



NATIONAL TREASURE TOUR



October 1 - 7, 2012

- ★ **DAY 1 - Monday, October 1st** ☞ We depart from Geneseo this morning and travel through Illinois, Indiana and into Ohio. Overnight will be in Strongsville, OH. **Dinner** at hotel after check in. (D)
- ★ **DAY 2 - Tuesday, October 2nd** ☞ **Breakfast** at hotel before check-out. Travel to our nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. Upon arrival in Washington, we head to Arlington National Cemetery where we take a guided tour aboard the **Arlington National Cemetery Tourmobile**. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Audie Murphy, prizefighter Joe Louis, and thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war. Arlington House, home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee, Space Shuttle Challenger astronaut's Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknowns are also located on these famous 612 acres. **Dinner** will be included this evening followed by a **riding tour** past the **illuminated memorials**. Stops will be made at the **Lincoln, Jefferson, and Roosevelt Memorials**. Late evening check-in at our area hotel. (B,D)
- ★ **DAY 3 - Wednesday, October 3rd** ☞ Begin with **breakfast** at the hotel before starting a full day of touring. Our first stop will be at the **Washington National Cathedral**. In a city of impressive monuments, memorials, and historic sites, the National Cathedral is unique. Standing higher than the Washington Monument, it is the sixth largest church in the world. This 14th-Century style Gothic wonder is situated on 57 acres and took 83 years to build. Helen Keller and Woodrow Wilson are interred here. As we drive down **Embassy Row**, you will have a chance to view many of the district's foreign embassies. A short stop will be made at the **White House Visitor's Center**. Housed in a spacious, ground-floor hall of the Commerce Building, the center features an information booth, displays and a souvenir sales area. Lunch is on your own today at **Union Station**. Restored to its original grandeur in the 1980's, Union Station features a large food court, a movie theater, shops and kiosks. After lunch we're off to visit the **Holocaust Museum**. The Museum provides a powerful lesson in the fragility of freedom, the myth of progress, and the need for vigilance in preserving democratic values. With unique power and authenticity, the Museum teaches millions of people each year about the dangers of unchecked hatred and the need to prevent genocide. What better way to see D.C. at night than by boat. This evening we will enjoy a **dinner cruise** along the Potomac aboard The Spirit of Washington. (B,D)
- ★ **DAY 4 - Thursday, October 4th** ☞ **Breakfast** is once again included before we head out for more D.C. touring. Today you are in for a special treat as we have reservations to tour **The Pentagon**. The tour lasts for approximately 60 minutes and follows a route that is approximately one and one half miles in length. Each tour includes the mission of the Department of Defense and each of its branches of service, and visits numerous displays that highlight and depict significant moments in military history. Lunch (on your own) today will be at Pentagon City Mall. Our afternoon will be spent exploring the **Smithsonian Institute**, the world's largest museum and research complex, with 19 museums, 9 research centers and more than 140 affiliate museums around the world. We finish our touring today with stops at the **WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials**. The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people. The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. was dedicated in 1995 to 1.5 million American men and women who served in the Korean War. The expansive memorial includes a group of 19 statues that depict soldiers on patrol facing an American flag. A granite wall has a mural of the faces of 2,400 unnamed soldiers with a reading that states "Freedom is not free." A Pool of Remembrance honors all soldiers who were killed, wounded or missing in action. The Vietnam Memorial is a privately funded memorial which has drawn millions who come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings, and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos. Before heading back to our hotel, we will stop for **dinner at Buca di Beppo**. (B,D)

★ **DAY 5 - Friday, October 5th** ☞ It's time to say good-bye to Washington this morning after **breakfast**. Before departing Maryland, we will stop in Annapolis to take a walking tour of the **United States Naval Academy**. The Naval Academy was founded in 1845 by the Secretary of the Navy, George Bancroft. The Naval Academy gives young men and women the up-to-date academic and professional training needed to be effective naval and marine officers in their assignments after graduation. After our tour we travel to Gettysburg, PA where we have lunch reservations at **Dobbin House Tavern**. Four Score and Seven years before the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, (1776) Reverend Alexander Dobbin built a house to begin a new life in America for himself and his family. Today his home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a colonial restaurant where candlelit elegance, superior food in abundance, and gracious service bring back the sights, sounds, and tastes of two centuries ago. The friendly hospitality of the Dobbin House extends to the Springhouse Tavern, Gettystown Bed and Breakfast, Country Curiosity Store, Abigail Adams Ballroom, in-house bakery, and secret "underground railroad" slave hideout. No stop to Gettysburg would be complete without visiting the historic **Gettysburg Battlefield**. Your visit here will include a stop at the Museum and Visitor Center with its 22,000 square-foot museum gallery of interactive programs, multi-media presentations, and exhibits featuring relics from one of the largest museum collections in America. The center also hosts the film, "A New Birth of Freedom," narrated by award winning actor Morgan Freeman and the restored Gettysburg Cyclorama, which depicts the final fury of Gettysburg - "Pickett's Charge." One final stop will be made today in Shanksville, PA at the **Flight 93 Crash Site Memorial**. On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, the U.S. came under attack when four commercial airliners were hijacked and used to strike targets on the ground. Nearly 3,000 people tragically lost their lives. Because of the actions of the 40 passengers and crew aboard one of the planes, Flight 93, the attack on the nation's capital was thwarted. The National Park Service is in the process of making a permanent memorial to honor the men and women who lost their lives. It's sure to be an unforgettable visit. Our overnight will be in the Pittsburgh area. (B,L)

★ **DAY 6 - Saturday, October 6th** ☞ After **breakfast** we are on our way once again. Our travel day takes us back through Ohio and into Indiana. Before reaching Indianapolis, our last overnight stop, we will take time to visit the **Garst Museum** in Greenville, OH. The museum offers visitors information on Lowell Thomas, the Treaty of Greene Ville, General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, Lohmann Telescopes, Zachary Lansdowne, the history of Darke County, and of course Annie Oakley. In addition, the museum houses artifacts from Forts St. Clair, Jefferson, Greene Ville and Recovery; an extensive collection of uniforms from each American war; an extensive collection of letters, paintings and awards honoring Lowell Thomas and the largest known collection of memorabilia admiring Annie Oakley. See guns, clothing, poster, pictures, and much, much, more from Annie's shows and Broadway productions. Crossroads of Destiny, a new permanent exhibit is a chronological walking tour that includes 28 displays. Each display has authentic artifacts that relate a story that begins with prehistoric Native Americans and climaxes as America's Crossroads of Destiny in 1795 with the signing of the Treaty of Greene Ville that included 12 Indian nations and the United States. Upon arrival in Indianapolis we will stop for **dinner** before checking into our are hotel. (B,D)

★ **DAY 7 - Sunday, October 7th** ☞ Our last tour day begins after **breakfast** as we stop at the world famous **Indianapolis Motor Speedway**. This 90 minute grounds tour will include a visit to the timing-and-scoring suite in the Pagoda, the Media Center, Victory Podium, Gasoline Alley garage area and the world-famous "Yard of Bricks" at the start/finish line. You will also tour the Hall of Fame Museum and enjoy a ride around the famed 2.5-mile IMS oval in one of the Museum's comfortable tour buses, culminating with a stop at the ""Yard of Bricks." We bid farewell to Indianapolis after lunch and make our way back homeward. We arrive back home in the early evening. (B)

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