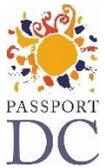




# Inside the Embassies

Washington, DC

May 12-18, 2022



## Day 1, Thursday, May 12, 2022

Arrive in the DC Metro area, meet your **Guide**, board your **motor coach**, and depart. First stop will be the **Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum Center** where over 335 air and spacecraft are on display including the Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR-71 Blackbird, Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, the B-17 Flying Fortress, an F-4 Phantom fighter, the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay", and the de Havilland Chipmunk. An architectural feature in portions of the museum allow visitors to walk among the exhibits and view them from elevated "skyways". Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** included at a local favorite restaurant known for encapsulating the farm-fresh offerings of the area. **Check-in** to your local **hotel**. (Meals: D; Baggage handling included)

## Day 2, Friday, May 13, 2022

After an included **breakfast** at your hotel this morning, depart with your **Guide** for a visit to **The White House Visitor's Center** where you can explore an interactive touchscreen tour of the **White House**, view over 90 artifacts from the White House collection, shop at the White House Historical Association retail store, and view the 14-minute film, "White House: Reflections from Within". Depart and drive **Embassy Row** on your way to the **Washington National Cathedral** for a tour of the sixth largest church in the world. This afternoon, enjoy a **tour and lunch** included at **Hillwood Estate Museum and Gardens**. The mansion is the former home of cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and features one of the most comprehensive collections of eighteenth and nineteenth-century Russian Imperial art outside of Russia, as well as an extensive collection of eighteenth-century French decorative arts. Explore an innovative art house dedicated to showcasing experiential and technology driven works at **Artehouse** featuring forerunners of the new age in technological arts. You'll have a grand time at **dinner included** in the city this evening at a local lively tavern channeling the truly fantastical. After nightfall, depart for an **Illuminated Monument Tour** where Washington's grand buildings, monuments, and memorials are lit up and especially impressive! Return to the hotel for the evening. (Meals: B, L, D)

## Day 3, Saturday, May 14, 2022

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning. Depart with your **Guide** for the **Inside the Embassies Event!** Bring your included **Cultural DC Passport** with you to collect stamps from the countries you visit today. Remember: when you step on Embassy grounds, you have officially left the United States of America. Enjoy **lunch on own** while exploring the music, dancing, food, and extensive festivities for this incredible annual event. Afterwards, tour the **Mansion on O Street** with over 100 rooms and 70 secret doors. For **dinner**, you'll be treated to a **Georgetown** favorite on the **waterfront**. Enjoy some of the best food in the District while overlooking the beautiful scenery of the Potomac River. Free time is allotted to explore the historic area of DC's oldest neighborhood surrounded by the waterfront with cobblestone streets, bakeries, historic bars, and stylish boutiques accounting for much of its charm. Return to your hotel for the evening. (Meals: B, D)

#### Day 4, Sunday, May 15, 2022

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning prior to departing for **Arlington National Cemetery**. No land in America is more sacred than this square mile. It is America's shrine to valor and sacrifice featuring memorials, monuments, and the final resting place of many of this country's finest citizens and heroes. Witness the **Changing of the Guard** before departing for **lunch on own** at **Pentagon City Mall**, followed by a stop at the **Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Park**. The memorial honors the 184 victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks at The Pentagon. Continue touring memorials with your **Guide** with stops at the iconic **Jefferson, FDR, and Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorials**. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at one of the **Smithsonian Institution's** museums on the **National Mall**. An exciting **dinner is included** this evening at a district steakhouse serving some of the best cuts of beef, smoked salmon, and exotic vegetable and side dishes in the region. Return to the hotel for the night. (Meals: B, D)

#### Day 5, Monday, May 16, 2022

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel before departing to visit the ultimate seat of American government and the most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world – **The United States Capitol**. The **Capitol Visitor Center** welcomes visitors to the seat of American government. At nearly 580,000 square feet, the CVC is the largest project in the Capitol's 215-year history and is approximately three quarters the size of the Capitol itself. The entire facility is located underground on the east side of the building so as not to detract from the appearance of the Capitol. After touring, **dine at your own expense** at the CVC's 550-seat cafeteria boasting a bountiful selection of almost any type of cuisine you desire. This afternoon, explore **George Washington's Mount Vernon** where America's first president 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. Many of the furnishings are original pieces acquired by Washington himself. Mount Vernon is both George Washington's home and final resting-place. This Southern plantation standing on the banks of the Potomac River details the life of the "Father of Our Country" while providing fascinating insights into Colonial times. Late afternoon, take some free time to stroll the cobblestone streets and red brick sidewalks of historic **Old Town Alexandria** located along the Potomac River and featuring boutique shops, dining, arts, and history around every corner. **Dinner is included** while in Old Town Alexandria. Depart and return to your hotel for the evening. (Meals: B, D)

#### Day 6, Tuesday, May 17, 2022

This morning, after **breakfast** at your hotel, meet your **Guide** for additional touring to include the **Vietnam Veterans, Lincoln, and Korean War Veterans Memorials**. A special, **Farewell Lunch** onboard the luxurious **Odyssey Cruise Ship** awaits you today. You'll travel beneath the historic bridges spanning the Potomac while enjoying Live entertainment, impeccable cuisine, and unparalleled views of the Capital's greatest monuments. Dock, disembark, and spend **free time** exploring the **Smithsonian Institution's museums** along the **National Mall**. Classic museums such as the **National Museum of American History, the Air & Space Museum, the Natural History Museum, or the National Museum of African American History, and Culture** are all available for you to discover and experience. Return to the hotel early this evening for time to have **dinner on own** nearby, pack, and prepare for departure. (Meals: B, L)

#### Day 7, Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Enjoy **breakfast** at your hotel this morning prior to **checking out** and **departing for home**. It is wonderful to travel, and on this tour, it was almost like visiting the whole world! (Meals: B; Baggage handling included)

**\$2510/pp SINGLE OCCUPANCY ~ \$1950/pp DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

#### **Tour Includes:**

- 6 (Six) Nights' Accommodation
- Luxury motor coach transportation upon arrival to the DC Metropolitan area
- 6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- Baggage Handling, admissions, and guide services as stated in the Itinerary

