



ITINERARY

AMERICAN HISTORY LIVING CLASSROOM FOR FAMILIES

Immerse your family in American history both recent and long-past on this unique tour. From the first capital of Philadelphia to the current one in Washington, D.C. where you'll enjoy an exclusive behind the scenes tour led by a former member of Congress, to Williamsburg, your family will have lots of fun while learning all about the U.S.!

If you are interested in this itinerary, please contact Sara Thomas at 2L TRAVEL at sara.thomas@2ltravel.com for more information.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Philadelphia's Independence Hall on a private after-hours tour
- Eat your way through Philly with a trained chef
- Explore U.S. Government Buildings on VIP behind-the-scenes tours
- Tour the National Air and Space Museum with a former astronaut
- Head on a private cruise to Mount Vernon with after-hours tour of the plantation
- Enjoy an exclusive archaeological dig in Jamestown
- See Colonial Williamsburg on a privately-led tour with an expert

ROUTE AND STOPS

8 Days & 7 Nights

- Philadelphia
- Washington, D.C.
- Williamsburg

TRAVEL STYLES

- Educational Travel
- Family

PASSIONS

- Food + Drink
- People + Culture

ACCOMMODATIONS

- The Rittenhouse
- The Jefferson
- Williamsburg Inn

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Philadelphia, you will be met at baggage claim, helped with luggage and brought to your waiting luxury transportation and whisked to the elegant The Rittenhouse, your home for the next two nights where you will begin your exploration of American history in Philadelphia. It was here that the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Constitution were drafted, debated, revised, and signed—within only eleven years!

In the afternoon, your private guide will take you on a journey to the past, wandering the cobblestoned streets of the birth place of America. Enjoy a traditional, colonial dinner before heading to Independence Hall where you'll be taken on an exclusive tour of the facility after it is closed to the public.

Overnight at The Rittenhouse

DAY 2: PHILADELPHIA, PA

Philadelphia is known as the cradle of American liberty but it is also a foodie's paradise. Today, savor the best of Philly's food scene - from ethnic to classic comfort foods to highbrow culinary delights - in this interactive food jaunt with a top Philadelphia chef. Stops may include cannoli making, a cheese-tasting mini-course and some more iconic Philly classics like cheesesteak, pizza and soft pretzels.

Overnight at The Rittenhouse

DAY 3: ARRIVAL WASHINGTON, D.C.

After you check out of your Philadelphia hotel, make your way south by train, driver or self-drive. The next three nights will be spent in Washington, D.C. the capital of the United States at The Jefferson hotel right in the heart of the city.

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Once you have checked in and relax, go on a behind-the-scenes tour of the International Spy Museum with an ex-operative. With lots of interactive exhibits, the museum features the largest collection of espionage artifacts currently on public display.

Overnight at The Jefferson

DAY 4: WASHINGTON FOR INSIDERS

This morning, experience a private, behind-the-scenes tour of working U.S. government buildings led by a former Congressman. This exciting insider tour through the U.S. Capitol building, includes rooms not normally open to the public. Home to the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, the facilities are highly symbolic to the development and history of the United States as a nation. Your family will learn from a Washington insider how the branches of government work together and hear first-hand accounts of their time in the House.

In the early afternoon, enjoy a private tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, see millions of dollars being printed as you walk along the gallery overlooking the production floor!

End your day with a tour exploring the city by night. One of the most magical ways to see the DC National Monuments, your expert guide will show you everything from the National Mall to the sculptures along the Tidal Basin. Witness the glory of monuments such as FDR, Lincoln, MLK Jr., and Jefferson lit up against a starry backdrop. Hear about the development of the city from an urban planning perspective and how the various museums, memorials, and institutions reflect the national identity of the United States. If time allows, check out the Kennedy Center and the East Front of the Capitol Building to bring your visit full circle.

Overnight at The Jefferson

DAY 5: ASTRONAUTS AND PRESIDENTS

Begin your day with an amazing experience that your family will never forget - a private tour of the National Air & Space Museum led by a retired U.S. Astronaut! Some of the highlights include the Apollo moon gallery, featuring an Apollo capsule, lunar spacesuits, moon rocks and the lunar rover. He will talk to you about the evolution of man's exploration of space and his own life as an astronaut. To commemorate your experience, you'll receive a signed copy of his autobiography.

In the mid-afternoon, your captain will meet you at the dock located in Georgetown and take you on a private cruise to George Washington's Mount Vernon. Upon arrival to Mount Vernon, you will enjoy a private after-hours tour! Mount Vernon was the plantation house of George Washington, the first President of the United States. Your guide will lead you on an exploration of the mansion and provide an overview of the grounds and gardens. At the conclusion of your tour, a driver will

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take you back to your hotel along a scenic route that will allow you to see the monuments illuminated against the night sky one last time.

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DAY 6: WILLIAMSBURG ARRIVAL

Upon checking out of your hotel, once again, make your way south. This time, you'll visit Colonial Williamsburg's, an 18th-century city that was the capital of Virginia, the largest and most prosperous of the American colonies. Check into the Williamsburg Inn for a two-night stay and experience modern luxury at a property that stays true to its notable Regency style.

Overnight at Williamsburg Inn

DAY 7: WILLIAMSBURG, JAMESTOWN AND YORKTOWN

Today, enjoy a full day (8-hour) excursion to Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown that highlights the history of the area. Begin in historic Jamestown, the birthplace of the United States, where the first English colonial settlement was established.

After participating in an active archaeological dig, continue to the Jamestown Settlement to experience living history where costumed characters reenact daily life and share historical facts in an engaging interpretive interaction.

Continue to Williamsburg where you will stroll through the streets on a private historical walking tour that includes some special access to buildings and sites not normally open to the public! Encounter townspeople on their own soil as they live through a time of change and uncertainty. Buzzing with political discussion and dispute, the city comes alive. Finally, you will visit Yorktown, the site of the last battle of the Revolutionary War. View the battlefield where Americans won their independence.

Overnight at Williamsburg Inn

DAY 8: DEPARTURE

This morning, check out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

ACCOMMODATIONS



THE RITTENHOUSE

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES

Located in exciting Philadelphia, The Rittenhouse boasts beautiful accommodations, impeccable service and is recognized as AAA Five Diamond.



THE JEFFERSON

WASHINGTON, D.C., DC, UNITED STATES

Distinguished and discreet, this luxury boutique hotel exemplifies all that its namesake, Thomas Jefferson, held dear; intricately thought-out design, elegantly appointed guest rooms and sophisticated specialty suites.



WILLIAMSBURG INN

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES

The Inn features a selection of unique rooms in an unforgettable setting, just steps from the Revolutionary City in the colonial town of Williamsburg, Virginia.

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