Brightspark® by WorldStrides

WASHINGTON, DC STEM TOUR

From aviation to zoology, our nation's capital has an activity for every STEM student. Visit Smithsonian institutions, fall into the world of spy technology at the International Spy Museum, and go under the sea at the National Aquarium!

Why Brightspark?

Safety And Security

We regularly conduct strict audits of our vendors, ensuring they act in accordance with safety, security and quality standards.

Our Tour Directors

You deserve the best, so we only use experienced and enthusiastic Tour Directors who are experts on their destinations.

Quality, Custom Tours

Our programs are designed for you, by you. From STEM-based DC tours to performance trips to some of our country's top music cities, we have a destination for every budget and every passion.

Industry Experience

With over 50 years of experience providing custom tours, Brightspark is a leader in student travel.

Travel Protection & Incident Coverage

With our 24/7 emergency hotline, comprehensive general insurance, and an industry-leading refund guarantee program, we've got you covered.



WASHINGTON, DC: STEM TOUR

Day 1:

- Meet your Tour Director and board your private motor coach.
- Take part in a living history lesson with a tour of the United States Capitol Building. While at the Capitol, pose for an official group photo.
- Explore the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, a leader in research and education dedicated to inspiring curiosity and discovery. Natural History & Biology
- Take a stroll through the United States Botanic Garden, one of the oldest in North America. Ecology & Environmental Science
- Take a photo at the Washington Monument and uncover insights into an urban planning process that began when George Washington became the first President of the United States.

Day 2:

- Spend the morning honoring national heroes with visits to the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and more.
- See the 1903 Wright Flyer, Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis," the Apollo 11 command module, and a piece of the moon at the National Air & Space Museum. Technology & Engineering
- Discover the newest Smithsonian museum, the National Museum of African American History & Culture, and its collection of over 36,000 artifacts. Anthropolay
- Go under the sea at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland. Choose between three Overnight Adventures: Dolphin Overnight, Aquarium Adventure, or Shark! Ocean Predator Overnight. Marine Biology

Dav 3:

- Crack the code at the National Cryptologic Museum, an engaging introduction to the world of secret codes and ciphers. The museum was established by the National Security Administration (NSA) as their main point of contact with the public. Mathematics
- Take a guided tour of the National Museum of Health and Medicine, established during the Civil War as the Army Medical Museum. The museum's five collections house more than 25 million artifacts, most famous among them items related to President Lincoln's assassination at the hands of John Wilkes Booth. Biology
- Spend the afternoon at 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." Ecology & Zoology
- Head to the Tidal Basin for an evening tour of the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

Day 4:

- Choose a design, electronics, or coding activity at the Kid Museum, encouraging creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving. Engineering, Design, and Coding
- Discover the world of secrets and espionage at the International Spy Museum, featuring the largest collection of spycraft tools and artifacts ever displayed to the public. Interactive experiences drop your students into the world of intelligence-gathering, where they can complete missions and test their skills. Technology & Mathematics
- · Depart for home.

Ask a Tour Consultant about interactive workshops and other experiential and project-based learning opportunities.







