

***Featuring: The Flying Proms –
A Symphony in the Sky***
Including: Two days in the Nation's Capital
May 6 – 13, 2012
7 Nights – 8 Days

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In England, "The Flying Proms" is a beloved tradition that showcases the beauty of vintage aircraft flying man maneuvers accompanied by live music performed by a symphony orchestra.

New in the Americas

Join us on Saturday evening, May 12, 2012 on the grounds of the Military Aviation Museum near the beach and attend the second annual performance of a Symphonic Airshow Spectacular. It will be an experience never to be forgotten and mixes the music that we all enjoy and cherish to the flights of vintage airplanes not seen overhead anymore.



Day One, Sunday, May 6, 2012

Afternoon Visit the **Smithsonian Institution's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center National Air and Space Museum**. The Udvar-Hazy Center provides space for the objects that tell the history of aviation

and space flight. Over 335 air and spacecraft will be on display. The displays will included the Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR-71 Blackbird, Dash 80 prototype of the Boeing 707, the B-17 Flying Fortress, an F-4 Phantom fighter, the B-29 **Superfortress “Enola Gay”**, and the de Havilland Chipmunk. Many artifacts will be on display for the first time. Visitors are able to walk among the exhibits and view them from elevated “skyways”. There is an Observation Tower where visitors can watch air traffic at Dulles International Airport. On site there are restaurants, a large theatre, gift shops and more.

Evening

- **Check in** to our **local hotel (Staybridge Suites or similar)**. **Baggage** handling included.

Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Dinner begins with a Chopped Salad. Entrée choices are: (1) *Lasagna Bolognese*; (2) *Chicken Under The Brick*, mushroom marsala sauce, served with garlic mashed potatoes and roasted vegetables; (3) *Tuscan Grilled Pork Chops*, served with mashed potatoes and roasted vegetables. Chef’s choice of dessert. All meals include coffee, tea, soda, or lemonade.
Meals: D.

Day Two, Monday, May 7, 2012

Morning

Enjoy **breakfast** this morning at the hotel.

- Meet our **GUIDE** at the **Visitor Center of 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. The Cemetery is the former plantation and home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Arlington House, Space Shuttle Challenger Astronauts’ Memorial, and Monuments to nearly every major sacrifice that affected our country are located within these 612 acres. The Tomb of the Unknowns speaks of a nation’s debt to the many whose ultimate sacrifice helped make a nation free. Arlington averages 27 funerals a day. The crews, service members, and groundskeepers follow an elaborate choreography to ensure that each funeral feels like it is the only one taking place. **Tourmobile tickets are included for your visit.**
- Stop at the **Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**. One of the largest bronze statues ever cast depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all Marines who have died in battle since 1775. The views of Washington from this memorial are spectacular.

Midday

Enjoy **lunch on your own** today at the **Reagan Building/International Trade Center Food Court**– just named “DC’s Best” food court by *Frommer’s*. The food court has many dining options, 1,000 seats and an ultra-clean setting. Washington’s newest conference and event facility has over 55,000 square feet of architecturally majestic space, and features an amphitheater, an 11,500 square foot exhibit hall, reception areas and meeting rooms.

- After lunch stop for a **photo opportunity of the White House**.
- **Visit U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center**. Located off Pennsylvania Ave., the towering masts, waving flags, tiered waterfalls and Lone Sailor statue overlook the world’s seas in this striking memorial honoring the U.S. sea services. Military concerts spring-summer. Inside: nautical interactive videos and the Ship’s Store.
- Stop at the **National World War II Memorial**. This *newest memorial* honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions 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 to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world.
- Stop at **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. This privately funded memorial has drawn millions who have come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos.

- Stop at **The Lincoln Memorial**, overlooking the Reflecting Pool, was patterned on a classic Greek temple. Inside, inscriptions from his Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address flank the 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President.
- Stop at **The Korean War Veterans Memorial**. The triangular field contains nineteen ground troopers, clad in foul weather ponchos, fully equipped for battle. Representing those who supported the ground troops are hundreds of faces etched on a polished granite wall.
- Stop at the **NEW Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial**. The King National Memorial celebrates the powerful words of Dr. King and their ongoing ability to lead us toward a better world for everyone. Visit this historic monument and feel inspired to turn dreams into actions. The long awaited memorial utilizes landscape elements to powerfully convey three fundamental and recurring themes of Dr. King's life: justice, democracy and hope. *A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus... Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Evening

Enjoy **dinner** this evening at a **local restaurant**. Dinner begins with the *Best Small Salad in Town*. Mixed Greens with Fresh Chopped Veggies, Tomatoes, Croutons and Original Tomato Ranch Dressing. Served with Cornbread. Entrée choices are: **(1) Margarita Chicken**, 2 Grilled Boneless Breasts Marinated in Citrus and Southwest Spices. Served with Red Rice & Gravy, and Fresh Vegetables; **(2) Ultra Famous BBQ Ribs**, Pork Back Ribs House-smoked and Mopped with Mahogany BBQ Sauce. Served with Coleslaw, Cool Beans, and Cornbread; or **(3) BBQ Glazed Pork Chops** – Two center cut pork chops glazed with BBQ sauce, grilled and served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables. Chef's choice of *dessert*. Soda, Lemonade, or Iced Tea included.

- After dinner continue with an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour**.
- Stop at the **Air Force Memorial** built on a hillside overlooking the **Pentagon**. The memorial is bold and graceful and truly representational of the Air Force. Central to the design are three stainless steel spires which soar skyward. The highest of the spires ascends 270' above the 3-acre elevated promontory site. Other key elements of the Memorial include a bronze Honor Guard, inscription walls, and an open glass Chamber of Contemplation, all landscaped to create a park.
 - You can see the **Pentagon** from the Air Force Memorial. The Pentagon is the world's largest office building. With over 17 miles of hallways and a telephone system that rivals many of the world's smaller cities, the pentagon is an engineering masterpiece and headquarters of the United States Department of Defense. On September 11, 2001 the Pentagon was a target by terrorist in an attack against The United States.
- Drive by the **Lincoln Memorial**
- Drive by the **U.S. Capitol Building**
- Drive by **The White House**
- Drive by the **Washington Monument**
- Drive by other monuments and memorials as timer permits
- **Drop Guide and return to the hotel for the evening.**

Meals: B, D

Day Three, Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Morning

Enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel this morning prior to checking out. **Baggage handling is included.**

- Meet **GUIDE** at the **Capitol Visitor Center on Capitol Hill**.
- The **Capitol Visitor Center** welcomes visitors to the seat of American government. At nearly 580,000 square feet, the CVC is the largest project in the Capitol's 215-year history and is approximately three quarters the size of the Capitol itself. The entire facility is located underground on the east side of the Capitol so as not to detract from the appearance of the Capitol. Features include an exhibition gallery highlighting the House & Senate while in-session, orientation theaters, a 550-seat cafeteria, gift shops, and restrooms all within a secure public environment that will provide visitors shelter from the unpredictable D.C. weather.

- **Tour The United States Capitol.** The most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world, the U.S. Capitol has housed Congress since 1800 and is one of the most imposing public buildings in the world. The Capitol is where Congress meets to write the laws of our nation, and where presidents are inaugurated. Its ceilings are decorated with historic images, and its halls are lined with statuary and paintings representing great events and people in the nation’s history.
- Visit the **United States Library of Congress.** *Explore. Discover. Be Inspired!*
 - Established as an act of Congress in 1800, The Library of Congress is the largest national library in the world with more than 100 million items in three buildings. The original Library of Congress Building (now called the Thomas Jefferson Building) is perhaps Washington’s most richly ornamented building.
- Tour the **outside only of the Supreme Court Building.** Within the walls of this white marble monument the third branch of government exercises its mandate to protect and interpret the spirit of the Constitution.

Midday **Enjoy lunch on own at the Capitol Visitor’s Center.**

- **Drop Guide** and depart.

Afternoon Visit the **National Museum of the Marine Corps** at Quantico. Experience what it means to be a marine! Enter a recruiting station. Step aboard the bus taking you to boot camp. Stand astride the famed “yellow footprints” and hear the roar of your first dreaded drill instructor issuing commands! See American history through the eyes of a marine. Learn how diversified American youngsters are transformed into self-disciplined, courageous, cohesive comrades-in-arms forever woven into the historic fabric of the Marine Corps. You will leave with an understanding of the Marine Corps motto *Always Faithful* “Semper Fidelis”.

Evening **Check in** to our **local Williamsburg area hotel (Holiday Inn Express or similar).** **Baggage** handling included.

- **Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant.** *Dinner includes a choice of Shrimp Alfredo in a creamy parmesan sauce; Chicken Piccata with breasts of chicken sautéed in garlic with white wine, finished with lemon and capers; or Lasagna Alforno. All entrees are served with a house salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee and tea.*
- **Additional evening activities** can be added such as a **candle light walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg** (walking tours with a focus on the American Revolution, Ghost stories, and Historical investigations are available), **Fife and Drum Performance, Early American Medical Practices Program,** and **Colonial Williamsburg Evening programs.**

Meals: B, D

Day Four, Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Morning Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** at our hotel this morning.

- Tour **Colonial Williamsburg** including the **Capitol** and the **Governor’s Palace.** The Capitol is where Virginia patriots developed principles of self-government, individual liberty and responsible leadership. The Governor’s Palace reflects the period of Lord Dunmore’s residence, the last English governor of the Virginia colony. After the colonists chose revolution, two commonwealth governors lived here. Virginia’s restored 18th Century Capitol showcases a variety of restored and reconstructed homes and public buildings, museums, craft shops, taverns and special entertainment in its 173-acre historic area.

Midday Enjoy **lunch on your own** in Colonial Williamsburg. **Merchants Square** is the shopping hub of downtown Colonial Williamsburg. Located at the head of Duke of Gloucester Street, the gateway to Colonial Williamsburg, Merchants Square includes many fine stores and restaurants. After lunch, spend **free time** on your own visiting your choice of other buildings and museums included with your ticket.

Afternoon Take a **GUIDED** tour of **Yorktown Victory Center.** Recapture the drama of the American Revolution. Powerful new galleries tell the story of everyday people who lived during the war.

Costumed interpreters demonstrate 18th century military and domestic life on a re-created 1780's farm site and in a re-created Continental Army encampment.

- Evening
- Arrive at the hotel to rest and freshen up for the evening.
- Experience an evening of “**Dinnertainment**” at the historic **Boxwood Inn in Newport News**. ***Liberty Call, Liberty Call***: A tribute to the dramatic years of the 1940's and the women and men who won the war. With the men in uniform and the women in period dress, the program is a warm, friendly trip down memory lane to a time when the country was united as never before. Songs include: "Rum and Coca-Cola", "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree", "The White Cliffs of Dover", and "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B". It is an hour of toe-tapping reminiscence, perfect for Military Reunions.
- Meals: CB, D

Day Five, Thursday, May 10, 2012

Morning Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** at our hotel this morning prior to checking out. **Baggage handling is included.**

- Arrive for a **GUIDED** tour of **Jamestown Settlement**. Jamestown Settlement commemorates the first permanent English settlement in the New World. It features full-size replicas of the three ships* that arrived in 1607, as nearly reconstructed as possible to show the size and hardships the hardy settlers had to face. The reconstructed Jamestown Fort is unique and seems to come to life with the costumed interpreters present to perform 17th century activities, and interact with the crowds. Don't miss the Indian village and wonderful museum exhibits.

DID YOU KNOW! There were panthers in Virginia when the English arrived. The only domestic animal in North America was the dog. There were no fences. Trees were huge, the forest floors were bare; the Native Americans frequently burned off the underbrush; you could walk and ride for miles through the forests without obstacles. There were no earthworms in the Americas (the English brought them in their plants and ship ballast). There were no black rats (they came on foreign ships and wreaked havoc on the Native American food stores). The diseases of malaria, measles, and smallpox were unknown in the Americas. European honeybees escaped and swarmed from their hives to pollinate everything in sight allowing for large orchards (the local bees were more selective). The first known Thanksgiving was celebrated in Virginia in 1619. Pocahontas is a Native American teasing nickname that means “little hellion”; her real name was Matoaka. Native Americans had lived along the *James River* in Virginia for over 15,000 years before the English arrived. It is estimated that Virginia's 1607 Native American population was 25,000 people (less than most of Virginia's smaller cities today).

Midday Tour **The Mariners' Museum**. The Mariners' Museum houses America's most extensive international maritime collection. The essence of seafaring is captured in maps, ship models, an award-winning film and exciting videos.

- The Mariners' Museum was honored as the custodian of the artifacts and archives of the *USS Monitor*. The pioneering gun turret, which allowed the Monitor to fire in any direction, regardless of its heading, became the defining feature of modern warships for 75 years.
- Enjoy **lunch on own** at the museum café

Afternoon **Visit the Virginia Air & Space Museum**. Located in Hampton, Virginia, the birthplace of America's space program, the Virginia Air & Space Center features interactive aviation exhibits spanning 100 years of flight, more than 30 historic aircraft, a hands-on space gallery, unique space flight artifacts, and more! Your imagination will soar as you launch a rocket, pilot a space shuttle, program Mars rovers for a mission, become an air traffic controller, fly an airplane, and climb aboard a WWII bomber! Come face to face with the Apollo 12 Command Module that went to the moon, a Mars meteorite, a three-billion-year-old moon rock, a DC-9 passenger jet, a replica 1903 Wright Flyer, and more!

Evening **Check in to our local hotel (limited service Virginia Beach Oceanfront hotel). Baggage** handling included. Enjoy free time and **dinner on own** this evening on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk.
Meals: CB or B.

Day Six, Friday, May 11, 2012

Morning Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast or breakfast** at our hotel this morning.

- Tour the **Norfolk Naval Station**. This is homeport to more than 80 ships of the Atlantic Fleet, and the world's largest naval installation. Narrated guided bus tours pass by Atlantic Fleet training centers, aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers, amphibious assault vessels and sleek submarines. A strip of preserved historic homes from the 1907 Jamestown Exposition is included on the 45-minute tour. Tours are year round, and leave from the Naval Station Tour Office and The Waterside.
- Visit the **Norfolk Botanical Gardens by tram**. The 155-acre garden has one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons on the East Coast. Catch sight of the bird sanctuary where over 90 species have been seen frequently. Enjoy your tour of the following gardens: The Colonial Herb Garden, English Border Garden, Four Seasons Garden, Flowering Arboretum, Fragrance Garden, Hofheimer Camellia Garden, Holly Garden, Presidential Garden, Purity Garden, Rhododendron Garden, Sara Lee Baker Perennial Garden, Sunken Garden, and much more!

Midday Enjoy **lunch on your own** today in Downtown Norfolk.

Afternoon Tour the **Douglas MacArthur Memorial**. An "army brat" with no hometown, the controversial war hero designated this navy town as the site for a monument for himself because it was his mother's birthplace. Enjoy the filmed biography of his life.

- Tour the **Nauticus**, an exciting science and technology center exploring the power of the sea. This high-tech, virtual reality "museum" allows visitors to explore the rich life of the ocean realm, human uses of the sea through shipping and the role the port of Hampton Roads has played in world maritime affairs.
- Visit the **Battleship USS Wisconsin**, one of the largest Battleships ever built. This mighty ship was used during the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War.
- Return to the hotel to rest and relax.

Evening **Enjoy a dinner cruise this evening aboard the Spirit of Norfolk.**
Meals: CB or B, D

Day Seven, Saturday, May 12, 2012

Morning Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast or breakfast** at our hotel this morning.

- **Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center** (formerly the Virginia Marine Science Museum). One of the top marine science museums in the country, Virginia's largest aquarium recently tripled in size. Become immersed in Virginia's marine environment through live animal habitats, interactive exhibits and The Fox Family Channel IMAX 3D Theater. Exhibits include a 300,000-gallon ocean aquarium housing sharks and other large fish, a 70,000-gallon sea turtle aquarium, outdoor harbor seal and river otter habitats, a salt marsh preserve and trail system, a decoy carver, sting ray touch tank, the Chesapeake Bay touch tank and aquarium, and "*Reptiles: The Beautiful and the Deadly*".
- Grab a bite **on own** in the **Osprey Café** located in the main museum building. In a cafeteria-style setting, the café offers a variety of sandwiches, hot foods, drinks and desserts.

Afternoon Visit the **Military Aviation Museum**, home to one of the largest private collections of World War II and Korean War era fighters, bombers, trainers, and seaplanes.

Evening **VIP seating** included for the **Flying Proms, Symphony in the Sky!** Borrowing a beloved tradition from our British friends showcasing the beauty of vintage aircraft, the **Virginia Arts Festival** and the **Virginia Aviation Museum** presents an afternoon of soaring symphonic celebration. **See vintage aircraft flying maneuvers accompanied by live music performed by**

the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Enjoy an afternoon full of activities or grab a nosh from one of the many vendors.

- **Gourmet box dinner with wine included** while at the show.
- After the show depart and return to the hotel this evening.

Meals: CB or B, D

Day Nine, Sunday, May 13, 2012

Morning Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast or breakfast** this morning at the hotel prior to checking out. **Baggage handling is included.**

- Depart for home.

Meals: CB or B.

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