Embassy Row and past the National Cathedral**. Balance of the evening is for your enjoyment at your hotel. **[breakfast, lunch and dinner]**

### DAY 3

Pack your bags before you head down for another tasty breakfast and your final day in our nation's capital. After an easy hotel check out, your group can enjoy expert commentary from your guide during visits to the exteriors of the **United States Capitol** and the **White House**.

Visit the **United States Navy Memorial**, which is situated on America's Main Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, and commemorates those who have served, are serving and may serve in the Navy. Both grand and simple in design the memorial invites exploration. The **Naval Heritage Center** has films and exhibits which complement the memorial.

If time remains a visit to one of the many Smithsonian Institution museums could enhance everyone's trip. Either a restaurant lunch or box lunch can accommodate your early afternoon schedule. Return to the airport for your flight home. **[breakfast and lunch]**

#### **Itinerary Ideas:**

- This is an example of how a veterans tour and/or honor flight could flow. The Group Tour Company will customize a tour product that meets the needs and includes any requests from your group, and can be condensed or expanded accordingly. Meals and hotel accommodations will be handled by The Group Tour Company and will be customized to fit your budget and level of service requirements.
- Some groups chose to invite a member of their congressional delegation to join them at a breakfast, a memorial visit or arrange a tour for them at the Capitol. The Group Tour Company will assist in that planning and execution. Also, some groups chose to lay a wreath at a memorial, or at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery. Again, The Group Tour Company will help coordinate that activity and corresponding time requirements.