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Cultural African American Studies Tour

Washington DC & Gettysburg

2010 & 2011

3 Nights – 4 Days

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Day One

- Arrive in the **Washington, D.C. metro area**. Stop and enjoy a **buffet breakfast** at **Magills**.
- Depart with our **FULL TIME ESCORT/GUIDE**.
- Visit the **Frederick Douglass National Historic Site – Cedar Hill**, dedicated to preserving the legacy of the most famous 19th century African American. His life was a testament to the courage and persistence that serves as an inspiration to those who struggle in the cause of liberty and justice. Visitors to the site learn about his efforts to abolish slavery and his struggle for rights for all oppressed people. In the visitor center: 17-minute film *Fighter for Freedom* - shown on the hour and half-hour; exhibits; bookstore; restrooms. Self-guided walking tour of the historic grounds (brochures available upon request in the visitor center)
- Enjoy **lunch via a \$10.00 per person cash stipend** at the **Capitol Visitor's Center Cafeteria**.
- 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 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.
- 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. **DID YOU KNOW? The library has more than 650 miles of bookshelves, and more than 138 million objects in 470 different languages.**
- 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 **Lincoln Park**. This historic park celebrates the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia and features the Emancipation Proclamation statue and the Mary McLeod Bethune statue.
- 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.



- Enjoy a **student dinner buffet** at **Harriet's Restaurant**, Washington DC.
- 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 Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial**. The FDR is unique among the memorials of Washington, DC. The memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, or rooms, one for each of FDR's terms in office.
- 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.
- **Check in** to our **hotel (Springhill Suites, Hampton Inn, or similar)**.
- **ESCORT stays** at the hotel with the group throughout the tour.
Meals: B, L, D

Day Two

- Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** at the hotel this morning.
- Depart with our **ESCORT/GUIDE**.
- Visit **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 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 NOT included for your visit.**
- Visit **Ford's Theatre and Petersen House (pending availability)**. Restored as it was the night John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln, Ford's is still an active theater. Visit the lower-level museum exhibiting Lincoln Memorabilia, Booth's diary and one of his boots. Cross 10th Street to the Petersen House to see where Lincoln died.
- Enjoy **lunch** at the **Hard Rock Café –Washington, DC**.
- Take a **docent led tour** of the **African American Civil War Museum**. In January 1999, the Civil War Memorial Museum opened to the public. Using photographs, documents and state of the art audio visual equipment, 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.
- Continue with an **African American Heritage Tour of The Shaw Neighborhood** and its surroundings. The Shaw Neighborhood was named after Robert Gould Shaw who was the white commander of the famed black 54th Massachusetts Regiment.
 - **Drive by 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. Designed by Ed Hamilton of Louisville, Kentucky, this is the first major art piece by a black sculptor to be placed on federal land anywhere in the District of Columbia.
 - **Drive by the Thurgood Marshall Center** is located in the historic **Twelfth Street YMCA** building, the former home of the first full service YMCA for African Americans in the nation. It was designed by one of the nation's first African-American architects, W. Sidney Pittman, son-in-law of Booker T. Washington and was built largely by African-American artisans.
 - **Drive by 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.
 - **Drive by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library**.

- **Drive by 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.
- **Drive by Lincoln Theatre.** This theatre has just completed renovations that restored it to the magnificent facility originally known as "Black Broadway" between 1920 and 1990.
- Visit the **Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art** on the **National Mall**. The **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 Portrait Gallery**. Housed in the magnificent "Old Patent Office Building," this museum features a unique collection of portraits of famous Americans from the worlds of politics, sports, literature and stage and screen. The Gallery aims to form a permanent collection of portraits of notable figures and includes the **Hall of Presidents**, which has several official portraits of United States Presidents. *This is not your ordinary picture museum. You are walking through history.* You will instantly recognize many of the portraits that you have only seen in print or film.
- Visit **Pentagon City Shopping Mall** and enjoy **dinner via vouchers**. The sky lit Food Court features international specialties from the familiar to the exotic. **Free time** to browse and shop through the mall. A scenic glass elevator ride to the Third Level reveals more than 170 fascinating stores and restaurants.
- 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 **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.
- Arrive at the hotel for the night.
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Meals: CB, L, D

Day Three

- Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** at the hotel this morning.
- Visit the **Newseum**, the only interactive museum of news. Experience the news of today as it happens in the Great Hall of News. Relive the great news stories of the past in the News History Gallery. Go behind the scenes and try your hand at being a television news anchor or photographer in the Interactive Newsroom. Newseum also features the most comprehensive collection of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs ever assembled, and the largest display of parts of the original Berlin Wall outside of Germany.
- Enjoy **lunch via coupons** today in the **Smithsonian Institution's National Air & Space Museum**. After lunch visit the museum.
- **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 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**.
- Stop for a **photo opportunity** of **The White House**.
- 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.

- Enjoy **dinner via coupons** at **Union Station** and free time to explore the shops. The city's main train station is a classic Beaux-Arts design of monumental proportions. Restored to its original grandeur in the 1980's, Union Station features a large food court, a movie theater, shops and kiosks. **Parking fee not included.**
 - See the **Philip Randolph Statue**, founder of the Sleeping Car Porter's Union before leaving Union Station.
 - 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, and authorized \$23 million to help build what was now known as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
 - 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.
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Day Four

- Enjoy a **deluxe continental breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to **checking out**.
 - Depart for Gettysburg.
 - Arrive in **Gettysburg**.
A divided Nation held its breath, and mourned, as two great armies collided in the fields near a small Pennsylvania town.
 - Tour the Gettysburg Museum/Visitor Center. Opened to visitors in spring 2008, the museum houses one of the world's largest American Civil War collections displaying over 38,000 artifacts and 350,000 printed documents and photographs. Exhibits and broad interpretation provide visitors with an understanding of the Gettysburg Campaign in its comprehensive context of the Civil War and American history.
 - See a **movie about Gettysburg** in the "*new*" **state-of-the-art theatre**.
 - See the **Cyclorama Center** at the Gettysburg National Military Park. The center features a breath-taking panorama of Pickett's charge measuring 356 by 26 feet. A sound and light program recreates scenes of the fighting. Backpacks and large purses will not be allowed in any of the National Park buildings. All items carried into the buildings are subject to examination and search.
 - Enjoy a **lunch buffet** today at **General Pickett's**.
 - Meet our **Civil War GUIDE** at the **entrance** of the **Gettysburg Museum** and depart.
 - **Gettysburg Battlefield** is America's largest Civil War Battlefield, containing more than 40 miles of scenic avenues. Over 1600 monuments and cannon dot the landscape in memory of those who fought and died here. The Northern and Southern armies met here in July 1863, and in three days of battle left 51,000 casualties. President Lincoln dedicated the national cemetery on the battlefield in November 1863.
 - **Yellow Hill and the Quaker Valley – First Person Interpretative from an Escaped Slave on the Underground Railroad**. Decades before the Civil War began, abolitionists were active north of Gettysburg in the area known as Quaker Valley and Yellow Hill. Located just north of the Mason Dixon line, this area was a safe haven for Gettysburg's African American community during the Confederate invasion. Here members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) worked with local freedmen Edward Mathews and Basil Biggs to bring slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. Today, an abandoned cemetery is all that remains as evidence of the African American community that once thrived there. Learn how the Yellow Hill community began, its relationship with its Quaker neighbors, how it contributed to the area economy, and why it disappeared.
 - Enjoy a **Chicken & Biscuits Dinner** this evening at the historic **The Fairfield Inn**.
 - See the hidden **Underground Railroad room** while at the Fairfield Inn.
 - Continue home.
- Meals: CB, L, D

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

Tour includes: 3 nights accommodation, 1 breakfast, 3 deluxe continental breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners, admissions and escort/guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity, **and gratuity is included for Guide Service.**

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