

Springtime in D.C.

April 16-20, 2015



Washington, D.C. is easily recognizable as our United States' capital city, a monument to our history and our country's second most visited city.

Conceived in 1791 by George Washington and architect Pierre L'Enfant, this landmark city offers sophistication in rich history, politics, innovative restaurants and unique culture.




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Itinerary

Thursday

Join your fellow Traveling Aggies for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in a private room at the **Willard Intercontinental**. Following reception, board a private motor coach and be joined by a charismatic local guide who will lead the Traveling Aggies on a twilight tour of several famous National Monuments and Federal Buildings illuminated at night. Enjoy several stops, including the **World War II Memorial**, honoring the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., and over 400,000 who died, including 900 members of the Fighting Texas Aggie Family.



Friday

Today you will enjoy exclusive, private access on "The Hill", with the assistance of Congressman Bill Flores '76 and his staff! View areas of the **U.S. Capitol Building** and the **Library of Congress** that few visitors have the opportunity to experience. Lunch will be provided in a special area of the Capitol. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Saturday

This morning visit **President Lincoln's Cottage**, a particular favorite tour of the Traveling Aggies. This little known **Cottage**, on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home, known today as the Armed Forces Retirement Home, is the most significant historic site directly associated with Lincoln's presidency aside from the White House. During your private tour, you will experience Lincoln's destiny and inspiration. This evening, enjoy an exclusive candle-lit evening of George Washington's Mansion with a private, after-hours tour at Mount Vernon. Journey through the restored house as it would have looked back in 1799 including the rarely seen third floor. A private dinner will follow at a popular restaurant.



Sunday

On this day of leisure, take the opportunity to experience some of the many world-renowned museums and sites Washington D.C. has to offer such as the Newseum, International Spy Museum, or the Holocaust Museum. Gather on your final evening at a popular restaurant in Washington D.C. to enjoy cocktails and farewell dinner with your fellow Aggies to share stories of your day.

Monday

This morning, enjoy a private tour of the **Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the U.S. Department of State**. Unbeknownst to many visiting our nation's capital, these rooms have some of the greatest mirrors of America's remarkable cultural accomplishments in fine and decorative arts of the 18th and 19th centuries. Here, visiting dignitaries, heads of state, foreign ministers, as well as other distinguished guests have been entertained officially for over 100 years.



Accommodations

Located one block from the White House, **The Willard Hotel** is internationally known as one of the best Washington D.C. hotels. The Willard's unique blend of contemporary luxury, historic charm, and sustainable hospitality subtly reflects the spirit of the city. A landmark on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington D.C., the Willard is truly America's hotel.

Room Categories

Your exclusive trip package includes deluxe room accommodations. *Upgraded accommodations are available at an additional cost.*

Deluxe Rooms (most standard room type, vary in size) feature a king-sized bed or two double beds, refrigerated mini bar, bathrooms with telephone & built-in hairdryer, wired & wireless high-speed Internet at a charge, dual-line telephone & voicemail, in-room safes, bathrobe & slippers, flat screen TV Pay-Per-View, individual climate control, iron & ironing board.

Willard Rooms (approx. 500 sq ft) feature a king-sized bed or two double beds, seating area lounge chair, writing desk and lounge chair, marble bath, and all other amenities listed for the Deluxe room.

Additional cost for upgrade: \$230 per person, double occupancy for 4 nights.

Package Includes

- Four-nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- Welcome cocktail reception and private evening tour on Thursday evening
- Private tour on Capitol Hill with lunch on Friday
- Private guided tour of President Lincoln's Cottage on Saturday
- Private evening tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon with dinner on Saturday
- Farewell cocktail party and dinner on Sunday
- Private tour of the Diplomatic Reception rooms of the U.S. Department of State on Monday
- Baggage handling for one bag per person at hotel
- Transportation, taxes and gratuities on included package features
- Trip managed and accompanied by a professional from Beyond Group Travel, Inc.

Trip highlights are subject to change based on scheduling and current world events.

This is a moderate to active program requiring participants to be able to ascend stairs as well as walk during tours. Good mobility is required to best enjoy the experience of our nation's capital.



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Land-Only Pricing:

\$2,299 per person – double occupancy
\$2,999 per person – single occupancy
\$2,099 per person – triple occupancy*
\$1,459 per child (Ages 2-12) **

*Based on three adults sharing one room.

**Sharing room with two adults. Mature children, age 10 and above, are recommended for this trip.

An **optional air package** is available from Houston, Texas. Other cities are available upon advance request.

Minimum of 10 passengers are required per departure city.

Round-trip transfers from airport to hotel are included for those who purchase the air package.



Howdy, Ags!

We are thrilled to once again offer the Washington D.C. program during the beautiful cherry blossom season! Planned especially for the Traveling Aggies, the trip's itinerary includes visits to iconic landmarks and time to explore world-class museums that preserve our nation's history. We will also take a behind-the-scenes tour of the home of one of our founding fathers, George Washington.

Join us to experience The District like an insider, with exclusive access generously provided by Aggies who live and work there, including Congressman Bill Flores '76 and his staff. This view of our nation's capital is not to be missed!

Contact us at (800) 633-7514 or (979) 845-7514, for questions or to complete your reservation.

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac
Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs
The Association of Former Students

People Are Talking

"A trip co-hosted by the Traveling Aggies and Beyond Group Travel scores a home run! **Springtime in Washington D.C. was amazing.** The Aggie Network worked overtime in providing our group access to behind the scenes opportunities that individual travel could not possibly accomplish."

Andy '70 and Elaine Restivo

"The trip to Washington D.C. **exceeded our expectations.** Every detail and arrangement was expertly planned and executed by Beyond Group Travel."

Bob '66 and Darlene Mosty

"**Traveling with fellow Aggies is a unique experience.** Others marvel at the way Ags all act like they have been lifetime friends."

Vic '56 and Deonne Moseley



An invoice will be mailed for your final payment, which is due Jan. 16, 2015. Trip highlights are subject to change, and based upon hotel and attraction availability.

Air Packages are available from Houston, Texas. Minimum of 10 passengers are required per departure city. Other cities available upon advance request.

Cancellation Dates:	
If cancellation is received between these dates:	The non-refundable amount per person is:
9/12/14 & 10/31/14	\$100
11/1/14 & 1/15/15	\$750
1/16/15 & 4/16/15	NO REFUND

To confirm your reservation for Springtime in Washington, D.C., April 16-20, 2015, please mail this form and your deposit of \$_____ (\$750 per person) to: The Association of Former Students, Attn: Traveling Aggies, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840. Make checks payable to Beyond Group Travel, Inc. or enter VISA or MasterCard information below. For more information and reservations, call (979) 845-7514 or (800) 633-7514. Fax (979) 845-9263

Legal Name (as it appears on your driver's license)

(1) _____ Date of Birth _____
Title First Middle Last Class Year

(1) Food Allergies or Intolerances: _____

(2) _____ Date of Birth _____
Title First Middle Last Class Year

(2) Food Allergies or Intolerances: _____

Name Tag/s to read as: _____

Circle One Double Occupancy or Single Occupancy or Triple Occupancy Roommate: _____

Please upgrade my/ our reservation to the Willard Guest Room (+\$460 per room): Yes No

Room Type Preference: King Bed Two Double Beds (all rooms are non-smoking)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daily Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____ Email 2: _____

Please arrange my/our round-trip air Yes No Departure City: _____

I will arrange my/our own round-trip air. Yes No

Emergency Contact Information:

(1) Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone #: _____
Please enter for Traveler (1) above.

(2) Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone #: _____
Please enter for Traveler (2) above.

Payment Information if using VISA or Mastercard



Name: _____ Card Number: _____
(as it appears on credit card)

Billing Address: _____

Card Exp. Date: _____ Credit Card Sec. Code: _____
(if different than above)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(for acceptance of Terms and Conditions & Credit Card charge)

*Additional rates apply should you decide to extend your stay outside the original trip dates.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please read the following information and conditions carefully.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare, and/or add-on air fare from connecting cities, meals, sightseeing, additional theater tickets, and transportation not mentioned under included features, personal and baggage insurance, checked baggage fees, and any items of a personal nature.

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: This package is based on a Group Air Fare. After tickets are issued, penalties of up to 100% may be levied if your reservations are changed or canceled. If connecting flights are requested, special promotional fares may be used, in which case penalties of as much as 100% may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled after ticketing. After departure, if the reservations are changed, you will be charged a revision fee and/or a higher fare. **VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR UNUSED HOTEL ROOMS, MEALS, SIGHTSEEING TRIPS, AND OTHER SERVICES NOT USED ONCE THE TOUR HAS BEGUN.**

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