

America the Beautiful

Including Washington DC & Norfolk, VA

April 4 - 16, 2018

(13 days - 12 nights)



Wed, Apr 4

Texarkana, AR

With everyone aboard we will be ready to begin our journey to our nation's capitol with many other attractions en route. It will be a day to get acquainted with

fellow passengers as we travel across the Lone Star State to Texarkana where we overnight.

Thu, Apr 5

Nashville, TN

This morning we route across Arkansas, a diverse state of mountains, delta and prairie. Stopping for a morning rest break in the capital city of Little Rock, we continue across "The Natural State". After crossing the Mighty Mississippi River we will enter the beautiful state of Tennessee and make our way eastward to Nashville, the "Country Music Capital" and our overnight destination.

Fri, Apr 6

Wytheville, VA

As we travel eastward across "The Volunteer State" we will lose one hour upon entering the Eastern Time Zone and lunch will be in Knoxville as we skirt the Great Smoky Mountains. While enjoying the beautiful scenery this afternoon, we enter Virginia, one of the 13 original colonies where we will stay tonight in Wytheville, VA located between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains.

Sat, Apr 7

Washington, DC

Near Charlottesville, VA we tour Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, where you will no doubt be amazed to learn of his many inventions. Jefferson began designing Monticello at age 26 after inheriting land from his father. Arrive in the District of Columbia this afternoon for our 3-night stay in our nation's capitol just blocks away from the National Mall.

Highlights Include:

- Washington DC during cherry blossom season
- Smithsonian Museums
- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- White House (exterior viewing)
- Monticello
- Mount Vernon
- Illumination tour of Monuments
- The Museum of the Bible
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Norfolk Naval Air Station
- Nauticus – science center and museum
- Battleship Wisconsin
- Douglas MacArthur's Memorial Museum
- Wright Brother's Kitty Hawk
- Bodie Lighthouse
- NASCAR Hall of Fame

Sun, Apr 8

Washington, DC

With a local guide aboard our motorcoach, we begin our sightseeing of Washington, DC during cheery blossom season. Our capitol is a compact city of only 68 square miles on the Potomac River, bordering the states of Maryland and Virginia. Our tour will include the neoclassical monuments of Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, World War II Memorial, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials and more if time permits.

Mon, Apr 9

Washington, DC

This morning we tour the 430,000-square-foot Museum of the Bible (to open Nov 2017) where you

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will experience an immersive and personalized experience as you explore the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible. This afternoon provides you the opportunity to visit the Smithsonian Museums. This evening you will see a different perspective of Washington DC as by motorcoach we view the monuments illuminated at night.

Tue, Apr 10 **Norfolk, VA**
Begin the day with a tram ride thru Arlington Cemetery with stops at the Kennedy graves and the viewing of the "Changing of the Guards" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Just a short scenic drive through Alexandria brings us to Mount Vernon. Overlooking the Potomac River, we tour the estate was the home and burial sites for George and Martha Washington. Afterwards, we travel on to Norfolk, VA our home on banks of the Elizabeth River for the next 3 nights.

Wed, Apr 11 **Norfolk, VA**
Our day begins with a tour of the world's largest naval station conducted by naval personnel. The installation occupies about 4 miles of waterfront space and 11 miles of pier and wharf space. After lunch you will have the opportunity to tour the Nauticus, a maritime-themed science center and USS Wisconsin followed by a visit to the Douglas MacArthur Memorial.

Thu, Apr 12 **Norfolk, VA**
Making the short drive into North Carolina, we head for the Outer Banks, a broken strand of barrier islands within shouting distance of the mainland. Visit the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kitty Hawk, where in 1903 the brothers skimmed over the sands of the Outer Banks for 12 seconds, but changed the world forever.

Fri, Apr 13 **Gastonia, NC**
Moving away from the ocean, this morning we travel westward across North Carolina with our route taking us thru Durham and onward to Charlotte, NC. Start your engines as we tour NASCAR Hall of Fame, an interactive attraction honoring the history and heritage of NASCAR.

Sat, Apr 14 **Tuscaloosa, AL**
Today we continue our westward route stopping in Atlanta, GA at Mary Mac's Tea Room for an included lunch. This 1945-era institution draws locals and tourists for Southern comfort food in a homey space. We gain an hour as we cross over in to

Alabama where we stay for the night.

Sun, Apr 15 **Bossier City, LA**
Today we route across Mississippi, stopping in Vicksburg, MS for lunch and a visit to the Lower Mississippi River Museum. We continue on into Louisiana where we overnight in Bossier City.

Mon, Apr 16 **Return home**
As we are getting closer to home we will be reminded of all the spectacular great places we have seen, and great friends we have made.

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

Price Includes:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene, Big Spring, Midland and San Angelo**
- 12 nights accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 6 continental breakfasts, 6 breakfasts & 10 lunches or dinners
- Gratuity for motorcoach driver and local guides
- Services of a tour escort

Cost per person:

	<u>Ins.</u>
\$2985 (2 people per room)	\$239
\$3970 (1 person per room)	\$316

\$50 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due February 15, 2018

Travel Protection Insurance is optional and available at a cost of \$239-316 per person. A complete outline of coverage is available upon request. All insurance payments must be received with or before final payment of tour. We strongly urge you to purchase this insurance to protect yourself in the event of a **medically related cancellation. All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. within 72 hours of the problem causing the need to cancel. All claims must be completed by attending physician.**

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