

D.C. Cherry Blossoms

March 26 - April 5, 2012

See our Nation's Capital during this stunning time of the year! **Springtime BLOSSOMS!**



Day 1 D Columbia, MO

Our nation's capital is most beautiful in spring, a destination everyone should see at least once. The famous cherry blossoms are the highlight of this tour, but many other attractions will make a memorable eleven days. Enjoy our first dinner this evening at a rustic restaurant before settling in for the night.

Day 2 CB, D Bardstown, KY

Our destination this evening is Kentucky, home of Bourbon, the Louisville Slugger, bluegrass and equestrian excellence. Eat another hearty meal before settling in for the night

Day 3 CB Lexington, VA

Enter the Old Dominion today. Virginia has a proud history, and we will be exploring its past over the next several days. Overnight in **Lexington**, home to the famous Virginia Military Institute and nestled in the green hills of western Virginia.

Day 4 CB, L Richmond, VA

An amazing number of our nation's founders were raised in this small area of Virginia. Explore the adult home of Thomas Jefferson, this morning. Jefferson built **Monticello** as a place where he could explore all of his interests, from horticulture to foreign languages to architecture. Continue to **Michie Tavern**, opened in 1784 and still hosting visitors. It contains pre-Revolutionary furniture and artifacts belonging to the original owners, making this a memorable dining experience. Our afternoon will be spent in Richmond, the former capital of the Confederacy. Explore the **Museum of the Confederacy**, which houses the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of Confederate artifacts. Next, visit the **White House of the Confederacy**, a National Historic Landmark that has been carefully restored to its wartime elegance.

Day 5 CB Washington, DC

The so-called Historic Triangle in southern Virginia is the foundation of our nation's monument to freedom. Start this morning in **Jamestown**, the first permanent English settlement in the New World. Then, visit the colonial capital of Williamsburg, which is frozen in time with costumed interpreters and beautiful buildings such as the Governor's Palace. **Colonial Williamsburg** is the most recognized living history museum in the nation.

Day 6 CB Washington, DC

Start the morning with a **city tour** of our nation's capital, which will give us an overview of the city's layout and an opportunity to see its many famous landmarks. And, of course, we will see the beautiful tidal basin surrounded by the ornate cherry trees in full bloom. Spend the rest of the day as you like in the capital, which is chock-full of interesting sites that cannot be exhausted with even months of leisure time. You may visit the new World War II Monument or any of the other numerous monuments and famous buildings. This evening, take our seats for the hilarious whodunit **Shear Madness** at the amazing Kennedy Center.



Day 7 CB, D Washington, DC

High on a hill overlooking the capital sits **Arlington National Cemetery**. We will have a tour of the cemetery this morning, complete with a stop at the eternal flame accompanying John F. Kennedy's gravesite and the inspiring Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Spend the afternoon exploring the **Smithsonian Institute's** many museums on the Mall. See the Air and Space Museum, the Natural History Museum and more. A fabulous evening is in store tonight, as we enjoy an authentic German dinner.

Day 8 CB, L Washington, PA

See how man's design meets nature in western Pennsylvania this afternoon at Frank Lloyd Wright's famous **Fallingwater**. This house was voted by American architects "the best all-time work of American architecture." Later on, rise above the city of Pittsburgh aboard the **Duquesne Incline**. A hoist following a tradition since 1854, the incline will take us up Mount Washington, overlooking Steel City and its three rivers.

Day 9 CB Columbus, OH

Are you ready for some football? Stop at the **Pro Football Hall of Fame** in Canton, Ohio. Here, delve into memorabilia from such football greats as Broadway Joe, Walter Payton, Joe Thiesman, and coaches Lombardi, Brown and Shula. A sweeter hall of fame, of sorts, is on the agenda later. Visit the **Harry London Chocolate Factory**, where we will see the state-of-the-art candy making operation and sample the newly created sweets.

Day 10 CB St. Peters, MO

Reenter the Midwest after an exciting adventure including patriots, artists, and athletes.

Day 11 CB Home

Our spring came into full bloom on a trip east that will stay in our memories throughout the year.

Wichita & OKC Departures

\$1539 - PER PERSON DOUBLE

\$1999 - SINGLE

\$1429 - PER PERSON TRIPLE

\$1329 - PER PERSON QUAD

\$50 DEPOSIT PER PERSON

INCLUDED:

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
Quality Accommodations & Luggage Handling
Services of a Village Tours Director
Admissions Listed & 15 Meals

Optional Cancellation Insurance Available
Final Payment Due 35 days before departure