

The Big Apple, Niagara and Washington, D.C.

Trip Map




 Start Location

 End Location

 Over night

 Visited Location

 Cruise

 Ferry

 Plane

 Train

Day 1 | Arrive Washington, D.C.



Welcome to Washington, America's capital city and the seat of political power. Fast paced, politically charged and culturally revered, 'DC' is the place you've seen a thousand times on screens small and large. Boasting arguably America's finest collection of museums, a vibrant Waterfront area and memorials to many of the nation's greats, you've certainly chosen an iconic spot to kick off your adventure. After settling in to your hotel you'll meet up with your Travel Director this afternoon, then why not pay a visit to bustling Georgetown for a wander 'round the shops and restaurants.

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Washington, DC/U.S. Capitol

Day 2 | Washington DC Sightseeing and Free Time



Today is all about unearthing the political and cultural highlights of this high-flying city. You'll kick things off with a sightseeing tour that will feel more like a walk through a real-life movie set, see icons including the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the jewel in America's political crown, the White House. Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture and houses over 36,000 fascinating artifacts. And if that whets your appetite for history, maybe also choose to visit the Air and Space Museum. With the rest of the day to explore as you please, the question is really where to start? Perhaps take a walk around the Tidal Basin Loop Trail or choose experiences like visiting George Washington's sprawling Mount Vernon Estate. This evening we then have another Optional Experience, Washington Illumination Tour, where you'll see DC's most famous monuments lit up in their nighttime glory.

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Washington, DC/U.S. Capitol

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

George Washington Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens - Once a vibrant plantation in the 18th century, the estate is now one of the nation's most visited historic sites. Combining an authentically interpreted 18th century home, lush gardens and grounds, intriguing museum galleries, immersive programs, and first-rate dining and shopping, Mount Vernon is an incomparable national treasure. Self-guided tour of the museum, Washington's tomb, gardens, slave memorials and servant's homes.

Adult: 32.00 USD

Washington Illumination Tour - You'll be wowed by this illuminated overview of the nation's capital city at night! See the Capitol, the White House and the Jefferson Memorial. Visit the Kennedy

Center for a rooftop walk and end the evening at the Iwo Jima Marine Corps Memorial. (Stops are subject to weather and local restrictions.)

Adult: 50.00 USD

Day 3 | Washington, D.C. – Lancaster



Today you'll travel back in time as we reach Pennsylvania Dutch farm country, home to America's oldest and largest settlement of Amish people. Spot farmers working the fields with their horses and manual tools and traditional horse and buggies passing you by as you take in the beautiful rural surroundings. We'll then meet up with a Local Specialist who will share all about the 'plain' lifestyle of the Amish community, who live without cars, televisions, mobile phones or modern-day appliances. This evening why not choose to dine at a local restaurant serving traditional Amish fare?

Hotel: Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Amish Farm Tour and Dinner - Get ready for a fun buggy ride and a family-style Amish dinner in Pennsylvania Dutch farm country, America's oldest and largest settlement of Amish people. Your scenic buggy ride will take you past Amish farms where farmers use manual tools and traditional horse and buggies. You'll meet up with a Local Guide who'll share the lifestyle of the Amish community over a tour of a certified organic Amish dairy farm. See the draft horses and mules before sitting down to a hearty Amish dinner including chicken and mashed potatoes at Plain & Fancy Farm.

Adult: 89.00 USD

Day 4 | Lancaster – Niagara Falls, Canada



Travelling northwest today, you'll journey along the surging Susquehanna River as you cross the western region of New York State. Passing through the Appalachian Mountains and no doubt in utter awe of the scenery around you, bear in mind that this mountain range is one of the oldest on earth, formed around 480 million years ago and spanning the border between the USA and Canada.

Hotel: Days Inn Niagara Falls Fallsview

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Skylon Tower Restaurant - Choose to indulge in a culinary experience at the Summit Suite Buffet Dining Room of Skylon Tower, where casual dining meets distinctive flavours amidst the breathtaking backdrop of Niagara Falls. Nestled 775 feet above the Falls, this buffet-style restaurant promises an unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in a cosy ambiance adorned with rich wood panelling and elegant accents, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. With a renowned double-sided buffet showcasing a variety of delectable regional dishes, every palate is sure to be pleased. And as an added perk, enjoy complimentary admission to the Ride-to-the-Top and the Indoor/Outdoor observatory, making your dining experience truly spectacular.

Adult: 88.00 CAD

Day 5 | Niagara Falls Sightseeing and Free Time



This morning you're off to visit a natural phenomenon, Niagara Falls! The biggest falls in North America, an incredible 750,000 gallons of water thunder into the gorge below every second. We'll be getting you up close on a cruise to Horseshoe Falls, allowing you to see both the Canadian and American sides. Remember that raincoat? Now's the time to use it.

Hotel: Days Inn Niagara Falls Fallsview

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Niagara Falls Helicopter Flightseeing - Enjoy an exhilarating and scenic helicopter flight and experience the views of the awe-inspiring Niagara Region as you gently lift off over the Whirlpool Rapids and Rainbow Bridge. See the green grass and floral beauty of Queen Victoria Park stretch below you as the helicopter passes by the American Falls and Skylon Tower. Follow the curve of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls and see rainbows magically appear and disappear. This is a ride you do not want to miss! Operates daily, weather permitting.

Adult: 180.00 CAD

* Please Note: this optional experience is weather permitting.

Niagara Parks Generating Station - Discover the power behind the Falls at the Canadian Niagara Power Company generating station. Explore immersive exhibits, restored artifacts and interactive storytelling from the past century giving you a first-hand look at how this hydropower pioneer harnessed the power of water to generate electricity for 100 years. Through this entertaining and educational experience highlighting both the remarkable history and unique architectural features, you'll understand how the wonder of this hydropower pioneer is coming back to life.

Adult: 33.00 CAD

Niagara-on-the-Lake Excursion with Wine Tasting - Explore the scenic grounds with a senior wine consultant including the observation deck, vineyard, production area and more. Finish your experience with a seated tasting in the Grand Tasting Hall. Seated tasting includes sparkling wine, white, red and the famous Peachwine.

Adult: 40.00 CAD

Day 6 | Niagara Falls – New York City



Bidding a fond farewell to Niagara Falls this morning, you'll journey back across the border through leafy and picturesque upstate New York. Passing by the fun to pronounce Poconos Mountains, which literally mean 'creek between two hills', you'll venture towards the fast and fabulous metropolis of NYC. Arriving late afternoon and no doubt itching to explore, why not spend your first night here getting acquainted with the city's foodie scene? From gourmet food trucks to Michelin Star restaurants, the city that never sleeps ensures you'll never go hungry.

Hotel: Holiday Inn New York City - Times Square

Day 7 | New York City Sightseeing and Free Time



We hope you woke up hungry to explore New York city. You'll be heading to an NYC institution, Junior's Restaurant, for an Iconic Breakfast. Fuel up on classic eggs and bacon, pancakes, or French toast, paired with fresh roasted coffee. Then head out with our Local Specialist to discover New York through their eyes with the secrets behind some of Manhattan's most iconic sites including Broadway, leafy Greenwich Village, fast-paced Wall Street and the sobering 9/11 Memorial. You'll end your tour with insider stories to share with friends back home. This afternoon, it's all about discovering New York, your way. Head over to trendy Brooklyn, catch a show on Broadway, or take your own bite out of the Big Apple with our tantalizing list of Choice Experiences. With choices like the Summit One Vanderbilt or a tasty tour of the city's food carts, you're sure to create your perfect afternoon.

Meals: Iconic Breakfast

Hotel: Holiday Inn New York City - Times Square

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Summit One Vanderbilt - Regular Season - Newly constructed in Midtown Manhattan, Summit One has four levels of multi-sensory space that represent art and design. With amazing views of the NYC skyline, guests will walk through a five-part story-driven immersive art experience that includes reflective glass, optical illusions and art installations meant to challenge your perspective. Outside, there is also a wrap-around viewing deck that allows for spectacular views and photos. *Note that peak times change throughout the year.

Adult: 50.00 USD

Midtown Food Cart Tour - Taste your way through the streets of Midtown and across the globe as we discuss the daily operations of the city's vending industry, how they play an essential role in feeding their communities, and how they have organized and advocated for themselves. Tastings at 5 different street vendors, rotating daily but may include falafel, fresh grilled lamb, kati rolls, Belgian waffles, Greek souvlaki, chicken tikka masala, birria tacos and more. Dietary needs available upon request. 5% of all ticket sales goes to benefit the non-profit Street Vendor Project, which provides

legal representation, advocacy, and grassroots organizing support to vendors across the city.

Adult: 63.00 USD

New York City Landmarks Cruise - Embark on a thrilling 90-minute journey through New York City's iconic landmarks aboard our modern Bronx-class boats. Cruise down the majestic Hudson River, passing by Hudson Yards and Little Island, with stunning views of One World Trade Center and Ellis Island. Get up close to the Statue of Liberty and enjoy breathtaking vistas of lower Manhattan. Glide under the Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Williamsburg bridges, then sail up the East River before returning to Pier 83 in midtown Manhattan. Our knowledgeable tour guides will narrate the city's fascinating story as you relax in comfort. You can indulge in food and drinks from our concessions areas all while soaking in the sights of NYC. Experience the essence of the Big Apple in less time than a matinee!

Adult: 44.00 USD

Day 8 | Depart New York City



With fond memories of spectacular waterfalls and political icons still fresh in your mind, your trip will come to an end this morning. Why not head out for one final cream cheese bagel and stroll around Central Park before heading to the airport, or if you're not ready to say goodbye just yet, why not extend your stay at the Holiday Inn New York City - Times Square for a few more days. In a city as varied and wonderful as New York, you're never short of new things to discover.