



Itinerary

Heritage of America featuring the Virginia International Tattoo

Apr 24, 2020 - May 3, 2020

Pre Night: Sheraton New York Times Square



The Sheraton New York Times Square is located between Central Park and Times Square in the center of Manhattan's Midtown business and entertainment district. All guest rooms feature the new ultra-comfortable pillow top Sheraton Sweet Sleeper(SM) Bed. Plus, the hotel is now 100% smoke-free for your added comfort.

Day 1: New York City, New York - Tour Begins



Celebrate America's rich and varied heritage on an in-depth tour of the Eastern United States featuring essential landmarks and incredible vistas.

Hotel

Sheraton New York Times Square
New York

Weather

High 16°
Low 7°
Rain 3"

Day 2: New York City



Meet your fellow travellers at a classic New York diner for breakfast. Then, a local guide leads you on a fascinating tour of the "Big Apple." You'll see Greenwich Village, the Wall Street District, Chinatown, Central Park, and other time-honoured landmarks. This afternoon, discover "the city that never sleeps" at your own pace.

Hotel

Sheraton New York Times Square
New York

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 16°
Low 7°
Rain 3"

Day 3: New York City - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Gettysburg



This morning you'll enjoy breakfast at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner. Next, travel to Philadelphia and embark on a tour of "the Birthplace of a New Nation." See the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, the location of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the drafting of the Constitution. Continue on to Gettysburg, site of the Union victory and a turning point in the Civil War. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a historic Gettysburg tavern.

Hotel

Wyndham Gettysburg
Gettysburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 18°
Low 3°

Day 4: Gettysburg



Visit the Gettysburg National Military Park and Museum. Begin your tour with the film "A New Birth of Freedom." Then, lose yourself in Paul Philippoteaux's Cyclorama from 1884, a breathtaking 360° cylindrical painting depicting Pickett's Charge. Explore the Museum of the American Civil War and its galleries. Step onto the battlefield with a guided tour of the site illuminating those three historic days in 1863 and the decisive battle that changed the course of American history forever. This afternoon it's your choice! Visit President Eisenhower's home and farm (a National Historic Site); this site served as the President's weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders during the Cold War-era tensions -OR- embark on a guided walking tour of historic downtown Gettysburg with a local expert dressed in period clothing. Tonight, enjoy a home-cooked family-style meal in a historic barn (dating back to 1764) and experience life on a third generation family-owned farm.

Hotel

Wyndham Gettysburg
Gettysburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 18°
Low 3°
Rain 3"

Day 5: Harpers Ferry, West Virginia - Shenandoah Valley, VA - Charlottesville



Stop in West Virginia to visit the quaint, historic community of Harpers Ferry, where the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers meet. Then, we pass through Shenandoah National Park via Skyline Drive. Travel along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where the scenic wilderness extends in all directions. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own in downtown Charlottesville.

Hotel

Omni Charlottesville Hotel
Charlottesville

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 20°
Low 7°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Charlottesville - Williamsburg



Visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson. The third U.S. President and author of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson was an accomplished inventor and true "Renaissance man." Learn about him during a tour of the main house before exploring on your own or choosing between a guided tour focusing on the experiences of the enslaved people who lived at Monticello or a guided tour of the beautiful gardens and grounds. This afternoon we arrive in historic Williamsburg. Tonight, dine in a Colonial Williamsburg tavern specializing in revolutionary-era fare.

Hotel

Woodlands Hotel
Williamsburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 19°
Low 9°
Rain 2"

Day 7: Colonial Williamsburg - Norfolk - Williamsburg



Step back in time. The short film, "Story of a Patriot," is your introduction to Colonial Williamsburg where costumed re-enactors populate the streets and buildings, bringing 1770 to life. Tour the Governor's Palace and Gardens; then feel free to wander the cobblestone streets and explore some of the 88 historic buildings. This afternoon you are in for a treat when you attend the Virginia International Tattoo, the largest event of its kind in the United States, where all branches of the military perform under the same roof.

Hotel

Woodlands Hotel
Williamsburg

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 19°
Low 9°
Rain 2"

Day 8: Williamsburg - Washington, D.C.



Depart for Arlington National Cemetery to view the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites. Then, travel to Washington, D.C. Explore the world-famous Smithsonian Institution's countless treasures where it's your choice! Visit the National Air and Space Museum -OR- the National Museum of American History. Among the National Air and Space Museum's collection are the Wright 1903 Flyer, the Spirit of St. Louis, and the Apollo 11 command module. The National Museum of American History features the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to compose the national anthem; the First Ladies Hall containing many ball gowns worn by America's First Ladies, and more. The evening is free to explore on your own.

Hotel

Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 24°
Low 13°
Rain 3"

Day 9: Washington, D.C.



Take a guided tour of America's capital featuring wonderful views of the Capitol building, the White House, monuments and museums. Our first stop is the White House Visitor Centre where you retrace the story of the historic residence. Continue with a stop at the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. Finally, make a photo stop at the U.S. Capitol building. This afternoon, visit Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. Wander the lush plantation grounds and tour the home filled with 18th-century artifacts. Toast the end of a wonderful trip this evening at a farewell dinner.

Hotel

Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 24°
Low 13°
Rain 3"

Day 10: Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends



Bid farewell to Washington, D.C. this morning.

Post Night: Omni Shoreham Hotel



Omni Shoreham Hotel is defined by politics, culture, art and music. It is filled with the rich history of Washington DC and is the hotel The Beatles stayed at during their first U.S. trip! Explore Rock Creek National Park, walk to the National Zoo, or explore farther away parts of the city by hopping on the metro station only one block away.