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Footsteps to Freedom DC and the National Museum of African American History and Culture

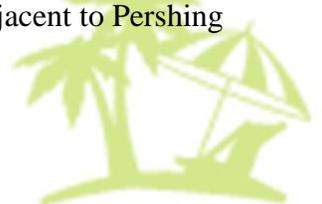
June 3-5, 2022

Day One, Friday, June 3, 2022

7:00am **Depart from Raleigh, NC,**
1:30pm ETA in **Washington, DC.** Meet your Full time **GUIDE,** at the **White House Visitor Center, (1450 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230)** and embark on a **City Tour to include:**

- **See Black Lives Matter Plaza.** Located along a two-block area of 16th Street NW in Downtown DC, the mural features the words “Black Lives Matter” in 50-foot-tall letters, in yellow and all caps, as well as the flag of the District. The portion of 16th Street on which the mural is showcased, located just outside of the White House, was officially renamed by Mayor Muriel Bowser as “Black Lives Matter Plaza NW.”
- **See Lafayette Square.** Lafayette Square – known first as President’s Square – is a landscape with a rich and varied African American history. Prior to emancipation, both free and enslaved African Americans lived and worked here. The area has also been home to important institutions, such as the Reconstruction-era Freedman’s Savings Bank and the Belasco Theater, one of the few venues in segregated Washington where black entertainers were allowed to perform before desegregation audiences. And it has been a place where people took a stand – from an enslaved woman who sued Henry Clay for her freedom in 1829 to citizens gathering at St. John’s Church in 1963, in preparation for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Just like the riches of King Solomon that Frederick Douglas referred to, the African American history of Lafayette Square is indeed a treasure.
- **Drive by the Willard Hotel** where Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote the finishing touches to his *I Have A Dream* speech.
- **Drive by Freedom Plaza** - Freedom Plaza is a popular site for local events and political protests in Washington, DC. It is located along Pennsylvania Avenue, adjacent to Pershing Park and just a few blocks from the White House.

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- **Drive by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.** The library provides environments that invite reading, learning and community discussion and equips people to learn all their lives, to embrace diversity and to build a thriving city. We are proud to be a recognized force in the community for engaging the mind, expanding opportunities and elevating the quality of life. Visit the **African American Civil War Memorial and Museum, pending availability, (1925 Vermont Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001).** In January 1999, the Civil War Memorial Museum opened to the public. Using photographs, documents and state of the art audio visual equipment, the museum helps visitors understand the African American's heroic and largely unknown struggle for freedom. The African American Civil War Museum honors and examines the African American's heroic struggle for freedom and civil rights.

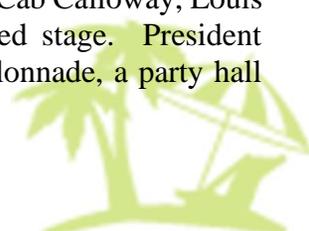
- See the **African American Civil War Memorial.** At the center of a granite-paved plaza encircled on three sides by the Wall of Honor is the Spirit of Freedom sculpture. Unveiled on July 18, 1998, the sculpture stands ten feet tall and features uniformed black soldiers and a sailor poised to leave home. Women, children, and elders on the cusp of the concave inner surface seek strength together. Designed by Ed Hamilton of Louisville, Kentucky, this is the first major art piece by a black sculptor to be placed on federal land anywhere in the District of Columbia.

4:45pm

Depart and continue touring:

- **Howard University,** one of the most prestigious, historically black universities in the country. Howard's main campus is home to 256 acres of land across the District of Columbia and Maryland. With their Main Campus located in northwest DC, the School of Law, School of Divinity, and Howard's research facility each have dedicated campuses nearby. The University is committed to building a student-centered community that supports the achievement of students' academic, career, and personal goals, while promoting civility, respect, and equity.
- **Thurgood Marshall Center,** located in the historic Twelfth Street YMCA building, the former home of the first full-service YMCA for African Americans in the nation. It was designed by one of the nation's first African American architects, W. Sidney Pittman, son-in-law of Booker T. Washington and was built largely by African American artisans.
- **Lincoln Theatre.** This theatre has just completed renovations that restored it to the magnificent facility originally known as "Black Broadway" between 1920 and 1950. The Lincoln Theatre, built in 1922, was a cultural center of DC, predating and influencing Harlem's renaissance. Washington natives Duke Ellington and Pearl Bailey were joined by nationally acclaimed artists such as Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holliday, Nat King Cole, Cab Calloway, Louis Armstrong, and Sarah Vaughn, who performed regularly on the storied stage. President Franklin D. Roosevelt celebrated his birthday parties at the Lincoln Colonnade, a party hall once located at the Theatre.

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- **Ben's Chili Bowl (1213 U St., NW Washington, DC 20009).** Opened on August 22, 1958, Ben's Chili Bowl began with owners Virginia and Ben Ali and is a celebration of DC's African American history, culture, and character. It's a celebration of our city, and U Street's resilience. DC's residents have a long history of bouncing back from hard times. Our Black community is front and center in this story and Ben's is a perfect case study – a study in our quest of freedom and its ongoing re-definition. Loved by the locals and visited by many celebrities, guests will delight in their visit to this honored location.
- **Stop at The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial.** The long-awaited memorial utilizes landscape elements to powerfully convey three fundamental and recurring themes of Dr. King's life: justice, democracy and hope. The memorial is a quiet and receptive space, yet at the same time, powerful and emotionally evocative, reflecting the spirit of the message Dr. King delivered and the role he played in society. The King Memorial is intended to be personally transformative for visitors, building a sense of commitment to the promise of positive change and active citizenship.

7:00pm Enjoy **dinner included** at **Texas Jack's BBQ Restaurant, or similar (2761 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201; PH: (703) 875-0477)**. Texas Jack's is a large rustic-modern hangout with a woodsy feel serving Lone Star-style 'cue & unique sides.

8:30pm Depart.

9:15pm Arrive and check-in to the **Courtyard by Marriott Fairfax Fair Oaks, (11220 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030; PH: (703) 273-6161)**. Meals: D

Day Two, Saturday, June 4, 2022

8:00am Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning.

9:15am Meet in the hotel lobby and depart.

10:00am Visit the **National Museum of African American History and Culture**, the newest museum on the National Mall opened September 24, 2016. The NMAAHC is a museum that seeks to understand American history through the lens of the African American experience.

- Enjoy **lunch on your own** at the museum while exploring the museum.

5:30pm Depart.

6:15pm Enjoy **dinner included** at **Piero's Corner Ristorante or similar (13340 Franklin Farm Rd, Herndon, VA 20171)**. Established in 2003, Piero's Corner is a locally owned Italian restaurant in the heart of Franklin Farm, they are "the" neighborhood restaurant locals go to! Their staff is friendly and knowledgeable, and the kitchen is led by Chef Gian Piero Mazzi, native of Cinque Terre. The restaurant is managed by Carmela and Rachael, master of cocktails.

7:45pm Depart.

8:00pm Return to your hotel for the evening.

Meals: B, D

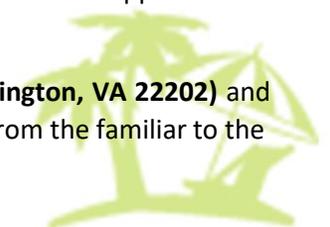




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Day Three, Sunday, June 5, 2022

- 7:00am Enjoy **breakfast included** at your hotel this morning prior to **checking out**.
- 8:00am Meet in the hotel lobby and depart.
- 8:45am Meet your **GUIDE** at **Pentagon City Shopping Mall (703-415-2400 - 1100 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202)**.
- **Pick up and drop off located on Hayes Street.**
- 9:00am Visit the **Frederick Douglass National Historic Site – Cedar Hill (1411 W Street Southeast, Washington, DC 20020)** – dedicated to preserving the legacy of the most famous 19th century African American. His life was a testament to the courage and persistence that serves as an inspiration to those who struggle in the cause of liberty and justice. Visitors to the site learn about his efforts to abolish slavery and his struggle for rights for all oppressed people. In the visitor center: **17-minute film Fighter for Freedom** - shown on the hour and half-hour; exhibits; bookstore; restrooms. Self-guided walking tour of the historic grounds (brochures available upon request in the visitor center).
- 9:30am Tour the **Douglass Home**.
- Flash photography, strollers, tote bags, backpacks and other large bags are not allowed in the house. The Visitor Center, grounds and first floor of the historic home are accessible. Visitors should be advised that there are 85 stairs leading up to the home, as well as a ramp. Tours last approximately 30 minutes. Plan to spend 1-1.5 hours for a site visit. In the event a tour of the home is unavailable, groups can still stop at the site and tour the grounds and Visitor Center.
- 10:30am Depart and continue on to visit **Lincoln Park** and see the **Emancipation Memorial**, also known as the **Freedman's Memorial**, or the **Emancipation Group**; the Emancipation Memorial is a monument in Lincoln Park in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, DC. The moving and powerful sculpture was erected in 1876 and depicts Abraham Lincoln holding a copy of his Emancipation Proclamation freeing a male slave modeled on Archer Alexander. The ex-slave is depicted on one knee, about to stand up, with one fist clenched, shirtless, and broken shackles at the President's feet.
- 11:15am Depart on a **Monuments & Memorials Tour**:
- 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** and stand in the very spot where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have A Dream" Speech overlooking the Reflecting Pool. The Memorial 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.
- 1:15pm Depart.
- 1:30pm Visit **Pentagon City Shopping Mall (703-415-2400 - 1100 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202)** and have **lunch on your own**. The skylit Food Court features international specialties from the familiar to the





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exotic. A scenic glass elevator ride to the Third Level reveals more than 170 fascinating stores and restaurants.

- **Pick-up and drop-off at the Pentagon City Mall metro stop on Hayes Street.**

2:30pm
8:30pm

Depart for **Raleigh, NC**,
ETA back in **Raleigh, NC**.
Meals: B

All itineraries are subject to change. Every attempt will be made to include all sites mentioned within this itinerary. At times, circumstances beyond our control such as lines, traffic, closures, weather, and late arrivals can severely restrict timing and cause items to be excluded. All timing, except scheduled appointments, is approximate.

MARS is a wholesale operator offering competitive pricing at net, non-commissionable rates which are based on cash transactions. Credit card, individual payment processing, and credit card transactions may be quoted upon request.

Cost of Tour: Single: \$469 Double: \$375 Triple \$355 Quad: 340

Suggested payment plan:

\$75 deposit due at time of registration

\$75 payment due February 15, 2022

\$75 payment due March 15, 2022

\$75 payment due April 15, 2022

Final payment due May 10, 2022



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