

# WASHINGTON D.C. & GETTYSBURG

5 Days | American Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

This 5-day student trip to Washington and Gettysburg will take your class to places brimming with history and excitement. From Gettysburg Battle tours, to the Smithsonian Museums and the Arlington National Cemetery, there's plenty to satisfy the enquiring minds and imaginations of your class. Inspired by iconic monuments and the heroes who shaped the nation, your students will return home with a backpack full of stories and knowledge to share at home and in the classroom.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:



#### Sites & Activities:

Film and Museum Experience, Gettysburg Battlefield Tour, Arlington National Cemetery, Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Smithsonian Museums, Major League Baseball Game, National Museum of African American History and Culture, International Spy Museum, White House Area Orientation Tour, Union Station



Your Brightspark  
Tour Leader



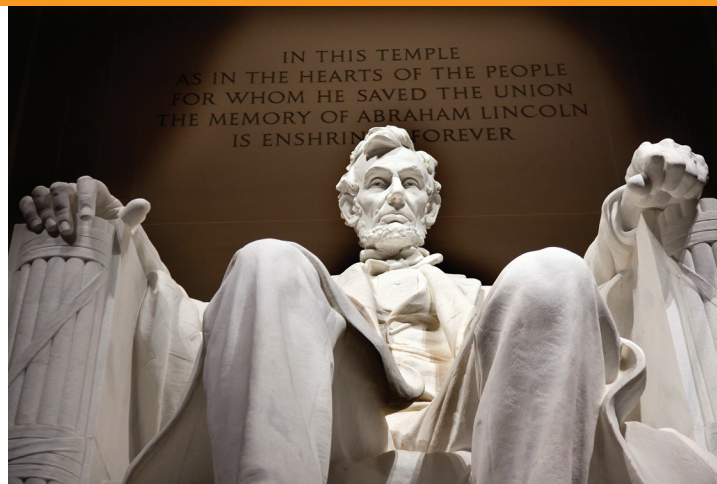
Accommodations  
4 nights hotel



Transportation  
Private motor coach



Meals  
4 breakfasts





# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Our Tour Leaders Make All The Difference:** They are experts in fun and are equipped with educational content and interactive games that keep your students engaged. Extensively trained and masters in logistics, they deal with all the details to ensure a stress-free class trip!
- **Always Something Fresh:** Brightspark Exclusive activities encourage participation through experiential education. Whether it's a Mystery Heist in Ottawa or Escaping the Port in Montréal, these activities add a WOW factor to your tour.
- **The Best Support:** Our team is with you every step of the way from itinerary planning to board paperwork, online payment collection and 24/7 on-tour assistance. We are dedicated to making the planning process simple and easy.
- **Go. Discover. Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.



## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

We have 40+ years of travel experience, exceptional supplier relationships, and an impeccable safety record, you can rest assured your tour will be sparktacular!

95%  
OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

40+  
YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE

33K+  
PASSENGERS  
TRAVELLED  
LAST YEAR



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### THE BEST INSURANCE

Feel safe with the knowledge that your students are fully protected with cancellation insurance provided by Travel Guard, which includes school board cancellation for **ANY REASON.**



*"Gettysburg is a beautiful quaint town with so much history. It's really neat to see which homes are historic buildings as they are marked with a bronze plaque that says Civil War Building July 1863."*

*Tamara Bozickovic, Tour Leader Supervisor*

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## DAY 1

- 7:00 a.m. **Board your washroom equipped, climate controlled highway motor coach and depart for Gettysburg.** En route, your Tour Leader will get to know the students on a first name basis.
- 9:00 a.m. **Border Crossing.** Make sure your passport and any other important documents are in a safe and accessible place for border agents.
- 6:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 6:45 p.m. **Explore Gettysburg.** Join your Tour Leader as you explore the town where the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1 - 3, 1863, was the turning point of the Civil War.
- 7:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 8:00 p.m. **Gettysburg Haunted Walking Tour.** Learn about the history of Gettysburg with a Haunted Walking Tour. Visit the Country Courthouse and the church where so many amputations occurred they had to drill holes into the floor to let the blood run out and where a spectral undertaker continues to walk to the nearby cemetery removed decades ago.
- 11:00 p.m. **Night security** each evening between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

## DAY 2

- 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Cyclorama, Film & Museum Experience at the Visitor Center.** Stop at the Visitor Center to watch "A New Birth of Freedom" narrated by Morgan Freeman and fully restored by Gettysburg Cyclorama. Take this opportunity to also visit the museum and learn more about why Gettysburg Battlefield is considered some of the most hallowed ground in the world.
- 1:30 p.m. **Board your motor coach to Washington.**
- 3:30 p.m. **Guided Walking Tour of Arlington National Cemetery.** Join a guided walking tour of Arlington National Cemetery. America's largest national burial ground has more than 200 acres of landscaped hills. Among the thousands of white headstones are the graves of President John Kennedy, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, world champion boxer Joe Louis, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Centre.** Enjoy a world-class shopping experience where avenues of fashions and boulevards of style await. The sky-lit food court features both international and familiar specialties.
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 9:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**
- 11:00 p.m. **Night security** each evening between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

## DAY 3

- 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:30 a.m. **The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.** Both a memorial and museum, students can learn about the rise of Hitler's Germany and the horrors of World War II.
- 1:30 p.m. **Explore the Smithsonian Museums.** The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum complex and research organization with a total of seventeen museums. Visit the National Air and Space, National Museum of Natural History, the National Gallery of Art, Freer Gallery of Art, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, African American History and Culture, and National Museum of the American Indian. Dinner at your own cost in the area.
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:00 p.m. **Major League Baseball game.** Peanuts, get your peanuts! Enjoy a major league baseball game with your students and hopefully you will see a home run! *Tickets are subject to schedules and availability of local teams.*

## DAY 4

- 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:30 a.m. **National Museum of African American History and Culture.** Explore the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African-American life, history, and culture.
- 2:30 p.m. **International Spy Museum.** Learn about the oldest profession that has played such an important role in current and historic events. Adopt a cover identity and learn why an operative needs one as you come face-to-face with the real world of spying.
- 4:30 p.m. **White House Area Orientation Tour.** Join your Tour Leader on a tour of the most visited site in Washington.
- 5:30 p.m. **Explore Union Station.** The gateway to the capital city is considered one of the finest examples of Beaux-Arts architecture. Take this opportunity to explore the shops and boutiques.
- 5:45 p.m. **Dinner**
- 6:30 p.m. **Illuminated Coach Tour of Washington D.C.** Enjoy an evening tour conducted by a professional local guide.

## DAY 5

- 7:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Check out of your hotel**
- 9:00 p.m. **Welcome Home!**

## START PLANNING NOW!



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