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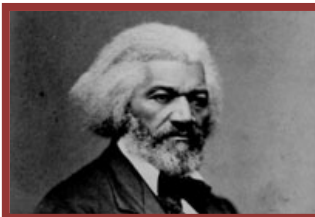
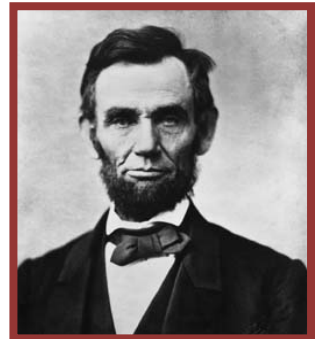
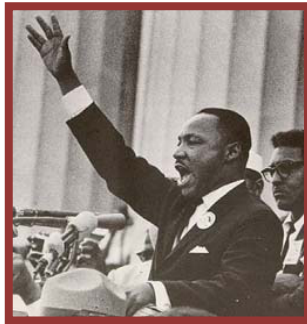


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Journey with MARS through American History

Follow in the steps of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Walt Whitman, and other great Americans whose lives were intertwined with the history of the nation and its capital city.

Discover the places where people have struggled to make American ideals a reality



Explorations Include:

- Stop at the **National Archives**. Stored in bomb-proof vaults are the precious documents and artifacts contributing to America's hard won freedom and struggle for equality.
- **Clara Barton**, angel of the battlefield, outside photo opportunity of 437 Seventh Street. Clara Barton made her Seventh Street home a headquarters for the search for missing soldiers.
- Stop at the site of **Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural ball**, now the National Portrait Gallery and Smithsonian American Art Museum.
- Alley where **John Wilkes Booth made his escape**.
- Stop at **Ford's Theatre**, site of President Lincoln's assassination.
- **Pennsylvania Avenue** site of 1913 suffrage march— the nation's ceremonial main street, the inaugural route, President Lincoln's funeral cortege, and a parade of victorious Union troops have all passed down this avenue.
- **Asbury United Methodist Church**— founded by free and slave men and women in 1836. By the Civil War Asbury United was the largest African American church in Washington DC. Members include decedents of enslaved men and women who attempted to escape to freedom in 1848 aboard the *Pearl*.
- **Old City Hall**, stood witness to the end of slavery in the District of Columbia.
- Stop at the **National Building Museum**. House of the Pension Branch which administered thousands of pensions owed to Civil War veteran's widows and orphans.
- Stop at the **Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum**, the oldest surviving synagogue in Washington DC.
- Stop at **Holy Rosary Catholic Church**, formed by Italian immigrants in 1913— serving the Italian community and still celebrates mass in Italian.
- **Mary Surratt's Boarding House**, 604 H Street NW. Intimately connected to the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.
- Stop at **New York Avenue Presbyterian Church**. Abraham Lincoln regularly attended services here and his hitching post still stands outside.
- **Photo opportunity** of the outside of the **U.S. Treasury Building**, the financial command center of the Union.
- Stop at the **Willard Hotel** where Julia Ward Howe, a hotel guest during the Civil War, was awakened at night to the sound of Union troops marching by, singing as they went, penned the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Ulysses S. Grant frequently enjoyed brandy and cigars in the lobby. Men congregated here to approach him about their causes. Grant called them "lobbiest". The label still exists today. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. completed his "I Have A Dream" speech in the hotel.
- **Freedom Plaza** – Honoring Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **On Leung Merchants Association** and **Chinatown**; the largest single span Chinese arch in the world. The Washington DC Chinese community dates back to the 1880s.
- **Dinner** included this evening at Carmine's.
Meals: D

Day Two

- Enjoy **breakfast** as our historic Journey continues.
- Visit the **Frederick Douglass National Historic Site – Cedar Hill** – dedicated to preserving the legacy of the most famous 19th century African American.
- **Freedom Park**, which contains a piece of the Berlin Wall, a fallen statue of Stalin, a cast of the jail door from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s cell in Alabama, and more.
- Enjoy **lunch** today at **Ben's Chili Bowl**, with high-arched ceilings, character and plenty of history. Ben's Chili Bowl serves locals and renowned individuals including Bill Cosby, and Barack Obama.
- **Thurgood Marshall Center**, located in the historic **Twelfth Street YMCA** building, the former home of the first full service YMCA for African Americans in the nation.
- **Malcolm X Park**. This beautiful Italian-style terraced park was built between 1912 and 1936 and renamed in the '60's for the famous civil rights activist.

- Stop for a **photo opportunity** of the **outside** of the **Mary McLeod Bethune Council House**. The Bethune Council House was Mary McLeod Bethune's last official Washington, DC residence and the first headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women.
 - Take a **Docent Led Tour** of the **African American Civil War Museum**. The museum helps visitors understand the African American's heroic and largely unknown struggle for freedom. The African American Civil War Museum honors and examines the African American's heroic struggle for freedom and civil rights.
 - Stop at the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library** to see the mural of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - The **African American Civil War Memorial**. At the center of a granite-paved plaza encircled on three sides by the Wall of Honor is the **Spirit of Freedom sculpture**. Unveiled on July 18, 1998, the sculpture stands ten feet tall and features uniformed black soldiers and a sailor poised to leave home. Women, children and elders on the cusp of the concave inner surface seek strength together.
 - Stop at **The Lincoln Memorial**. From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech.
 - Enjoy **dinner** at **B. Smith's in Union Station**. Located in Washington, DC's Historic Union Station, B. Smith's grand Beaux Arts style dining room with its 30-foot ceilings, period chandeliers and turn of the century elegance, is a national landmark and has been called one of the most beautiful dining rooms in America.
- Meals: B, L, D

Day Three

- **Breakfast** included this morning.
- Arrive at the **NEW Capitol Visitor Center on Capitol Hill**.
- The **Capitol Visitor Center** welcomes visitors to the seat of American government.
- **The United States Capitol**. The most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world.
- Enjoy **lunch on your own** today at the **Capitol Visitor Center**.
- Visit the **United States Library of Congress**. Established as an act of Congress is 1800, The Library of Congress is the largest national library in the world.
- Tour 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.
- Stop at the **NEW Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial**. **Scheduled to be completed late summer 2011**. The composition of the memorial utilizes landscape elements to powerfully convey three fundamental and recurring themes of Dr. King's life: justice, democracy and hope. The memorial is envisioned as a quiet and receptive space, yet at the same time, powerful and emotionally evocative, reflecting the spirit of the message Dr. King delivered and the role he played in society. The King Memorial is intended to be personally transformative for visitors, building a sense of commitment to the promise of positive change and active citizenship.
- Visit the **Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History**. The new central atrium with skylights dramatically opening the building. A grand staircase connects the 1st and second floors. Galleries with over 3 million objects including new galleries and exhibitions never displayed before. A special state-of-the-art gallery displaying the original **Star Spangled Banner**.
 - This very popular collection tops the list of must-sees for any visitor with a taste for true Americana. See the flag that inspired the Star Spangled Banner, Dorothy's Ruby Red Slippers, First Ladies' inaugural gowns, quilts, cars, locomotives, and much, much more.
- **Dinner** included in a **restaurant in historic Georgetown** overlooking the Potomac River and the Kennedy Center.
- After dinner walk through The **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a "living memorial" to Kennedy.
 - **Discussion about President Kennedy** and his **contributions to Civil Rights**.

- See the world-famous **bronze bust** of **President John Fitzgerald Kennedy** in the Grand Foyer in the Kennedy Center.

Meals: B, D

Day Four

- **Breakfast** included this morning.
- Visit the **Clara Barton National Historic Site**, Glen Echo. Clara Barton dedicated her life and energies to help others in times of need - both home and abroad, in peacetime as well as during military emergencies.
- Tour the **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**. This somber and moving museum tells the story of the Holocaust through artifacts, films, photographs and oral histories.
- **Surratt House Museum**. Built in 1852, historic Surratt House has served as a tavern, post office, and polling place. During the war it was a safehouse on the Confederate Railroad. On the night of April 14th, John Wilkes Booth's flight here after the assassination of President Lincoln entangled the house and occupants in infamous history.
- Visit the **Samuel Mudd House**, the home of the doctor who examined John Wilkes Booth's broken leg after his leap from the President's box at Ford's Theater.
- **Dinner** included this evening in downtown Washington DC.
- After dinner continue with an **Illuminated Monument Tour**.
 - Stop at the **Air Force Memorial** built on a hillside overlooking the **Pentagon**.
 - You can see the **Pentagon** from the Air Force Memorial. On September 11, 2001 the Pentagon was a target by terrorist in an attack against The United States.
 - Visit the **NEW September 11, 2001 Memorial at the Pentagon**. One hundred eighty four lives were lost in a single moment at the Pentagon – one hundred eighty four individuals forever linked through the horrific events that unfolded that day. Thousands of others lost their lives and suffered injury while millions wept.
 - Stop at the **Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial**. The memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, or rooms, one for each of FDR's terms in office. Water cascades and quiet pools are present throughout.
 - Stop at the **Jefferson Memorial**. The 19-foot statue of the third president stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the *Declaration of Independence* and Jefferson's other famous writings.
 - 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.

Meals: B, D

Day Five

- **Breakfast** included this morning.
- **Check out. Baggage** handling included.
- Visit **Manassas Battlefield**. Two Civil War battles (Bull Run) were fought in Manassas. The first major battle of the Civil War was the Battle of First Manassas. The wealthy elite of nearby Washington, including congressmen and their families, expecting an easy Union victory, had come to picnic and watch the battle. When the Union army was driven back in a running disorder, the roads back to Washington were blocked by panicked civilians attempting to flee in their carriages. Confederate troops did not pursue the retreating Union forces and a long and bloody war had begun.
- Depart for home.

Meals: B

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