

Washington DC



Estill County High School Washington, DC April 5 – 8, 2023

Day - 1 Wednesday, April 5, 2023

5:30 am	Motor coach arrives at Estill County High School
6:00 am	Depart for Washington, DC ~ rest stops en route
Lunch	Fast food lunch en route (not included)
Dinner	Fast food dinner in DC area (not included)
Evening	First look at Washington, DC!

Martin Luther King Jr Memorial the memorial's address is 1964 Independence Ave; the street number being a reference to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a milestone which Dr. King played an integral role in achieving. At the entrance, two stones are parted and a single stone wedge is pushed forward toward the horizon; the missing piece of what was once a single boulder. On the visible side of the stone, is a quote from King's famed 1963 speech: "Out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope." On the other side is: "I was a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness", a statement suggested by Dr. King himself when describing how he would like to be remembered. This boulder is the Mountain of Despair. The solitary stone is the Stone of Hope, from which Dr. King's image emerges, seeing a future society of justice and equality for which he encouraged all citizens to strive.

The Franklin D Roosevelt Memorial This memorial to FDR combines sculpture, water and natural landscape to forge a dramatic setting for recounting the events and terms of office of the nation's 32nd President. The FDR is unique among the memorials of Washington, DC. Its shade trees, waterfalls, statuary and quiet alcoves create the feeling of a secluded garden rather than an imposing structure. The memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, or rooms, one for each of FDR's terms in office. Water cascades and quiet pools are present throughout.

The Jefferson Memorial the 19-foot statue of the third president and hero stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the Declaration of Independence and Jefferson's other famous writings. Looking from the memorial across the Tidal Basin provides an unforgettable view of the city.

Eisenhower Memorial this new memorial tells the story of one of America's greatest leaders of the 20th century. Learn about the nation's tribute to the architect of victory in World War II and its 34th president.

Pentagon 9/11 Memorial a permanent outdoor memorial to the 184 men and women who lost their lives in the [September 11, 2001 attacks](#), killed both in the building and on [American Airlines Flight 77](#). 184 illuminated benches have been arranged according to the victim's ages, starting with Dana Falkenberg, 3, to John Yamnicky Sr. Each bench is engraved with the name of a victim. The benches representing the victims that were inside the Pentagon are arranged so those reading the names will face the Pentagon's south facade, where the plane hit; benches dedicated to victims aboard the plane are arranged so that those reading the engraved name will be facing skyward along the path the plane traveled. Under each bench is a reflecting pool and the benches are arranged in lines indicating the year of the victims' birth, illustrating the range of ages of the victims.

Check into **Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston**

4610 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA 22203 ~ 703/243-9800

Overnight security on duty

Day - 2 Thursday, April 6, 2023

Morning Full American breakfast at the hotel (included)

Depart for Capitol Hill

Group photo



Visit **Capitol Hill** our Legislative Branch of Government. See the **Supreme Court Building**, our Judicial Branch of Government, from the Capitol security line.

Explore the **Library of Congress**

Capitol Tour - Prohibited items include: aerosol containers, battery operated electronic device, and pointed objects, cans and bottles, and liquids or lotions of any kind, any bag larger than 14" wide x 13" high x 4". No stun guns, martial arts weapons, guns, replica guns, ammunition, fireworks, mace or pepper spray, razors, box cutters, video recorders or any type of recording device. Belts must be removed. Please do not take any unnecessary items into the Capitol. We will want to move through security as quickly as possible.

Lunch at Capitol food court (not included)

Afternoon Visit **Ford's Theatre** Enter a historic theater in Washington, D.C., used for various stage performances beginning in the 1860s. It is also the site of the assassination of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865. After being shot, the fatally-wounded president was carried across the street to the Petersen House, where he died the next morning.

Visit **Arlington National Cemetery** where we will see **JFK's gravesite**, **Challenger Astronaut's Memorial** and **Tomb of the Unknowns**.

Drive past the **Iwo Jima Memorial** - The official name is the **Marine Corps War Memorial** and it depicts the famous flag raising on **Iwo Jima** during World War II. The memorial is dedicated to all Marines who have given their lives in the defense of the United States since 1775. Frank Sousley was from Hilltop, Kentucky and one of the flag raisers depicted in the picture and later on the statue. Sousley was killed in action on Iwo Jima at the age of 19.

View the **Air Force Memorial** James Ingo Freed, one of America's finest architects, gave the nation a design that truly honors the men and women of the Air Force. Featuring three stainless steel spires that soar skyward, the tallest reaching a height of 270 feet, the Memorial's design is truly representative of flight and the flying spirit of the Air Force. The three spires impart a sense of accomplishment in command of the sky, and evoke the image of the precision "bomb burst" maneuver performed by the United States Air Force Thunderbird Demonstration Team. The three spires also represent the three core values of the Air Force - integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all that is done - and the Air Force's total force - active, guard and reserve.

Dinner Food court (not included)

Evening **The National World War II Memorial** honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world.

Depart for hotel ~ Overnight security on duty

Day 3 - Friday, April 7, 2023

Morning Full American breakfast at the hotel (included)



Visit **Mount Vernon** the estate of George Washington. Here, he 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.

Tour **Washington National Cathedral** the 6th largest cathedral in the world. Over the years, the National Cathedral has been host to many national memorial services and celebrations. Services were held here to celebrate the end of World War I and World War II. State funerals for three presidents: Dwight Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford were held here. Following the September 11th terrorist attacks, George W. Bush honored the victims with a special prayer service here.

Lunch TBD Boxed lunch eaten en route to the Archives/Smithsonians (included)

Visit the **National Archives** tour the rotunda area, viewing the **Declaration of Independence**, the **Constitution** and the **Bill of Rights**.

Explore the **Smithsonians** in chaperoned groups. We will visit the **Air and Space Museum**, the **American History Museum** and the **Natural History Museum**.

Natural History Museum highlights include: the butterfly pavilion and the Hope diamond in its temporary setting, and Ocean Hall. Take a picture of yourself in front of the elephant!

National Museum of American History is a must visit! Our favorite must see exhibit is the Star Banner exhibit, but you will also want to see the First Ladies' Inaugural Gowns (3rd floor), American on the Move (1st floor East). On the 2nd floor East in the American stories exhibit are a fragment of Plymouth Rock, a section of the first transatlantic telegraph cable and Apollo Ohno's speed skates from the 2002 Winter Olympics. Julia Child's kitchen is featured prominently in a new exhibition, FOOD: Transforming the American Table 1950-2000. Explore and have fun!

Air and Space Museum consists of 22 exhibition galleries, displaying hundreds of artifacts involving many heroes, including the original Wright 1903 Flyer, the "Spirit of St. Louis," and the Apollo 11 command module. *(Some galleries closed for renovations)*

View the **Washington Monument** The Washington Monument is 555 feet tall, the tallest structure in Washington, DC. It is also the only Monument. All others are memorials. The marble changes color at 150 feet from the base of the monument. This was the height of the monument when construction was stopped for 22 years during the Civil War. When construction resumed, the marble came from a different quarry.

Dinner at **Hard Rock Café** (included)

Visit the **White House** for a photo-op

World War I Memorial a new memorial that honors the 4.7 million Americans who served their nation in World War I, including 116,516 who made the supreme sacrifice. This memorial incorporates the existing memorial to Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces during the war. The memorial also includes the Peace Fountain, a cascade of water behind an excerpt from the poem "The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak" by Archibald MacLeish; engraved quotes and references to theaters, campaigns and battles in which American forces participated; and exhibits about the role of the United States in World War I.

Evening

Visit the **Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial**

The Korean War Veterans Memorial The triangular field contains nineteen ground troopers, clad in foul-weather ponchos, fully equipped for battle. Representing those who supported the ground troops are hundreds of faces of heroes etched on a polished granite wall.

The Lincoln Memorial overlooking the Reflecting Pool, was patterned on a classic Greek temple. Inside, inscriptions from his Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address flank the 98-foot marble statue of our 16th President.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial a privately funded and has drawn millions who have come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings, and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos to honor these heroes.

Depart for hotel

Overnight security on duty



Day 4 - Saturday, April 8, 2023

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel (included)

Check out of hotel, load buses and depart for **Gettysburg**

Arrive at **Gettysburg**, view the film, Cyclorama and Museum

Guided Tour of the **Battlefield** with step-on guide

Lunch

Lunch at General Pickett's Buffet (included)

2:15 pm

Depart for Kentucky / Rest stops en route

Dinner

Fast food en route (not included)

11:55 pm

ETA at School



Once we arrive in Washington DC, please be prepared to be flexible as potential itinerary changes may be inevitable due to traffic or special events.

Note: All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary. All times, except scheduled appointments, are approximate. Freedom Tours assumes no liability for itinerary exclusions, or guarantee that all sites will be visited within the itinerary.

Freedom Tours suggests all students stay in small chaperoned groups at all times during the tour.

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