

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

WASHINGTON, ARLINGTON & THE BEAUTIFUL CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL IN GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HOMETOWN SAT-SUN JUNE 23-24, 2018

Departures, as applicable, from Westlake, Elyria, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Beachwood, Boston Heights.

SATURDAY – We will depart with a coffee stop and lunch break along the way. Upon our arrival we will be meeting our Washington guide at the Ron Reagan Building and head out on a four-hour afternoon narrated tour of the Nation's Capital that will include seeing several monuments as well as other sites in the District. This evening we will be dining at one of the District's more popular restaurants, Tony & Joe's Seafood Place at Washington Harbor, overlooking both the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Potomac River (see the photo below of this great restaurant).



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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

We will be staying in the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel in Old Town Alexandria. We've picked a hotel in this beautifully-preserved district on the Potomac River, in the heart of the city that George Washington called home. It has cobblestone streets with red brick sidewalks, with historic architecture. **(D)**



SUNDAY – Breakfast is included at the hotel before we depart with our guide for more local touring in the Nation's Capital. This morning we will be traveling to Arlington National Cemetery where more than 260,000 service personnel and their families are buried on the 612 acres of rolling Virginia land along the Potomac River.



Located directly across the river from the Lincoln Memorial, it was established during the Civil War on the grounds of Arlington House which had been the estate of the family of Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

We will be seeing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where the Changing of the Guard ceremony takes place; this elaborate ritual takes place every thirty minutes during the summer months and hourly during the winter. Here the Relief Commander announces the Changing of the Guard; the new Sentinel comes out of his quarters with his M-14 rifle.

After a white-glove inspection of the rifle of the Sentinel about to be relieved, the new Sentinel and the Relief Commander walk out to the Tomb and all three salute the Unknown who have been symbolically given the Medal of Honor. "The Tomb Guard marches 21 steps down the black mat behind the Tomb, turns, faces east for 21 seconds, turns and faces north for 21 seconds, then takes 21 steps down the mat and repeats the process. After the turn, the Sentinel executes a sharp 'shoulder-arms' movement to place the weapon on the shoulder closest to the visitors to signify that the Sentinel stands between the Tomb and any possible threat. Twenty-one was chosen because it symbolizes the highest military honor that can be bestowed -- the 21-gun salute. The new Sentinel begins walking at a cadence of 90 steps per minute." When the guards are not marching, they spend their time in the Tomb Guard Quarters below the Memorial Display Room of the Memorial Amphitheater where they study cemetery "knowledge."

You will have time to visit the grave of John F. Kennedy, marked by the Eternal Flame and flanked with concrete walls bearing quotes from John F. Kennedy's speeches. We will also have a brief time at the Smithsonian Institution before we depart for home with a Sunday buffet mid-afternoon dinner along the way. Three meals are included during this unique weekend tour from Great Day! Tours! **(B, D)**



WEEKEND IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL - JUNE 2018

\$382 per person in a double
\$377 per person in a triple
\$372 per person in a quad
\$456 per person in a single

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