

## WASHINGTON, DC & WILLIAMSBURG

National memorials and museums bring our nation's history to life, and adding a stop at Colonial Williamsburg sends your students back through time, introducing them to the individuals and customs that shaped the Revolutionary Era.

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### Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Take a group photo in front of the **U.S. Capitol**. Next, get a real-life civics lesson on a tour of the Capitol building, including its famous rotunda. See if your group can find your state's statue during the tour!
- Explore the **National Archives**. The building's rotunda houses the original Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights – known collectively as the "Charters of Freedom." Other documents in the collection include the Emancipation Proclamation and an original version of the Magna Carta.
- Stop for photos in front of the **White House**.
- Visit the **Lincoln, Vietnam Veterans, Korean War, and World War II Memorials**.
- Enjoy America's national pastime! Take in a baseball game at **Nationals Park**. (*Seasonal, pending home schedule*)

### Day 2:

- Experience military traditions during a visit to **Arlington National Cemetery**. Pay your respects at John F. Kennedy's "Eternal Flame" and witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- Visit the **Marine Corps War Memorial**, famous for its depiction of six soldiers raising the flag at Iwo Jima.
- Continue to the **Pentagon Memorial**, established in remembrance of the site's 184 victims during the events of 9/11.
- Explore the **U.S. Holocaust Museum**. This "living memorial" documents the Nazi rise to power, examines the Jewish experience during World War II, and teaches visitors about the dangers of intolerance. The "Daniel's Story" exhibit specifically showcases a young person's experiences and point of view.
- After dinner, enjoy a guided evening tour of the **Roosevelt, Jefferson, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorials**.

### Day 3:

- Drive down **Embassy Row** on your way to the **National Zoo**, home of giant pandas, great apes, Asian elephants, and more. For many years, the zoo housed the real-life inspiration for "Smokey the Bear."
- Spend the afternoon at various **Smithsonian Institution Museums**, including the National Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of Natural History, and the National Museum of the American Indian.
- After lunch, depart to **Colonial Williamsburg**.
- Discover the spooky side of history with a walking tour of the town's haunted hotspots.

### Day 4:

- Spend the morning on a guided tour of **Jamestown**, the first permanent English colony in North America, and **Yorktown**, famous as the site where General Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington in 1781. Today, **Jamestown Settlement** and the **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown** are living classrooms that recount American history from the time of British settlers to the Revolutionary War.
- Take a guided walking tour through **Colonial Williamsburg**, the nation's largest living history museum. Countless revolutionary leaders walked the streets and frequented shops and taverns to debate and discuss. Your journey through the town will connect you with costumed residents, shopkeepers, and politicians who bring to life 18<sup>th</sup> century history and culture.
- Visit the **Governor's Palace**, home of the Royal Governors of the Colony of Virginia during colonial times. After 1776, it was also the residence of two post-colonial governors, Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson. The current building is a historic reconstruction of the original house, which burned down in 1781.
- Depart for home.

