

# Washington, D.C

## *Museums, Monuments, and More*

**March 19 – 25, 2018**

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### **Monday, March 19**

**6:00 AM (CST) -Board Wisconsin Coach Lines Coach USA in UW Waukesha**  
(12 hrs 30 min)

Movies, Discussion, Notes, and Games---the time will fly  
Snacks on bus; Late-Lunch on own during drive  
Possible Dinner stop

**7:30 PM (ET)-----Check into The Westin--Crystal City**

#### About The Westin

The Westin is located across from Crystal City Metro near restaurants and shops. We are just minutes away from Washington, D.C. We will enjoy the convenience and the complimentary breakfasts.

### **Tuesday, March 20 (B, L, D)**

Breakfast at hotel

**9:00 AM-----Depart for Guided Tour**

Pat Abler, experienced D.C. guide and Wisconsin native, will lead us on a day of touring. We will visit our nation capitol's most iconic and historic sites. Pat will arrange for a lunch stop.

What an exciting introduction to our visit to Washington, D.C.

We will visit

- U.S. Capitol
- Library of Congress
- National Archives
- National Cathedral
- Embassy Row
- Jefferson Memorial
- Photo Ops at
  - Whitehouse
  - U.S. Supreme Court

**6:00 PM-----Buffet Dinner**

**7:00 PM----- Evening Monument Tour**

Pat is back with us for a tour of the monuments, during the most dramatic time of day. The impressively lit monuments are spectacular! Monuments included are:

- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Wall
- WW II Monument
- Roosevelt Monument
- Martin Luther King Monument

**Wednesday, March 21 (B, D)**

Breakfast at hotel

**9:00 AM-----Visit The Newseum**

About The Newseum

The Newseum, headquartered in Washington, D.C., promotes, explains and defends free expression and the five freedoms of the First Amendment: religion, speech, press, assembly and petition.

Since opening in 2008, more than 7 million have visited its modern building located on historic Pennsylvania Avenue between the United States Capitol and the White House. The Newseum's seven levels of interactive exhibits include 15 galleries and 15 theaters. Among the most memorable exhibits are the 9/11 Gallery Sponsored by Comcast, featuring the broadcast antennae from the top of the World Trade Center; the Berlin Wall Gallery, whose eight concrete sections are one of the largest pieces of the original wall outside Germany; and the Pulitzer Prize Photographs Gallery, which features photographs from every Pulitzer Prize-winning entry dating back to 1942. In 2016, TripAdvisor users rated the Newseum as a "Traveler's Choice Top 25 Museum in the U.S."

*Lunch on own*

**1:00 PM---Tour United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**

About the Holocaust Museum

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is the United States' official memorial to the Holocaust. Adjacent to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the USHMM provides for the documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history. It is dedicated to helping leaders and citizens of the world confront hatred, prevent genocide, promote human dignity, and strengthen democracy.

**4:15 PM-----Tour Ford's Theater**

The site of Lincoln's assassination, Ford's Theatre offers museum exhibits, live theatre and immersive learning.

**6:00 PM----**Dinner near Ford's Theater

**7:30 PM-----**Evening On Own

## **Thursday, March 22 (B, D)**

Breakfast at hotel

**8:30 AM-----**Depart for Tours

The group will have most of the day to tour to historic museums and sites

**9:00 AM----**Begin at Smithsonian Castle (Visitor's Center to help create your itinerary for Thursday and part of Friday.

### **Smithsonian Castle**

Completed in 1855, the Castle is their signature building and home to the Smithsonian Visitor Center. As such, it makes a great starting point for your journey—here you can get a grasp of the scope and scale of the Smithsonian, see collections highlights from each of our museums, tour the Castle's 19th-century architecture, see what's going on today at all the museums, and consult with our in-house experts about what to see and do.

### ***Suggested tours will include:***

#### **National Museum of African American History and Culture**

*(This very popular, new Smithsonian museum may have limited availability)*

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. It was established by Act of Congress in 2003, following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. To date, the Museum has collected more than 36,000 artifacts and nearly 100,000 individuals have become charter members. The Museum opened to the public on September 24, 2016, as the 19th and newest museum of the Smithsonian Institution. <https://www.si.edu/museums/african-american-history-and-culture-museum>

#### **Air and Space Museum**

Launch into the history of flight by surrounding yourself with icons of air and space travel. The flagship building on the National Mall in Washington, D.C, contains twenty-three galleries exhibiting hundreds of aircraft, spacecraft, missiles, rockets, and other flight-related artifacts. The museum has a planetarium and an IMAX theater for out-of-this-world escapes. <https://www.si.edu/museums/air-and-space-museum>

#### **American Art Museum**

The nation's first collection of American art offers an unparalleled record of the American experience, capturing the aspirations, character and imagination of the American people

throughout three centuries. The museum is home to one of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world, including works by such stylistically diverse luminaries as John Singleton Copley, Winslow Homer, and Georgia O'Keeffe, housed in one of the oldest public buildings constructed in early Washington. <https://www.si.edu/museums/american-art-museum>

### **American History Museum**

Devoted to the scientific, cultural, social, technological, and political development of the United States, the museum traces the American experience from colonial times to the present. The American History Museum's collection contains more than three million historical objects—including the famed Star-Spangled Banner—and documents that explore the evolution of the American identity. <https://www.si.edu/museums/american-history-museum>

### **American Indian Museum**

The National Museum of the American Indian cares for one of the world's most expansive collections of Native objects, photographs, and media, covering the entire Western Hemisphere from the Arctic Circle to Tierra del Fuego. The museum's sweeping curvilinear architecture, its indigenous landscaping, and its exhibitions, all designed in collaboration with tribes and communities, combine to give visitors from around the world the sense and spirit of Native America. <https://www.si.edu/museums/american-indian-museum>

### **Portrait Gallery**

With the visual arts, performing arts and new media, the Portrait Gallery introduces you to the people who have shaped the country—poets, presidents, actors, activists, visionaries, villains...and everyone in between. Its collection weaves together story and biography from precolonial times to the present to tell the American story.

Highlight: America's Presidents, the nation's only complete collection of presidential portraits outside the White House; workshops and programs for young people, including Saturday art activities and tours; Portrait Discovery Kits for kids and families. For a break between galleries, reflect in the Kogod Courtyard, a signature element of the building.

<https://www.si.edu/museums/portrait-gallery>

### **4:00 PM-----Tour the Kennedy Center**

The tour highlights the historic events that led up to the establishment of the national cultural center that is also our nation's living memorial to President John F. Kennedy, and includes an interactive exhibit on his life and presidency. Visitors also learn about the works of art given to the Center, such as Robert Berks's bust of President Kennedy, Willy Weber's Apollo X, and the stunning Israeli Lounge. The tour concludes with a breathtaking 360-degree view of the nation's capital from the building's roof terrace.

### **5:00 PM-----Dinner at KC Café**

The recently renovated KC Café , on the Roof Terrace level, features a newly designed quick service line and an exciting expanded menu. Our group dinner will include salad and roll, pasta and soft drink.

### **6:00 PM-----Free Concert in Grand Foyer**

### **8:00 PM-----*In the Heights***

In a **semi-staged concert format** and joined by talent direct from Broadway and here in our nation's capital, these performances shine a spotlight on the emotional heart of three beloved stories in compelling new ways—placing the artists, their vision, and their work Center Stage! Lin-Manuel Miranda's first Broadway musical tells the story of a vibrant community on the brink of change in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood. The windows are always open, the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music, and the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take, and which ones you leave behind. *In the Heights* won Tony Awards® for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography, and Best Orchestrations. Music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda; book by Quiara Alegria Hudes.

*The performance is part of the Broadway Center Stage.*

## **Friday, March 23 (B, D)**

Breakfast at hotel

### **9:00 AM-----Tour of Arlington National Cemetery**

The Army National Military Cemeteries, consisting of Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia and Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., are under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. The Secretary of the Army consolidated authorities and created the Executive Director position to effectively and efficiently develop, operate, manage and administer the program.

Arlington National Cemetery conducts between 27 and 30 funeral services each week day and between 6 and 8 services on Saturday. The grounds of Arlington National Cemetery honor those who have served our nation by providing a sense of beauty and peace for our guests. The rolling green hills are dotted with trees that are hundreds of years in age and complement the gardens found throughout the 624 acres of the cemetery. This impressive landscape serves as a tribute to the service and sacrifice of every individual laid to rest within the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/#/>

*Lunch on own*

### **1:00 PM-----National Zoo**

Our UW Colleges group will have special "behind-the-scenes" tour of Asia Trail, home to the Smithsonian's National Zoo's most famous residents: giant pandas Tian Tian (adult male), Mei Xiang (adult female), and a male cub named Bei Bei. We are so fortunate that we have a strong connection to Asia Trail curator, Michael Brown-Palsgrove, who will help facilitate this backstage tour. Get an early start and tune into the Panda Cam.

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams/panda-cam>

## **Saturday, March 24**

Breakfast at hotel

### **8:00 AM-----Depart Washington, D.C. on our Return to Waukesha**

Our journey home will be filled with more films and activities, and we'll have time to relax and reflect.

We trust there will be lively discussion and memories to share on our university on wheels.

**8:00 PM-----Return to UW Waukesha**