



Colonial Capital Tours



Washington D.C. African American Heritage Tour

Washington D.C. is home to numerous attractions of great significance to African American heritage.

Your African American specialist guide will highlight how African Americans have played a vital role in the evolution of a swampy southern town to our nation's capital as we know it today.

Tour the home and property of the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site. See the film in the Visitor's Center that documents the life and times of Mr. Douglass, the famous orator, abolitionist, ambassador and presidential appointee.

Visit Howard University, the most prestigious and distinguished African American University in this country.

Stand in the exact spot on our National Mall where Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library is dedicated to the slain civil rights leader. The library houses one of the finest collections of African American history in the country as well as a dramatic mural depicting the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At Freedom Plaza we will visit the site of the Martin Luther King, Jr. time capsule containing his bible, robe and other memorabilia.

Visit the National Museum of African Art, the only museum in this country dedicated to the arts of the African continent.

The Ebenezer Methodist Church opened the first public school for African American children in 1863. The church houses the school's archive collection.

The Metropolitan AME Church was built by African American Artisans in 1886. Its most famous parishioners included Frederick Douglass and Francis Cardoza.

In Lincoln Park, we will see the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial. It is the first to honor an African American in the nation's capital. Dedicated in 1876, the Emancipation Statue was paid for with funds donated by freed slaves.

At the Smithsonian Museum of American History, there are over 25,000 objects related to African American contributions to politics, social history, education, sports and science.

At the Smithsonian Museum of Air and Space, see the permanent collection of "Black Wings: the American Black in Aviation" including the space suit of astronaut Guion "Guy" Bluford the first African American astronaut in space.

See the Lincoln Theater, built in 1921, which featured some of the most famous African American musical icons such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Pearl Bailey.

The Black Fashion Museum is an annex to the Harlem Institute of Fashion in New York. The museum houses a collection of garments designed, made and worn by African Americans.

Your African American specialist guide will also introduce other various points of African American history such as the Mary McLeod Bethune home, the Duke Ellington home, the historic Shaw neighborhood and "U" Street known between the 1920's through the 1950's as the "Black Broadway".



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Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
<p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <p>Meet Your Colonial Capital Guide Begin Comprehensive Introduction to Washington D.C. and The National Mall Jefferson Memorial Lincoln and F.D.R. Memorials Vietnam Veteran and Korean War Memorials Washington Monument</p> <p>Fast Food Lunch</p> <p>Afternoon Duck Tour Option Embassy Row National Cathedral Vice President's House WWII Memorial</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Evening Illumination Tour: The Beauty of Our National Memorials and Monuments Illuminated at Night</p>	<p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <p>Meet Your Colonial Capital Guide Capital Hill Program: The U.S. Capitol Supreme Court Library of Congress</p> <p>Fast Food Lunch</p> <p>White House Ford's Theater Peterson Home National Archives</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Evening Activity Options: Evening Illumination Tour (Continued) IMAX Theater at the Smithsonian Museums Potomac Dinner Cruise Theater Performance at Ford's Theater or The J.F.K Center of the Performing Arts</p>	<p>Breakfast at Hotel</p> <p>Meet Your Colonial Capital Guide Arlington National Cemetery: Changing of the Guard Ceremony and the Kennedy Graves Iwo Jima Memorial Old Towne Alexandria Mount Vernon</p> <p>Fast Food Lunch</p> <p>Smithsonian Institution Museums: Museum of American History Museum of Air and Space Museum of Natural History Museum of the American Indian Museum of African Art National Galleries of Art</p> <p>Early Evening Departure</p>
<p>*This sample itinerary is completely flexible and may be modified according to your specifications. All of our groups travel with their own individual custom tailored tour itinerary modified to their specifications.</p> <p>*This sample three day itinerary does not take into account travel time from your home city. This sample itinerary may be modified in order to incorporate travel time or you may arrive in Washington D.C. the day prior.</p> <p>*Some of these attractions may require advance appointments or pre-purchased tickets subject to availability. We will advise you accordingly.</p>	<p>*Add a 4th or 5th Day!</p> <p>To take into account travel time to and from your home city or to consider other popular Washington D.C. attractions such as the Newseum, the National Holocaust Museum, the Pentagon, F.B.I. Headquarters, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the National Zoo, the U.S. Naval Museum or National Geographic Museum.</p> <p>From Washington D.C., some of our groups take a one day excursion to Baltimore (1 hour away), Annapolis (1.5 hours away) or Philadelphia (2.5 hours away).</p>	<p>I Love This Itinerary! What Do I Do Now?</p> <p><u>Pricing</u>: Take your First Step in Visiting Washington D.C. for Free and for Securing the Lowest Price for your Group!</p> <p>See <u>FAQ</u> for the most commonly asked questions.</p> <p><u>Contact Us</u> with any other Questions.</p> <p>Or see <u>Itineraries</u> for more of ou</p>