

The 250th celebration in Washington, D.C. is a powerful tribute to American history, featuring visits to iconic landmarks like Arlington National Cemetery, the U.S. Capitol, the Library of Congress, and multiple national memorials. Highlights include a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence, a festive 4th of July parade, and breathtaking fireworks.

- 1 // Fairview Heights, IL Daydream about D.C.—where the monuments are majestic, the history is epic, and the fireworks as we begin our adventure!
- 2 // Lexington, KY We start with a homerun visit at the Louisville Slugger Museum & **Factory**, where you can tour the production line. After soaking up some baseball history, heading a short drive east to Shelbyville for dinner at the charming Claudia Sanders Dinner House is a great idea—this classic Southern-style restaurant
- 3// Lexington, VA Our first stop is Tamarack Marketplace, West Virginia's premier arts and crafts center, showcasing the finest Appalachian culture and craftsmanship. We will have lunch on your own. Next, we explore the Greenbrier Bunker—a fascinating glimpse into Cold War history. This massive underground facility was secretly built to serve as a relocation site for Congress in case of a nuclear attack.
- 4 // Washington, DC Arrive at Mount Vernon, the most visited historic home in America and the beloved estate of George Washington. Overlooking the Potomac River, this Southern



plantation served as both his home and final resting place. Next, enjoy a walking tour of Old Town Alexandria, a charming and historic district rich in American heritage along the riverfront. The day concludes with dinner at once a vibrant center of political, social, and cultural life in early America.

5// Washington, DC This morning, we begin with a visit to Arlington National Cemetery to honor the tremendous sacrifice of our fallen soldiers. A guided tram tour will take you through the rolling hills lined with white headstones. Next, we head to Capitol Hill to see the iconic United States Capitol, one of the most recognized symbols of democratic government in the world. From there, we visit the stunning United States Library of Congress. The afternoon features monument tours, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Eisenhower Memorial. We'll end the day with a relaxing **dinner**.

6 // Washington, DC What a way to celebrate the 4th of July! The day begins at the National Archives with a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence by historical reenactors portraying Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Abigail Adams, John Hancock, John Dunlap, and Ned Hector. Then, we head to the lively 4th of July Parade, filled with marching bands, fife and drum corps, colorful floats, military units, giant balloons, equestrian teams, and more. The evening takes us to Top of the Town for an exclusive Independence Day celebration. With sweeping views of DC's iconic monuments

**June 29 - July 9, 2026** 

**Departs:** Wichita, OKC, Tulsa

## **Included Meals:**

- 10 Breakfasts
- 2 Lunches
- 5 Dinners

**Activity Level** 

\$3589 Triple

\$3799 Double \$3439 Quad **\$4629 Single** Pricing is Per Person

\$300 Non-Refundable Deposit Per Person

Optional Travel Protection Available Final Payment Due 90 days before departure **Cancellation Policy C** 

\*4th of July fireworks are a weather dependent activity.



through floor-to-ceiling windows and from the outdoor deck. We'll enjoy dinner in airconditioned comfort while taking in the best \* fireworks view in the city!

7 // Washington, DC We begin the day with a guided tour of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Korean War Veterans Memorial—each honoring the service and sacrifice of America's heroes. Next, we visit the National Archives, where the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights are displayed together in the grand rotunda, offering a rare and powerful alimpse into the foundation of our nation. We then head to the National Mall for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, a lively celebration of global cultural traditions, first established in 1967 and produced by the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. Afterward, enjoy time to explore your choice of the Smithsonian museums. This evening, we'll have dinner where guests are welcomed by servers in traditional German Dirndl attire, creating an authentic and warm atmosphere. Following dinner, embark on an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour**—where Washington's memorials and monuments, already impressive by day, come to life with a breathtaking glow, shimmering reflections, and dramatic lighting that make the city truly shine after dark.



8 //Pittsburgh, PA We begin our final day in Washington D.C. with a visit to The People's House: A White House Experience, an engaging museum that shares the story of the Executive Mansion, its residents, and the



dedicated individuals who support its daily operations. Next, enjoy a photo opportunity at the iconic White House itself. We then visit the National World War I Memorial, a powerful tribute honoring the service and sacrifice of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Great War. For **lunch**, we head to a vibrant, mile-long waterfront destination that has redefined D.C.'s riverfront with its mix of restaurants, shops, residences, and scenic views along the Potomac River.

9 // Columbus, OH Lunch will be at Der **Dutchman**, a beloved restaurant in Bellville. OH, known for its hearty Amish-style comfort food and warm hospitality. Afterward, we visit Buckeve Brass and Winds, a respected music store and service center specializing in brass and woodwind instruments. Along the way,

enjoy a scenic covered bridge tour showcasing the charm and craftsmanship of Ohio's historic countryside.

10 // Arnold, MO Our journey continues as we drive from Ohio to Missouri, passing through the heart of the Midwest. The scenic route offers glimpses of rolling farmland, small-town charm, and stretches of open highway. Along the way, we'll enjoy rest stops and take in the changing landscapes before arriving in the Show-Me State, ready for the next leg of our adventure.

11 // Home We're almost home as we make our way through the wide-open plains of Kansas and into Oklahoma. Each mile brings us closer. filled with the peaceful rhythm of the open road.

