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Traveling Bulldogs presents

Washington DC Cherry Blossoms

featuring 5 Nights at One Hotel

6 Days April 9 - 14, 2025



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DISCOUNT!**

Save \$100 Per Person
\$200 Per Couple*

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NO CHANGE FEES**

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Dear Mississippi State Alumni and Friends,

Experience our Nation's Capital during the beauty of Cherry Blossoms season in Washington DC on this six-day tour. The Cherry Blossom Festival is a nationally celebrated spring-time event drawing more than 700,000 visitors annually. Unpack once and enjoy five nights at one hotel in the Washington D.C. area.

The program begins with a DC City Tour. Touring includes a visit to Arlington National Cemetery plus the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A stop will be made at The White House Visitor Center to learn about our Executive Mansion and the Presidential families that lived at the White House. We complete our DC City Tour on a "spring stroll" along the National Mall's Tidal Basin to see the Cherry Blossoms.

On Day 3 of the program, visit the National Portrait Gallery featuring portraits of individuals who have made significant contributions to the history and culture of the United States. Then board the Odyssey III ship for a festive Cherry Blossom Lunch Cruise on the Potomac River and enjoy a signature pink drink. The afternoon allows for time to visit your choice of the world-famous Smithsonian Institutes. Later enjoy a DC Twilight Illumination Tour of the famous monuments including those dedicated to Lincoln & Jefferson.

Other highlights during our tour include visits to the US Capitol Visitor Center, the US Library of Congress, Ford's Theatre and a tour of Mt. Vernon, President George Washington's beautiful estate. Also, we'll visit Annapolis, Maryland's capital city on the Chesapeake Bay with time to enjoy the historic Annapolis Harbor before visiting the US Naval Academy. Enjoy Alumni Receptions, a Welcome and Farewell Dinner along with breakfast daily.

Please review the itinerary details and keep in mind that roundtrip airfare is included in the tour price. We hope that you can join us on this incredible trip!

Cheers,

Leanna Smith

Assistant Director of Alumni Partnerships & Business Development
Mississippi State Alumni Association





6 Days **April 9 - 14, 2025**

Highlights

- Arlington National Cemetery
- DC City Tour
- White House Visitor Center
- Smithsonian Institutes
- Library of Congress
- Capitol Visitor Center
- Cherry Blossoms Lunch Cruise
- National Portrait Gallery
- DC Twilight Illumination Tour
- DC Memorial Visits
- Mt. Vernon
- US Naval Academy
- Annapolis, MD
- Ford's Theater
- Center for Education & Leadership

Inclusions

- Roundtrip Airfare - MEM
- 5 Nights First Class Hotels
- 8 Meals: 5-Breakfasts 1-Lunch & 2-Dinners
- Two Beer & Wine Receptions
- Professional Tour Director
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Transfers
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Baggage Handling at Hotels

Accommodations

- 5 Nights - Westin City Center or Doubletree Crystal City, Washington DC area

On some dates an alternative hotel may be used



Tour Rates

Booking Discount*:	\$3795 pp double
Regular Rate:	\$3895 pp double
Single Supplement:	+\$725

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Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: FLY TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Transfer to your hotel for a five night stay in the Washington D.C. area. Washington D.C. is an extraordinary city, one with multiple personalities: a working federal city, an international metropolis, a picturesque tourist destination, an unmatched treasury of our country's history and artifacts, and a cosmopolitan center that retains a neighborly small-town ambiance.

Overnight: **Washington DC area**

DAY 2: ARLINGTON - DC CITY TOUR - WHITE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

After breakfast, visit **Arlington National Cemetery**, America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. Board the tram to see the John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy graves plus the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then, stop at the Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue). This afternoon embark on a **DC City Tour** with a stop at **The White House Visitor Center** to learn about our Executive Mansion and the Presidential families that lived there. View the film *White House: Reflections from Within*. Next depart on a "spring stroll" along the National Mall's Tidal Basin to see the Cherry Blossoms. Make stops at four impressive Memorials: Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, M.L.K. Jr., and National WWII. This evening enjoy a **Beer & Wine Reception** followed by a **Welcome Dinner** with your fellow Alumni travelers.

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Overnight: **Washington DC area**

DAY 3: SMITHSONIAN – CHERRY BLOSSOM CRUISE – DC ILLUMINATION TOUR

Today visit the **National Portrait Gallery**, whose collections focus on images of famous Americans. Midday board the **Odyssey III** ship for your festive **Cherry Blossom Cruise** on the Potomac River. Enjoy a signature pink drink, narration and a delicious lunch. Later enjoy free time to visit your choice of the world-famous **Smithsonian Institution Museums** such as the Air & Space, Natural History, American History or Gallery of Art. Later enjoy a **DC Twilight Illumination Tour** of the famous monuments including those dedicated to Lincoln & Jefferson.

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Overnight: **Washington DC area**

DAY 4: FORD'S THEATRE - ANNAPOLIS - NAVAL ACADEMY

This morning stop to visit **Ford's Theatre**, which opened in 1863. The active theatre is restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln on April 14, 1865. Then visit the **Center for Education & Leadership** with exhibits about President Lincoln. Then travel east to **Annapolis**, Maryland's capital city on the Chesapeake Bay which features a historic district including 18th century brick houses and domed Maryland State House. Enjoy a bit of leisure time to shop and grab lunch on your own in the historic Annapolis Harbor. This afternoon your Annapolis exploration continues as you visit the **US Naval Academy** with its sprawling waterfront grounds, beaux arts architecture, monuments and a naval history museum. Later head back to your Washington DC area hotel for an evening at your own pace.

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Overnight: **Washington DC area**

DAY 5: CAPITOL HILL - MT. VERNON

Today arrive at Capitol Hill to visit the **Capitol Visitor Center** which highlights the US lawmaking process. Then visit the **US Library of Congress** and view the exterior of the Supreme Court Building. Later drive to Alexandria, VA to visit **Mt. Vernon**, President George Washington's beautiful estate overlooking the Potomac River. The "Father of Our Country" called Mt. Vernon home for more than 45 years. Tour the house and gardens and visit the grave site of our first President. Later meet your fellow Alumni travelers for a **Beer & Wine Reception**. Tonight's **Farewell Dinner** is at a popular local restaurant in the Washington DC area.

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Overnight: **Washington DC area**

DAY 6: FLIGHT HOME

Fly home with wonderful memories of Washington D.C.

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Reservation Information

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT

Deposit of \$400 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations.
 Final Payment Due Date is 90 days prior to departure.

***BOOKING DISCOUNT**

Make your Final Payment by check prior to the Final Payment Due Date
 & receive **\$200 per couple/\$100 per person Booking Discount!**

- Initial Deposit can be made by check or credit card to be eligible.
- Payments after Initial Deposit are considered part of Final Payment & must be made by check.

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Simply type <https://res.premierworlddiscovery.com> into your web browser & use the Booking Number (Web Code) from this flyer to make your Deposit online in just a few minutes.
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Reservation Form

Washington DC Cherry Blossoms
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Booking 182812 (Web Code)

Make Checks Payable to:

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Enclosed find a Deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$400 per person) to secure reservations for _____ # of people.

Total Payment \$ _____

RT AIR GATEWAY _____ ROOMMATE'S RT AIR GATEWAY _____

see tour details panel for included group RT air gateway/departure city, additional charges apply for other RT air gateways

To avoid change fees, submit full legal names as they appear on government issued ID used for travel (REAL ID/PASSPORT)

Legal Name _____ DOB (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ Gender M F

Roommate's Legal Name _____ DOB (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ Gender M F

Your Address _____ Check if Roommate's address is the same

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Tel # _____ Mbl # _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact/Tel # _____

Badge Name (s) _____ / _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by credit card) _____

Amount to be charged \$ _____ VISA MasterCard DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ CVV# _____

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Signature Required _____ Today's Date: _____

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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.

AIR NOTE

Air Schedules may not be available until Final Trip Documentation is received. Air seats are assigned by the airline and sometimes not assigned until the day of travel. Air seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of e-tickets and Final Trip Documentation at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments or airline choice is extremely important to your reservation, we recommend you book land only and make your own air reservations. Please make this adjustment to land only/own air at time of tour reservation.

****NO RISK DEPOSIT - NO CHANGE FEES**

Deposits payments for any Bookings made for this tour are fully refundable until 180 days prior to departure, should your plans change inside of 180 days you can use the full value (Future Travel Credit**) of your Deposit on a different program as long as you change plans or let us know prior to the Final Payment Due Date. **FTC's are valid for 12 mos from dep date & non-transferable.

CANCELLATION FEES**

- Cancellations are subject to the following per person fees:
- Cancel more than 180 days prior to departure: Full Refund
- Cancel 179-90 days prior to departure: Deposit is Retained**
- Cancel 89-60 days prior to departure: 25% of total price
- Cancel 59-30 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
- Cancel 29-15 days prior to departure: 75% of total price
- Cancel 14 days or less prior to departure/no shows: No refunds
- **Future Travel Credit issued for Deposit value

TRAVEL PROTECTION

An application for trip cancellation, baggage, and medical insurance will be sent to you by the MSU Alumni Association's travel program once you are registered for the tour. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Contact Leanna Smith at 662-325-7000 or lsmith@alumni.msstate.edu for further information.

