



Washington DC: Your Passport to the World!

Patsy Cline Historic Home, Ben Lomond, Manassas Battlefield, Dodona Manor, US Capitol, Library of Congress, Dinner in a Foreign Embassy, Anderson House, Hillwood, National World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and Mount Vernon.

Join TRIPS for a journey around the world as we travel to Washington DC! Once a year foreign embassies in our nation's capital open their doors for a rare, behind-the-scenes look where you learn about a country's culture, music and of course, cuisine. We have arranged a very special evening for our guests to enjoy dinner in a foreign Embassy! This unique tour includes a visit to The Patsy Cline Historic House in Winchester, VA where her career started at the age of 14! Have you seen a Faberge Egg? You'll be able to do just that when you visit Hillwood, the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post. Featuring a world class collection of 18th and 19th Century Russian Imperial art, Hillwood is a national treasure. A trip to Washington DC isn't complete without a tour of monuments and memorials or a visit to one of the Smithsonian Institution's museums. You'll also tour the historic Manassas Battlefield, Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery.
Join TRIPS as we travel the world ~ passport not required!

Day 1

On arrival in the Washington DC area, you'll be met at the airport and assisted with your transfer to the historic **George Washington Wyndham Hotel**, located in **Winchester**, VA where the fabled 20's come roaring back with unparalleled style. This art deco property offers old world charm with all the modern conveniences you expect! Enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** this evening at the hotel complete with a surprise guest to entertain you!

Overnight: George Washington Wyndham Hotel

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Day 2

This morning after breakfast, begin your tour of Patsy Cline's hometown of **Winchester**! She began her radio career at WINC in 1946 at the age of 14 and you'll visit the **Patsy Cline Memorial Home** where she lived with her mother and siblings. The house, furnished with some personal items, appears as when Patsy and her family lived there. After, drive through **Virginia's** famed "**horse country**" dotted with wealthy equestrian estates. On arrival in downtown **Leesburg, Virginia**, you'll have time for lunch on your own and some time shop. Later this afternoon, tour **Dodona Manor**, the home of George C. Marshall, citizen-soldier-statesman and author of the "Marshal Plan". Surrounded by gardens, and in the historic district, it offered a peaceful retreat during WWII. Later today, you'll stop for a welcoming respite at a local vineyard where you'll enjoy a **wine and cheese tasting**. On arrival back at your hotel, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight: George Washington Wyndham Hotel

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Day 3

After breakfast, travel to one of the most important **Civil War** sites in our nation's history, the **Manassas Battlefield**. Two battles were fought here, and it was here that General Jackson was nicknamed "**Stonewall**". You also tour **Ben Lomond**. This home, built in 1837 was used as a confederate hospital during and after the Battle of First Manassas. Union soldiers left graffiti on the walls of the home that are still visible today. After learning about the Confederate victories of 1861 and 1862, you'll depart Manassas for **Washington DC**. On arrival, you'll stop at the **Capitol Visitor Center** where you can enjoy lunch on your own before exploring the Exhibition Hall which tells the story of the United States Congress and the U.S. Capitol. Then it's on to the **Library of Congress** where you can have a "hands-on" experience with rare cultural treasures in ways that inspire and engage! After a photo stop in front of the **Supreme Court**, you check in to your hotel with time to freshen up before departing for a unique and exciting experience! **Dinner at one of Washington DC's International Embassies!** TRIPS is excited to bring you this rare opportunity as you dine and learn about your host country. This truly is an exciting event that you'll long remember!

Overnight: Hilton McLean Tysons Corner

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Day 4

This morning, visit the new **White House Visitor Center**, offering a window into the president's iconic home. View artifacts from the White House collection, view a brief film and shop at the White House Historical Association retail store. Then depart for **Hillwood** the former home of **Marjorie Merriweather Post**. From the 25 acres of gardens and natural woodlands to the most comprehensive collection of **18th and 19th Century Russian imperial art** outside of Russia, Hillwood is a true National Treasure! After lunch on your own, visit **Anderson House**. Home of **The Society of the Cincinnati**, the nation's oldest patriotic organization, this stunning mansion is a hidden gem in Washington DC. It was the winter residence of Larz Anderson, an American diplomat and his wife Isabel. The rising diplomat entertained extensively here with guests including Presidents Taft and Coolidge, Gen. John Pershing, Henry du Pont and members of the Vanderbilt family. Return to your hotel for time to freshen up before departing for **The Mansion on O Street** for dinner and a tour. Explore the 100 rooms and 70 secret doors of one of the most unusual properties you'll ever see. From themed rooms to a collections of guitars signed by the likes of Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan, you're sure to have fun exploring!

Overnight: Hilton McLean Tysons Corner

Day 5

After breakfast, your **Passport to DC** becomes truly international as you **visit several embassies** for a rare, behind-the-scenes look. Washington DC is home to more embassies than any other city in the world and you'll experience a wide ranging mix of international culture, art, music and cuisine. **Each Embassy presents activities and unique programs that give you a look into their country and heritage!** We never know which "countries" we'll visit, but we do know you won't need a passport! As you travel from one part of the world to another, you'll find Embassies in what were once the elegant mansions of the political leaders and socialites of the turn of the last century. You'll enjoy a break for lunch on your own during your travels. As your world wide tour wraps up, you'll return to your hotel late this afternoon with the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Overnight: Hilton McLean Tysons Corner

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Day 6

After breakfast, you'll visit **Arlington National Cemetery**. No land in America is more sacred than this square mile that is America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. This is the final resting place of President John F. Kennedy, band leader Glenn Miller, General George S. Patton and of course, thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war. Your tour continues with stops at the iconic **Iwo Jima Statue**, **The National World War II Memorial**, **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**, **the Lincoln Memorial** and **the haunting Korean War Veterans Memorial**. Next, visit your choice of the **Smithsonian Institution's** museums on the National Mall as well as enjoying lunch on your own. Your options include the National Museum of Natural History, The National Museum of American History, the National Gallery of Art, The National Museum of the American Indian, The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Hirshhorn Museum. And of course admission is free to all. Enjoy a **Farewell Dinner** this evening before embarking on an **Illuminated Monument Tour**. Majestic by day, monuments are stunningly illuminated at night with a whole different look, a perfect ending to your day.

Overnight: Hilton McLean Tysons Corner

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Day 7

This morning after breakfast, depart for **Mount Vernon**, the estate of George Washington. You'll discover the real George Washington with a Hollywood produced movie, interactive exhibits, an immersive Revolutionary War "snow" experience and more than 1,000 artifacts, original films and life-size models of our first president! You'll also be able to **tour the Mansion**, its outbuildings and acres of gardens and grounds. And of course there's the gorgeous view of the Potomac that you can enjoy from Washington's Piazza! You'll have lunch today on your own before departing for the airport and your flight home. **Memories of your Passport to DC will last a lifetime!**

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Inclusions

- Round trip airfare to Washington DC area (checked baggage fees not included)
- Round trip transfers from airport to hotel
- 2 nights lodging in Virginia and 4 nights lodging in Washington DC area
- Breakfast daily at hotel
- 4 dinners including Welcome Dinner with surprise entertainment and dinner at an International Embassy in Washington DC
- All admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including: Hillwood Estate, Gardens and Museum; Patsy Cline Historic Home; Dodona Manor; Manassas Visitor Center and Battlefield; Mount Vernon: Ben Lomond and more
- Wine and Cheese tasting
- Washington DC evening illumination tour
- Tour of Washington DC as described in the itinerary including Arlington Cemetery, US Capitol Building,, Iwo Jima, WWII Memorial, Smithsonian Institution, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial & more
- Tour of Foreign Embassies as part of Passport to DC program
- Services of a full time escort
- TRIPS ticket wallet and luggage tags
- Porterage of 1 suitcase per person
- All government fees, taxes and fuel surcharges

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