

TRI-STATE TRAVEL



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL WASHINGTON, DC 7 DAYS APRIL 12-18, 2023

Join us this spring for ultimate event in Washington, DC, the National Cherry Blossom Festival. Enjoy the beauty and excitement while relaxing in luxury accommodations at the Gaylord Resort at National Harbor.

Tour Highlights:

- National Harbor
- Arlington National Cemetery with tram
- Smithsonian Institute
- Cherry Blossom Parade
- Odyssey III Cruise on Potomac River
- Tidal Basin
- Evening Illuminated Memorial Tour
- Mount Vernon
- White House Visitor Center
- 6 Breakfasts/3 Dinners/1 Kick Back Receptions
- Luggage Handling*
- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions and Meals
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

Price Per Person:

\$2,555.00 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$2,365 TRIPLE...\$2,265 QUAD...\$3,145.00 SINGLE

\$500.00 per person deposit due with reservation Final payment due February 15, 2023

Travel Insurance is Available and Strongly Recommended (see page 2 for details)

For Additional Information Or To Make A Reservation Contact:

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Day 1 – CHERRY BLOSSOM BOUND!

Welcome Aboard as our first day's travel takes us across Illinois, Indiana and on to Ohio for our first overnight in Sandusky, OH.

Day 2 – WASHINGTON, DC

Our travels take us to Washington, DC our home for the next three nights. Our evening is free to relax in our deluxe accommodations, Gaylord Hotel. Dinner is on your own. You may want to visit the exceptional shops, attractions and restaurants nearby along the National Harbor.

Day 3 – WASHINGTON, DC TOURING

Enjoy an included grab and go breakfast from the Marketplace. We meet our local guide this morning and start our day with a visit to Arlington National Cemetery. Tram tickets are included for your visit. No land in America is more sacred than this. It is America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. There are six stops: President John F Kennedy gravesite, US Coast Guard Memorial, U.S. Army General Pershing's gravesite, Arlington House, U.S. Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima) and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Here you will witness the Changing of the Guard. The guard is changed on the half hour from April 1 – September 30. Our next stop is the Air Force Memorial. Lunch is on your own at Pentagon City Shopping Mall. A scenic glass elevator ride to the third level reveals more than 170 fascinating stores and restaurants. Our next stop is at Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Park. This memorial honors the 184 victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks at The Pentagon. At the Memorial Units honoring the victims of the Pentagon, visitors will see the victim's name and the Pentagon in the same view. At the Memorial Units honoring the lives lost on Flight 77 the visitor sees the victim's name and the direction of the plane's approach in the same view. Visit your choice of the **Smithsonian Institution's** museums on the **National Mall**. **If you choose to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture please share that information when making your tour reservation. Timed entry tickets are required.** This is the newest museum on the National Mall. You also have the option of visiting **National Museum of American History, National Air & Space Museum, National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of the American Indian, National Gallery of Art, Freer & Sackler Galleries, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, or the National Museum of African Art.** We depart late afternoon and make our way to Ivy City Smokehouse for dinner. After dinner we experience an Illuminated Monument Driving Tour. After a long day we return to our hotel. **(B,D)**

Day 4 – CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE

Enjoy a grab and go breakfast from the Marketplace. The thrill of the parade is in the air as we take our places along the parade route to view the **Annual Cherry Blossom Parade** from our Premium Preferred Grandstand Seating. Your preferred vantage point will secure you up close encounters with celebrity appearances and performances. The **Cherry Blossom Festival** marks the celebration of the original gift of the 3,000 cherry trees by the city of Tokyo to the people of Washington, DC in 1912. Along with the parade are several free concerts on the mall, lantern lighting, dances and races. After the parade we meet our guide and motorcoach and depart for the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. Lunch here is on your own. Mid-afternoon finds us enjoying a Cherry Blossom Cruise, a **Pink Party Exclusive** aboard the Odyssey III Cruise Ship on the Potomac River. Onboard you will be treated to a welcome Signature Pink Drink, narrative cruise, dancing to a live band and a delicious meal. **WEAR PINK** today to help make our cruise especially festive. There will be prizes for Best Dressed in Pink. After we dock and disembark, we continue with a **Pink Stroll** and photo opportunity among the Japanese cherry trees (**blossoms pending nature's timing and cannot be guaranteed**) along the **Tidal Basin**. We will make stops at the Jefferson Memorial, Franklin D Roosevelt Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr National Memorial. We return to the hotel early evening so that you can enjoy free time at one of the incredible offerings of your hotel or the National Harbor. **(B,D)**

Day 5 – MEMORIAL TOURING & MOUNT VERNON

A **grab and go breakfast** from the Marketplace is included this morning. We meet our local guide in the lobby and depart for stops at:

- **The National World War II Memorial.** This 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.
- Stop at **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial.** This privately funded memorial has drawn millions who have come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos.
- Stop at **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 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President.
- Stop at **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 etched on a polished granite wall.

We now visit the **White House Visitor's Center.** Within the White House Visitor Center, you can watch a 14-minute film that takes you inside the White House and the First Families. Explore nearly 100 artifacts, including President Lincoln's telegraph key used to communicate with Gen. Grant during Robert E. Lee's Surrender, an interactive touchscreen tour of the white house, and gift shop to find the perfect souvenir! We will make a stop at the White House for a photo opportunity. Walk to Lafayette Park (AKA: Lafayette Square), a seven-acre public park located directly north of the White House. We depart for Mount Vernon, historic home of George and Martha Washington which overlooks the Potomac River. Lunch will be on your own at the food court. Here is where George escaped the rigors of public office and enjoyed the life of a successful Virginia planter. Dinner this evening at Fish Market Restaurant. We return to our hotel to enjoy one last evening at our beautiful hotel. (B,D)

Day 6 – DAYTON, OHIO

After an included **grab & go breakfast** from the Marketplace it is time to check out of our hotel. Our travels today take us along the Pennsylvania Turnpike and into Ohio for our last overnight stay in Dayton, Ohio. We check into the Drury Inn and enjoy their kick back reception. (B, Kick Back Reception)

Day 7 – HOMEWARD BOUND

As your Washington, DC Cherry Blossom Tour comes to an end we hope you have some wonderful memories. We arrive home in the late afternoon. (B)

The Travel Protection Plan: is not included but is available and strongly recommended. Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package. For those individuals who may have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan Premium. Please refer to www.tripmate.com/Plan_TPD013 for information regarding detailed coverages and limitations to the insurance policy. Waiver of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. The exclusion for pre-Existing conditions will be waived provided (a) your payment for this plan is received within seven days of the date your initial payment or deposit for your trip is received; and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid.

* Tri-State Travel reserves the right to change any arrangements listed in this itinerary. Should conditions necessitate changes: substitution of equal value or cancellations of the arrangements may occur.

* Tri-State Travel reserves the right to add any fuel surcharges that we receive from all our vendors ie: airlines, cruise lines, motorcoach companies, etc. Additional costs may be added any time prior to travel

*Due to hotel staffing shortages Tri-State Travel cannot guarantee round trip luggage handling.