

Dear Mississippi State Alumni and Friends,

Experience our Nation's Capital during the beauty of Cherry Blossoms season in Washington DC on this six-day tour. The Cherry Blossom Festival is a nationally celebrated spring-time event drawing more than 700,000 visitors annually. Unpack once and enjoy five nights at one hotel in the Washington D.C. area.

The program begins with a DC City Tour. Touring includes a visit to Arlington National Cemetery plus the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A stop will be made at The White House Visitor Center to learn about our Executive Mansion and the Presidential families that lived at the White House. We complete our DC City Tour on a "spring stroll" along the National Mall's Tidal Basin to see the Cherry Blossoms.

On Day 3 of the program, visit the National Portrait Gallery featuring portraits of individuals who have made significant contributions to the history and culture of the United States. Then board the Odyssey III ship for a festive Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise on the Potomac River and enjoy a signature pink drink. The afternoon allows for time to visit your choice of the world-famous Smithsonian Institutes. Later enjoy a DC Twilight Illumination Tour of the famous monuments including those dedicated to Lincoln & Jefferson.

Other highlights during our tour include visits to the US Capitol Visitor Center, the US Library of Congress, Ford's Theatre and a tour of Mt. Vernon, President George Washington's beautiful estate. Also, we'll visit Annapolis, Maryland's capital city on the Chesapeake Bay with time to enjoy the historic Annapolis Harbor before visiting the US Naval Academy. Enjoy Alumni Receptions, a Welcome and Farewell Dinner along with breakfast daily.

Please review the itinerary details and keep in mind that roundtrip airfare is included in the tour price. We hope that you can join us on this incredible trip!

Canna P. Smith

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Traveling Bulldogs presents

# Washington DC Cherry Blossoms

featuring 5 Nights at One Hotel

6 Days April 9 - 14, 2025













# 6 Days April 9 - 14, 2025

# **Highlights**

- Arlington National Cemetery
- •DC City Tour
- •White House Visitor Center
- Smithsonian Institutes
- Library of Congress
- Capitol Visitor Center
- •Cherry Blossoms Lunch Cruise
- National Portrait Gallery
- •DC Twilight Illumination Tour
- DC Memorial Visits
- Mt. Vernon
- •US Naval Academy
- Annapolis, MD
- •Ford's Theater
- Center for Education & Leadership

### Inclusions

- Roundtrip Airfare MEM
- 5 Nights First Class Hotels
- 8 Meals: 5-Breakfasts 1-Lunch & 2-Dinners
- Two Beer & Wine Receptions
- Professional Tour Director
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Transfers
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Baggage Handling at Hotels

## **Accommodations**

•5 Nights - Westin City Center or Doubletree Crystal City, Washington DC area

On some dates an alternative hotel may be used





# **Tour Rates**

Booking Discount\*: \$3795 pp double \$3895 pp double Regular Rate:

Single Supplement: +\$725

\*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details Traveling Bulldogs...

# **Daily Itinerary**

# DAY 1: FLY TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Transfer to your hotel for a five night stay in the Washington D.C. area. Washington D.C. is an extraordinary city, one with multiple personalities: a working federal city, an international metropolis, a picturesque tourist destination, an unmatched treasury of our country's history and artifacts, and a cosmopolitan center that retains a neighborly small-town ambiance.

Overnight: Washington DC area

#### DAY 2: ARLINGTON - DC CITY TOUR - WHITE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

After breakfast, visit Arlington National Cemetery, America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. Board the tram to see the John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy graves plus the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then, stop at the Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue). This afternoon embark on a DC City Tour with a stop at The White House Visitor Center to learn about our Executive Mansion and the Presidential families that lived there. View the film White House: Reflections from Within. Next depart on a "spring stroll" along the National Mall's Tidal Basin to see the Cherry Blossoms. Make stops at four impressive Memorials: Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, M.L.K. Jr., and National WWII. This evening enjoy a Beer & Wine **Reception** followed by a **Welcome Dinner** with your fellow Alumni travelers.

**(B,D)** Overnight: Washington DC area

### DAY 3: SMITHSONIAN - CHERRY BLOSSOM CRUISE - DC ILLUMINATION TOUR

Today visit the National Portrait Gallery, whose collections focus on images of famous Americans. Midday board the Odyssey III ship for your festive Cherry Blossom Cruise on the Potomac River. Enjoy a signature pink drink, narration and a delicious lunch. Later enjoy free time to visit your choice of the world-famous Smithsonian Institution Museums such as the Air & Space, Natural History, American History or Gallery of Art. Later enjoy a DC Twilight Illumination Tour of the famous monuments including those dedicated to Lincoln & Jefferson.

**(B,L)** Overnight: Washington DC area

### DAY 4: FORD'S THEATRE - ANNAPOLIS - NAVAL ACADEMY

This morning stop to visit Ford's Theatre, which opened in 1863. The active theatre is restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln on April 14, 1865. Then visit the Center for Education & Leadership with exhibits about President Lincoln. Then travel east to Annapolis, Maryland's capital city on the Chesapeake Bay which features a historic district including 18th century brick houses and domed Maryland State House. Enjoy a bit of leisure time to shop and grab lunch on your own in the historic Annapolis Harbor. This afternoon your Annapolis exploration continues as you visit the US Naval Academy with its sprawling waterfront grounds, beaux arts architecture, monuments and a naval history museum. Later head back to your Washington DC area hotel for an evening at your own pace.

**(B)** Overnight: Washington DC area

#### **DAY 5: CAPITOL HILL - MT. VERNON**

Today arrive at Capitol Hill to visit the Capitol Visitor Center which highlights the US lawmaking process. Then visit the US Library of Congress and view the exterior of the Supreme Court Building. Later drive to Alexandria, VA to visit Mt. Vernon, President George Washington's beautiful estate overlooking the Potomac River. The "Father of Our Country" called Mt. Vernon home for more than 45 years. Tour the house and gardens and visit the grave site of our first President. Later meet your fellow Alumni travelers for a Beer & Wine Reception. Tonight's Farewell Dinner is at a popular local restaurant in the Washington DC area.

Overnight: Washington DC area

Fly home with wonderful memories of Washington D.C.



**(B,D)** 

**DAY 6: FLIGHT HOME** 



### **Reservation Information**

#### **DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT**

Deposit of \$400 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations. Final Payment Due Date is 90 days prior to departure.

#### \*BOOKING DISCOUNT

Make your Final Payment by check prior to the Final Payment Due Date

- & receive \$200 per couple/\$100 per person Booking Discount! •Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible.
- Payments after Initial Deposit are considered part of Final Payment & must be made by check.

**ONLINE BOOKING OPTION** - Save time, postage & secure your seat for this group departure. Simply type https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com into your web browser & use the Booking Number (Web Code) from this flyer to make your Deposit online in just a few minutes. No need to submit a Reservation Form if booking online.

#### Reservation Form

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# Booking 182812 (Web Code)

Make Checks Payable to: **Premier World Discovery** 

### Fax, Mail or Email Form to:

Mississippi State Univeristy Alumni Association c/o Premier World Discovery

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Phone: 877.953.8687 Fax: 310.372.0637 Email: info@premierworlddiscovery.com

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