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Cherry Blossom Festival 2022

Perfectly Pink Perspectives

April 6th - 10th, 2022

Day One - April 6th, 2022 - Arrive in Washington, D.C.

- Arrive in **Washington, D.C.** and meet your MARS-arranged motorcoach.
- Check-in to your hotel, relax, and then enjoy **dinner included** at the hotel. (Meals: D)

Day Two - April 7th, 2022 - Monuments & Memorials Tour and Pink Reception

- Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning.
- Meet in lobby and embark on a **Monument and Memorials Guided Tour**.
- Visit the **White House Visitor's Center**, stop for a **photo opportunity of the White House**, and stop at the **NEW National World War I Memorial**.
- Enjoy **lunch included** at restaurant home to some of the locals' favorite smoked fish in the city with a waterfront view.
- Depart on a **Pink Stroll** and photo opportunity among the Japanese Cherry Trees (blossoms pending nature's timing and cannot be guaranteed) along the Tidal Basin. These trees are the 1912 gift to the city of Washington of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to enhance the growing friendship between the United States and Japan and celebrate the continued close relationship between our two peoples.
- Continue on your tour, stop at **The Jefferson Memorial, The Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, and The Eisenhower Memorial**.
- Arrive at the **Gaylord National Harbor Resort & Convention Center** for a **Welcome Pink Reception** with a **Signature Pink Drink** and **hors d'oeuvres** in **Pose**, the **Rooftop Lounge** high above the city, overlooking the Potomac River, with floor to ceiling glass walls and outdoor patio. Here, you'll receive your **2022 Keepsake Cherry Blossom Pin**, and be greeted by **Miss Cherry Blossom** and entertained by **Miss Sherry Cherry**, classically dressed in pink and handing out chocolate covered cherries as well as **Floyd the Fancy Flamingo**, dressed in pink and always good for a hilarious joke, and roaming live musical guests - even the First Lady Helen Taft, who planted the first Cherry Trees on the Tidal Basin with the Ambassador of Japan, will be in attendance!
- Enjoy **free time** this evening and **dinner on own** while exploring the many amenities of the National Harbor. Return to the hotel at your leisure this evening. (Meals: B, L, Cock-tail Reception)



Day Three - April 8th, 2022 - Arlington National Cemetery & Monument Driving Tour

- Enjoy **breakfast included** prior to meeting your **GUIDE** in the hotel lobby and departing.
- Visit the **Arlington National Cemetery**, no land in American is more sacred than this square mile. It is America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Robert F. Kennedy, Edward Moore (Ted) Kennedy, Audie Murphy, prizefighter Joe Louis, and thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war.
- Stop at the **Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Park**. The memorial honors the 184 victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks at The Pentagon.
- Enjoy **lunch on own** at either the **National Portrait Gallery Café** or surrounding restaurants in **Penn Quarter**.
- Tour the **National Portrait Gallery**, this museum features a unique collection of portraits of famous Americans from the worlds of politics, sports, litera-





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ture and stage and screen. The Gallery includes the **Hall of Presidents**, which has several official portraits of United States Presidents.

- Experience **FUTURE's Exhibit** at the **Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building**. The Arts and Industries Building (AIB) is the Smithsonian's second oldest building and a national hub for creative exchange between ideas and objects from our past and our future. AIB opened in 1881 as the country's first U.S. National Museum, an architectural icon in the heart of the National Mall. Now, for the first time in 140 years, they are reimagining the building in its entirety to renew its original purpose: to be an incubator for thinking about, and even solving, some of the biggest challenges we face today. To celebrate the Smithsonian's 175th Anniversary in 2021, they are reopening AIB for the first time in two decades with a groundbreaking new experience that looks forward.
- Depart for **Artechouse** an innovative art space dedicated to showcasing experiential and technology driven works by artists who are forerunners of the new age in the arts and technology.
- Enjoy **dinner included** at a restaurant serving American Cuisine with a French twist.
- Depart on an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour**. Drive by the **Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**, the **Air Force Memorial**, the **Washington Monument**, the **National World War II Memorial**, & other memorials and monuments as time permits.
- Walk through **The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** for a spectacular view of the city from the terrace, and see the famous bronze bust of John F Kennedy in the grand foyer.
- Return to the hotel for the evening. **(Meals: B, D)**

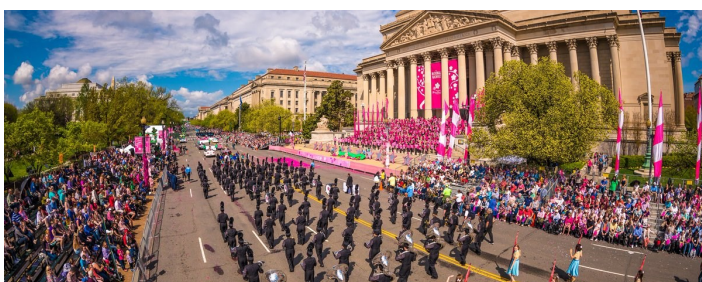


Day Four - April 9th, 2022 - Cherry Blossom Parade, Mount Vernon, & Warf Exploring

- Enjoy **breakfast included** at hotel this morning prior to departing for the **Annual Cherry Blossom Parade**.
- View the **Cherry Blossom Parade** from our **Premium-Preferred Grandstand Seating**. As the Preferred Provider of tours for the National Cherry Blossom Festival Mid-Atlantic Receptive Services is granted Premium Grandstand parade seating for your group that cannot be acquired elsewhere!
- After the Parade, meet your **GUIDE** and depart for **Mount Vernon**, the estate of George Washington. Enjoy **lunch on own** at the Food Court.
- Visit the **Ford Orientation Center & Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center** at Mount Vernon. The center contains sculptures, paintings, portraits, models, photos, films, documents, and diverse artifacts, with succinct descriptions and pithy quotations describing the life, times, and accomplishments of our nation's first president. With 25 state-of-the-art galleries the museum displays many objects shown at Mount Vernon for the first time.
- Visit **George Washington's Grist Mill**. George Washington's merchant gristmill was capable of producing 5,000 to 8,000 pounds of flour and cornmeal a day.
- Depart for the **DC Wharf** - the most popular restaurant destination. Enjoy **dinner on own** at one of the restaurants or bars, including new concepts from award-winning and Michelin-starred chefs, fast-casual favorites, and even a distillery. Return to your hotel this evening at your leisure. **(Meals: B)**

Day Five - April 10th, 2022 - Farewell Brunch Cruise, Smithsonian Museums, & Depart

- Enjoy a leisurely **breakfast** prior to checking out.
- Depart & board your **Ship** for a **Farewell Brunch Cherry Blossom Cruise**. Enjoy a welcome **Signature Pink Drink**, a **narrative cruise** of the sites along the river, dancing to our **live band**, and a **delicious meal!** Get Your Bloom On! ... and WEAR PINK today to help make our cruise especially festive.
- Dock, depart, & visit **Planet Word**, a museum using activities that make words and language exciting with delightful programming and playful, interactive exhibits. Depart and visit your choice of **Smithsonian Institution's museums** on the National Mall. Choices include: the **National Museum of American History**, the **National Air & Space Museum**, the **National Museum of Natural History**, the **National Museum of the American Indian**, the **National Gallery of Art**, the **Freer & Sackler Galleries**, the **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden**, and/or the **National Museum of African Art**.
- Depart for home. **(Meals: B, Brunch Cruise)**



Inclusions:

Round-trip ground transportation upon arrival, 4 nights' accommodation, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners, 2 pink drinks, 1 brunch cruise, admissions, and guide service as stated in the itinerary, plus all applicable taxes and gratuity; except gratuity for guide/s and driver is NOT included.

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