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# **WASHINGTON D.C.**

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS TOUR!** 

with Women of the Midwest!

April 10-15, 2023







Dear Women of the Midwest.

Join me on an exceptional journey to Washington, D.C. This fun-filled and intriguing tour will take place at the best time of the year; April 10-15, 2022, the perfect time to cherish the exceptional cherry blossoms.

George Washington dubbed it "The Federal City," Thomas Jefferson envisioned it as "America's Paris," and JFK described it, jokingly, as "a city of Southern efficiency and Northern charm." However you regard Washington, D.C., it fulfills its reputation as an imperial city with an amazing vibrant energy.

You will love the Capitol, White House, National Mall, Smithsonian museums, Botanical Garden, and the memorials. But the city's exciting food and theatre scenes also beckon, along with dozens of privately owned museums showcasing everything from art to espionage, and dynamic neighborhoods like U Street, 14th Street, Logan Circle, Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, and Columbia Heights.

We will seek our own secret places, and as an extra bonus, we will spend our five nights at the luxurious Gaylord National

Resort. From the 19-story glass atrium overlooking the Potomac River to the full-service spa, distinct restaurants, and only a short walk from the Capital Wheel, you will experience it all. Oh, and if you are in the shopping mood, Tanger Outlets is just around the corner. You may also jump on a ferry, cross the river, and find yourself in Oldtown Alexandria, VA, in less than twenty minutes. What's not to love?!

If you have already been to Washington, consider a revisit! There is always something new and exciting going on. Come, join me, solo or two-by-two, enjoy with girlfriends, or make new friends - even share a room with a new friend - we will introduce you ahead of time!



Sally Dunham, Women of the Midwest Ambassador











April 10, 2023 - Monday

Traveling to Washington D.C.

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to Washington D.C. Upon arrival, we meet our local tour guide and transfer to spend the next five nights at the spectacular Gaylord National Resort where an amazing 19-story glass atrium welcomes us to the hotel, offering sweeping views of the Potomac River, Washington, D.C., and Old Town Alexandria. The premier waterfront destination property features 1,996 luxurious rooms. more than 150 diverse shops and boutiques, and over 40 dining options. You will love it at first sight! Dinner is served and the evening is yours to unwind, relax, and maybe take your first stroll along the river. D

#### **April 11, 2023 – Tuesday**

Arlington – D.C. City Tour – White House Visitor's Center After a filling breakfast, our private motorcoach and tour guide will take us to Arlington National Cemetery, America's shrine to



Ferris Wheel

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. We will also make a stop at the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima statue) located just outside the cemetery. The base of the memorial is engraved with every major battle involving the U.S. Marine Corps since 1775. We continue with a D.C. city tour with a stop at The White House Visitor's Center to learn about our executive mansion and the presidential families that lived here. Last but certainly not least, we will enjoy a spring stroll along the National Mall's Tidal Basin. The long, grassy National Mall is home to iconic monuments including the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument and also known for its blossoming cherry trees. Make sure to stop to admire four impressive Memorials: Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., and National WWII.

In the late afternoon we return to our wonderful hotel for an evening at leisure. B

## April 12, 2023 – Wednesday

Smithsonian – Cherry Blossoms Cruise – D.C. Illumination Tour Breakfast at our own pace and then it's time to get dressed in cherry blossom pink attire. We board our private motorcoach and drive the short distance to the center of D.C. Free time to visit your choice of the world-famous Smithsonian Institutes such as the Air & Space, Natural History, American History or Gallery of Art. Visit the National Portrait Gallery, whose collections focus on images of famous Americans. Don't forget to swing by the gift shop; you may find some of your favorite souvenirs here. Lunch at leisure before we board our river cruise boat for our festive Cherry Blossoms Cruise on the Potomac River. We will enjoy a signature pink drink, narration, the on-board live band, and a delicious dinner. After our cruise, we continue on a breathtaking D.C. Twilight Illumination









tour of the famous monuments including those dedicated to Lincoln and Jefferson. We return to our hotel for a good night's rest.  $\bf B \mid D$ 

### April 13, 2023 - Thursday

Ford's Theater - Annapolis - Naval Academy

Breakfast is served before we board our motorcoach and head out to visit Ford's Theater which opened in 1863. The active theater is restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln on April 14, 1865. We will then visit the new Center for Education and Leadership with exhibits about President Lincoln. Our journey today takes us east, to Annapolis, Maryland's capital city on the Chesapeake Bay. Featuring a historic district including 18th-century brick houses and domed Maryland State House, you will really enjoy this city. We will have a bit of leisure time to shop and grab lunch on our own in the historic Annapolis Harbor. In the afternoon, we will embark on an Annapolis city tour which highlights the US Naval Academy with its sprawling waterfront gardens, beaux arts architecture, monuments and a naval history museum. We are back at our hotel for an evening at your own pace. **B** 

#### **April 14, 2023 – Friday**

Capitol Hill - Mt. Vernon

After a delicious breakfast, an interesting day awaits! We arrive at Capitol Hill to visit the Capitol Visitor's Center which highlights the US lawmaking process. A visit to the US Library of Congress and a view of the exterior of the Supreme Court building is also included, prior to heading 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. We will tour the house

and gardens and visit the grave site of our first president. You will fall in love with the history and architectural uniqueness of Old Town which has prospered for over two hundred sixty years. We will pay homage to the city's colonial roots, admire a town of stately mansions, charming row-houses, and tree-lined streets. It's easy to see what makes this former port town so charming. Tonight's farewell dinner is served at a local restaurant in Old Town Alexandria. **B | D** 

#### **April 15, 2023 – Saturday**

Traveling Home

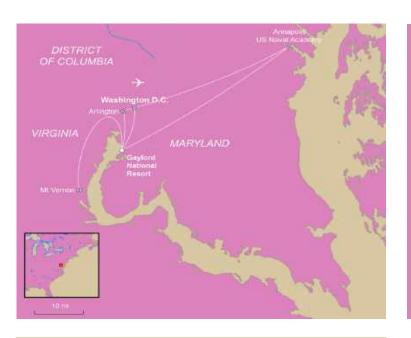
After a relaxing breakfast, it is time to leave our hotel and head to the airport for our flight back home. Our memories of the beautiful Cherry Blossoms journey will enrich our home-going as we return home to share our adventures. **B** 

Itinerary subject to change!

B = Breakfast D = Dinner



Gaylord National Resort - Lobby Shops



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#### SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

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#### Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$3,895
Per person in a single room: \$4,395
Per person in a shared triple room: \$3,845\*

\*Triple rooms consists of two king beds.

Remember our "Pair & Share" service for solo travelers.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Balance is due on January 10, 2023, and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash, check, or credit card (no processing fees).

#### **Travel Insurance:**

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 travelers and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should we, for any reason, not be able to guarantee this departure, we will offer a refund of all funds paid to Executive Travel for land, air and travel insurance 90 days prior to departure.

#### Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk 3 miles or more over the course of a day typically on pavements.

This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

#### **Group airfare:**

Round-trip group airfare, economy class (including taxes and fees) Omaha-Washington D.C.-Omaha (non-stop not guaranteed), is included in your package price. Please see page 5.

We are more than happy to assist with airfare from a different hometown, please ask us. A small supplement may occur.

#### **Accommodation:**

Gaylord National Resort.

Final accommodation will be announced 90 days prior to departure.

#### Included:

- 5 nights at a Gaylord National Resort, National Harbor, or similar
- 5 x breakfast
- 3 x dinner
- All transportation as per tour program with private motorcoach
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Professional local tour guide during all excursions in and around D.C.
- Baggage handling at hotel (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, April 10-15, 2023
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of October 17, 2022

#### Not Included:

- Travel insurance, please ask us
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to sites other than mentioned
- Gratuities to local tour guides and drivers (estimate a total of \$8-10 per day)
- Professional fee, \$50 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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#### AIRFARE DETAILS!

Group airfare with American Airlines is included in your package:

April 10, 2023	Omaha* - La Guardia	7:55 AM - 12:02 PM
April 10, 2023	La Guardia - Washington (DCA)	2:00 PM - 3:22 PM
April 15, 2023	Washington (DCA) - Charlotte	6:00 PM - 7:35 PM
April 15, 2023	Charlotte - Omaha*	8:15 PM - 9:46 PM

<sup>\*</sup>We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Reach out to get your quote.

If you travel from a different airport than Omaha, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Washington on April 10, and return from Washington on April 15, around the same time as the rest of the group. Individual transfers may be necessary. We will take care of this for you without any additional cost.

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Executive Travel/Women of the Midwest cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).

Premium seating upgrades are usually not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (AAdvantage® program), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to a different class of service. Contact us if you have any questions and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

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