

This 4-day student trip to Washington will bring your class to a city brimming with history and excitement. From The Capitol, to the Smithsonian museums and Arlington National Cemetery, there's plenty to satisfy the enquiring minds and you're your class' imaginations. 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.

### WHATS INCLUDED:



### Sites & Activities:

White House Area Orientation Tour, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Smithsonian Museums, Major League Baseball Game, Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum Annex, Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, Arlington National Cemetery, Union Station,



Your Brightspark Tour Leader



Accommodations
3 Nights Hotel











# 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 Montreal, 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 their sense of wonder.

# **EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL**

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### 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.



"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime/our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"

Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB

# **WASHINGTON D.C. -** 4 Days | America's Capital Student Tour

#### DAY 1

8:00 AM: Board your washroom equipped, climate controlled highway motor coach and depart for Washington D.C. En route, your Tour Leader will go through the bus and get to know the students on a first name basis.

10:00 AM: Border Crossing. Make sure your passport and any other important documents are in a safe and accessible place for border agents.

8:30 PM: Hotel check in

**9:30 PM:** Meet the Streets. Join your Tour Leader as your explore the city's points of interest to discover what makes it so unique.

11:00 PM: Night security each evening between 11 PM and 6 AM.

#### DAY 2

8:45 AM: Breakfast

10:30 AM: Visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is both a memorial and museum about the rise of Hitler's Germany and the horrors of World War II.

**12:00 PM:** Join your Tour Leader on a **White House Area orientation tour**, the most visited site in Washington.

1:00 PM: Lunch

1:45 PM: Visit the Smithsonian Museum. Explore the world's largest museum complex and research organization, the Smithsonian Institution. With seventeen museums, including 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.

**7:00 PM:** Major League Baseball game. Enjoy a major league baseball game with your class. Have dinner at your own cost in the area.

### DAY 3

8:45 AM: Breakfast

10:00 AM: Guided Tour at the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum Annex. Enjoy a guided tour of the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum Annex, where students can walk among aircraft and small artifacts in display cases located on the floor. Among the aviation artifacts on display are the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest jet in the world and the Boeing Dash 80, the prototype of the 707.

11:00 AM: Lunch and free time in the area.

12:45 PM: Visit the Fashion Centre for a world-class shopping experience where avenues of fashions and boulevards of style await. The sky-lit food court feature both international and familiar specialties.

2:30 PM: 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 graces of
President John Kennedy, Supreme Court Justice
Thurgood Marshall, world champion boxer Joe Louis, and
the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

5:00 PM: Explore Union Station with your class. 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. Eat dinner in the area at your own cost.

6:30 PM: Enjoy a guided evening illuminated coach tour of Washington DC, conducted by a local professional guide.

#### DAY 4

7:45 AM: Breakfast

8:30 AM: Check out of your hotel

9:00 PM: Welcome Home!

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