



# WASHINGTON, D.C. BLOSSOMS

FEATURING A SINGLE-HOTEL STAY, CHERRY BLOSSOMS, MT. VERNON, ANNAPOLIS, LOCAL GUIDES

APRIL 3-8, 2014 ~ 6 DAY TOUR

TOUR PACE  Leisurely  On the Go  ACTIVITY LEVEL  Low  High

## ~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Visit Washington, D.C. when the cherry blossoms are usually in full bloom
- ♦ See all the famous sites in Washington, D.C. with a local guide including the White House, Embassy Row, Arlington National Cemetery, the Supreme Court, Union Station, and the memorials including Lincoln, Vietnam, FDR, World War II, Pentagon, Iwo Jima and more
- ♦ Go inside and tour the Capitol building, Library of Congress, Ford's Theatre, Washington National Cathedral, Union Station and the Kennedy Center
- ♦ Tour Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home and estate overlooking the Potomac River
- ♦ Tour Old Town Alexandria with a colonial guide including Robert E. Lee's boyhood home, Christ Church and the Masonic Temple
- ♦ A full day at leisure to visit the National Archives and the Smithsonian Museums
- ♦ Tour Annapolis with a local guide including a visit to the U.S. Naval Academy, the Maryland State House and the harbor area

*Embark on a journey to our nation's capital during the time of year when the weather is usually very pleasant and the cherry blossoms are usually in full bloom. Our nation's history and some of its most iconic sites and monuments are on full display as we enjoy a leisurely single-hotel stay and enjoy touring our capital city with local guides.*



Mount Vernon

### ♦DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C.♦

Our journey begins with optional transfers from our departure points this morning to Los Angeles International Airport for a nonstop flight to the Dulles airport outside Washington, D.C. Upon our arrival, a deluxe motorcoach will transport us to a restaurant for a welcome dinner with amazing views of **Washington, D.C.** Tonight we check into our hotel conveniently located in Arlington, Virginia, just across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. Enjoy a leisurely five-night, single-hotel stay here. (Dinner)

**ing.** Visit the **Library of Congress**, with perhaps the most striking interior of any building in Washington and the largest national library in the world with more than 100 million items. Visit the **Supreme Court Building** and see where the highest court lays down the law. Drive along Embassy Row to see the large mansions originally built by the socially elite after the Civil War. Tour the **National Cathedral** with a **docent-guide**. Standing higher than the Washington Monument, it is the sixth largest church in the world. This 14<sup>th</sup>-Century-style Gothic wonder is situated on 57 acres on a hill looking down upon the city. Helen Keller and Woodrow Wilson, the only President buried within Washington, D.C., are interred here. This afternoon we take a stroll along the Tidal Basin for up-close views of the Cherry Blossom trees (*hopefully in full bloom*). Then, pay your respects at two of the newest memorials on the Washington Mall, the **Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial** and the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial**. An included dinner this evening at a popular restaurant in **Georgetown's Washington Harbour**. This evening, see the **White House** lit up in all its glory followed by a visit to the **World War II Memorial** and a walk through the **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. (Breakfast, Dinner)



Cherry Blossoms

### ♦DAY 2 ~ WASHINGTON, D.C.♦

Following an included breakfast at our hotel, we will join a **local guide** for a full day of sightseeing in Washington, D.C. Many memorable visits and picture opportunities will be made today (*entrance to any site is subject to availability and security*). We begin with a visit to the **Capitol Visitor's Center** and a docent-guided tour of the **Capitol Build-**



Capitol Building

### FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ♦ Nights 1-5 **Courtyard Crystal City** Arlington, VA (near D.C.)

### TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ♦ 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ♦ 9 Meals – 4 dinners, 5 breakfasts
- ♦ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ♦ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides using our audio headset system
- ♦ Admissions per itinerary
- ♦ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ♦ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ♦ Luggage handling throughout the tour

### PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double \$1,449 / Single \$1,799 • Deposit \$250  
\*Roundtrip group airfare available from \$475  
Optional LAX airport transfers – see reverse  
Travel Protection Plan – see reverse

## RESERVATIONS

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Tour operated by *Good Times Travel*  
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## PAYMENT INFORMATION

◆ Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection)

◆ *Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

## TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. Travel protection must be purchased by the time balance payment is made. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

## DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Park and join this tour at one of the following locations:

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office

Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

*Departure time depends on location  
Exact times are provided 2 weeks prior to departure*

## LAND ONLY PRICES

We've listed land only rates with the optional airfare price separately. You have the option of taking advantage of our group discount or making your own air arrangements. Generally air prices get higher as the departure date approaches so it's best to book early.

## FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See *Good Times Travel* catalog  
or [www.goodtimestravel.com](http://www.goodtimestravel.com)

### ◆ DAY 3 ~ ALEXANDRIA, ARLINGTON ◆

Following an included breakfast at our hotel we'll travel to **Alexandria** and visit **Christ Church**, a beautiful example of Georgian church architecture, dating from 1773. It was here that both George Washington and Robert E. Lee prayed. A visit to the **George Washington Masonic Temple** offering one of the finest views of Washington, plus an extraordinary collection of Colonial-era treasures. We are then joined by a **Colonial Guide** as we tour **Old Town Alexandria**, once a thriving seaport for the young American nation. Today it is a charming historic city with a small-town feel. See **Robert E. Lee's boyhood home** as well as other historic homes and shops. Enjoy time for lunch and browsing at your leisure in Old Town Alexandria. This afternoon, a narrated tram tour of **Arlington National Cemetery**, America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Audie Murphy, astronauts and thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war. We will see the changing of the guards at the **Tomb of the Unknowns**, a symbol of a nation's debt to the many whose ultimate sacrifice helped make a nation free. After visiting the **Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima)**, we'll enjoy an included dinner. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### ◆ DAY 4 ~ WASHINGTON, D.C. ◆

After an included breakfast this morning at the hotel, we'll see the **United States Air Force Memorial** and then pay our respects at the **September 11 Memorial** at the **Pentagon**. A visit to the **Jefferson Memorial** followed by the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**, the **Lincoln Memorial** and the **Korean War Veterans Memorial** – all very different in their design yet strikingly similar in their ability to emotionally move you. At the **National Archives** see our nation's most precious documents including the original *Constitution*, *Declaration of Independence*, and *Bill of Rights*. This afternoon has been set aside to allow you to explore the **Smithsonian Institution** museums along the National Mall at your leisure. The **National Air & Space Museum** allows you to experience the history of flight, from the plane flown by the Wright brothers to the Apollo 11 command module. The **National Museum of Natural History** contains the Hope Diamond among other amazing natural treasures. The **National Museum of American History** has such an exhaustive collection of *Americana*, it has to be seen to be believed. Other museums that may be of interest to you (*some requiring a fee*) include the **The National Portrait Gallery**, **U.S. Botanic Garden**, the **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden**, **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**, the **National Postal Museum**, the **National Gallery of Art**, the **National Museum of the American Indian**, the **National Museum of African Art**,

the **Newseum**, the **International Spy Museum**, the **National Museum of Crime and Punishment**. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening at one of the restaurants near the hotel. (Breakfast)

### ◆ DAY 5 ~ ANNAPOLIS, D.C. ◆

Following an included breakfast at the hotel this morning, we travel to **Annapolis**, Maryland's capital city and home to more surviving Colonial buildings than any other place in the country. You can still walk the streets the colonists did and take in the view from the foot of City Dock! With a **local guide** we will see the **Maryland State House**, the oldest U.S. State House in continuous legislative use. It was here that George Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, and the Treaty of Paris was ratified ending the Revolutionary War. Visit the **U.S. Naval Academy** and walk the scenic grounds, known as the Yard. The contrasts in architecture reflect the long and colorful history of the academy which is a National Historic Site. Located beneath the chapel is the crypt of John Paul Jones, naval hero of the American Revolution, whose battle cry "I have not yet begun to fight" has become a part of U.S. Naval tradition. We return to Washington, D.C. and visit **Ford's Theatre** and the **Petersen House**, restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln. Enjoy an included dinner at a restaurant in the historic **Union Station** – a classic Beaux-Arts design of monumental proportions. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### ◆ DAY 6 ~ MOUNT VERNON, FAREWELL ◆

This morning after an included breakfast we'll follow the Potomac to **Mount Vernon**, the estate of George and Martha Washington. Here, Washington escaped the rigors of public office and enjoyed the life of a successful Virginia planter. America's most visited historic house, Mount Vernon sits on a grassy, shaded slope overlooking the Potomac River. Discover the real George Washington as you tour Washington's mansion, its outbuildings, and 50 acres of gardens and grounds, which include the tombs of George and Martha Washington. This afternoon, we'll visit the **Smithsonian's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center National Air and Space Museum**. This extension of the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C. tells the story of aviation and space flight. Over 335 air and spacecraft are on display here including the Space Shuttle *Discovery*, an SR-71 *Blackbird*, the B-17 *Flying Fortress*, an F-4 *Phantom* fighter, the actual B-29 Superfortress *Enola Gay*. Later today we arrive at Dulles Airport for our non-stop return flight to Los Angeles. Those with pre-arranged transfers will be returned to their respective drop-offs. Countless fond memories of the spectacular Cherry Blossoms and our nation's Capital to share with friends and family. (Breakfast)