

# SummerFest in Washington, DC

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June & July – 2011 & 2012

2 Nights – 3 Days



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## Day One, Friday

- Arrive in **Washington, DC**. 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. Advanced telecommunications services make it the complete electronic meeting place.
- **Stop by and see a performance at the Woodrow Wilson Plaza at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. The performances feature a variety of music including African dance, Celtic folk songs, jazz violin, hip hop, Latin swing and pop rock.**
- Stop for a **photo opportunity of the White House**.
- Drive by **Ford's Theatre** and **Petersen House**. Restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln, Ford's is still an active theater. Reopened in 1968, Ford's Theatre is one of the most visited sites in Washington DC. Cross 10th Street to the Petersen House to see where Lincoln died.
- 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 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. Looking from the memorial across the *Tidal Basin* provides an unforgettable view of the city.
- **Dinner** included.
- **Arrive at the Air Force Memorial to see a performance of the United States Air Force Band. The band performs at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va., as part of its Summer Concert Series. One of six ensembles from within the Band performs throughout the summer months at the Air Force Memorial each Wednesday and Friday with no fee for attendance.**
- **Performance begins.**
- Check in to our **local hotel. Baggage handling is included.**  
Meals: D

## Day Two, Saturday

- Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** this morning at the hotel.
- Meet **GUIDE** at the **Garfield Statue on the Westside of Capitol**.
- 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 exhibition gallery that features 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.
- **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. **Note: Stop for a photo opportunity and narrative tour of the outside only. Unless group has timed entry tickets.**
- Visit the **United States Library of Congress**. *Explore. Discover. Be Inspired!*
- Tour **The Supreme Court Building**.
- **2011 Smithsonian Folk Life Festival featuring Columbia, Peace Corps and Rhythm & Blues.**
- The **Smithsonian Folklife Festival** is an international exposition of living cultural heritage annually produced outdoors on the National Mall of the United States in Washington, D.C., by the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. Each year the Festival typically draws more than one million visitors.  
**While at the National Mall make sure you check out the other sites and attractions:**



- Visit the **National Archives**. The spacious rotunda of the National Archives contains the original *Declaration of Independence*, *Constitution*, and the *Bill of Rights*. For the first time in modern history, *all the pages* of these documents are on display to the public. All the displays have been made accessible for viewing by individuals in wheel chairs and children. At night, the display is lowered 20 feet into a bomb- and fireproof vault.
- **The Newseum**, the only interactive museum of news. Go behind the scenes and try your hand at being a television news anchor or radio sportscaster. Experience the news of today as it happens on a 126-foot long, 10-½ foot-high Video News Wall displaying today's news from around the world. Relive the great new stories of the past, from the spoken stories of ancient times to today's worldwide information explosion. Because the news changes daily, no two visits to the Newseum are ever alike. **Admission fee is additional.**
- **National Air & Space Museum**. Experience the history of flight at one of the world's most visited museum, from the plane flown by the Wright brothers to the Apollo 11 command module. Features an incredible collection of aviation and space technology treasures.

- **Visit the National Museum of Natural History.** The Hope Diamond and dinosaur fossils and the world's largest African bush elephant top the amazing natural treasures on display along with a live insect zoo.
- **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.** This donut-shaped building boasts a collection of 19th and 20th century paintings and sculptures.
- **National Museum of African Art** is the only museum in the United States dedicated exclusively to the collection, exhibition and study of the traditional arts of sub-Saharan Africa.
- Visit the **National Museum of American History.** Be one of the first to view the Museum of American History's complete make-over and renovation! Browse through the new state-of-the-art gallery that offers a spectacular view of the Star Spangled Banner, and view the exhibits that top the list of must-sees for any visitor with a taste for true Americana. See the First Ladies' inaugural gowns, quilts, cars, locomotives and much, much more.
- Experience something of the unique nature and welcoming spirit of **The National Museum of the American Indian.** From the American Southwest, Hawaii, Canada, South and Central America you will feel the spirit of these native people. See items from the great American pyramid builders to the beautiful craftsmanship of North, Central, and South America's indigenous people.
- **National Gallery of Art** houses an outstanding collection of masterpieces that trace the development of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present. The original **West Building** concentrates primarily on European works from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, while its contemporary counterpart, the **East Building**, highlights works of modern artists.
- James McNeil Whistler's "Peacock Room" highlights the **Freer Gallery of Art**, world-renown collection of Asian, 19th and early 20th century American art.
- **Arthur M. Sackler Gallery**, an international collection features masterpieces of Asian and Near Eastern art from the beginning of civilization to the present.
- Visit The **United States Botanic Garden**, a living plant museum. Exhibits interpret the role of plants in supporting earth's diverse and fragile ecosystems and in enriching human life. Established by Congress in 1820, the U.S. Botanic Garden is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America.
- 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. The museum's primary mission is to inform Americans about the Holocaust, to remember those who suffered, and to inspire visitors to contemplate the moral implications of their choices and responsibilities as citizens in an interdependent world.
- **Millennium Stage** at the Kennedy Center – Free performances every day at 6:00pm. **Note: Seating is on a first-come basis and cannot be reserved.**
- Enjoy **dinner on own** this evening.  
Meals: CB

### **Day Three, Sunday**

- Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** this morning at the hotel prior to checking out. **Baggage handling is included.**
- Meet our **GUIDE** at the **Visitor's Center of Arlington National Cemetery.** No land in America 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 Astronaut's 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 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 view from this hillside looking across the *Potomac* into

Washington is spectacular.

- **Stop at the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial Park.** The memorial will honor the 184 victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks at The Pentagon. At the heart of the memorial 184 illuminated benches are arranged according to the victim's ages, from 3 to 71. The benches representing the victims on the plane will face skyward, and the benches representing the victims that were inside the building will face the Pentagon (in both cases, the line of sight follows the flight's path). As part of the landscaping, there will be approximately 80 Paperbark Maple trees planted.
- Arrive at the **National Zoological Park** part of the Smithsonian Institution, the one zoo in the United States owned by all Americans. Its animal population totals nearly 3000 specimens and is housed in 163-acres within picturesque Rock Creek Park. Visit Amazonia, a re-created microcosm of the world's largest rain forest. ***Disclaimer: Buses are allowed to proceed to the Bus Loading/Unloading Area. Buses must leave the zoo as soon as passengers disembark. Buses can return no sooner than 10 minutes before they are scheduled to pick up their passengers.***
  - **Don't miss the pandas!** Mei Xiang and Tian Tian are the National Zoo's second pair of giant pandas. Both were born at the China Research and Conservation Center for the Giant Panda in Wolong, Sichuan Province. They are together for most of the day. Sometimes it can be hard to tell the adult giant pandas apart.
  - **Enjoy lunch on own today.**
  - **OR - Spend additional free time at the National Mall and the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival.**
- Depart for home.  
Meals: CB

**From \$165.00 per person double occupancy**

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**Based on availability and pricing at time of reservations.**

**All proposals are subject to change.**

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and/or currency exchange rate changes(s).**

**Tour includes:** 2 nights accommodations, 2 deluxe continental breakfast, 1 dinner, admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity, **and gratuity is NOT included for Guide and Driver Service.**

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