



Traveling Bearkats presents

Washington DC Cherry Blossoms

featuring Arlington National Cemetery and the
Smithsonian Institutes

6 Days **April 7-12, 2027**



BOOKING DISCOUNT!

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

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Booking Discount details

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Dear 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,

Charlie Vienne

Charlie Vienne
Associate VP for Alumni Relations & Annual Giving
Executive Director of the SHSU Alumni Association





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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 - IAH**
- 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 - Doubletree Crystal City or Westin City Center, Washington DC area

On some dates an alternative hotel may be used



Tour Rates

Booking Discount*:	\$4299 pp double
Regular Rate:	\$4399 pp double
Single Supplement:	+\$925

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****Other air gateways are available. For more information and pricing, please call Premier World Discovery at 877-953-8687.**

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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. Next 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!**

*Land Only/Own Air bookings receive \$100 per couple/\$50 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.

ONLINE BOOKING OPTION - Save time, postage & secure your seat for this group departure.

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.

No need to submit a Reservation Form if booking online.

Reservation Form

Washington DC Cherry Blossoms

April 7-12, 22027

Booking #223860 (Web Code)

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

Premier's Travel Protection Plan (TPP): (TPP must be purchased with initial deposit)

☐ Yes, I (we) wish to purchase travel protection (TPP) ☐ No, I (we) decline travel protection (TPP)

Enclosed find payment in the amount of \$ _____ (\$425 per person) to secure the Premier's Travel Protection Plan (TPP).

Total Payment \$ _____

DEAPRTURE GATEWAY _____ **ROOMMATE'S DEPARTIRE 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 (first/mid/last) **exactly as they appear on the government issued ID** used for travel (**REAL ID/PASSPORT**)

Legal Name: _____
First Name(s) Middle Name(s) Last Name(s)
REAL ID/Passport does not include middle name(s) ☐

DOB (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____ Gender ☐ M ☐ F

Roommate's Legal Name: _____
First Name(s) Middle Name(s) Last Name(s)
REAL ID/Passport does not include middle name(s) ☐

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 \$ _____ ☐  ☐  ☐  ☐ 

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

Cardholder Billing Address: ☐ Check if address is the same as above _____

Signature Required _____ Today's Date: _____

(for credit card use & acceptance of terms*):

*I (We) agree to pay according to the credit card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation fees/policy and other terms.

PREMIER'S TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (TPP) \$425 per person
(must purchase with Initial Deposit)

Part A – Cancellation Waiver provided by PWD

I. Trip Cancellation Waiver (TCW) - Guarantees full refund on all payments, except the Trip Cancellation Waiver Fee itself in case of cancellation up to the time and date of departure due to the passenger's personal illness or death of an immediate family member. Medical/official documentation required.

II. Premier "Any Reason" Cancellation Waiver (ARCW) - Reimburses 75% of the cancellation fees in the form of a future travel credit certificate (FTCO) valid for 1 year, if you cancel more than 48 hours prior to scheduled departure for any reason not eligible for cash refund under the TCW (Part A – I.). FTCC is non-transferable, may not be redeemed for cash and does not include any credit for the Trip Cancellation Waiver Fee. **The Trip Cancellation Waiver Fee must be paid for with Initial Deposit and is refundable until 180 days prior to departure.** The Trip Cancellation Waiver does not cover any single supplement charges due to an individual's traveling companion canceling prior to departure. The Trip Cancellation Waiver is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only. The Trip Cancellation Waiver does not cover any services such as airline tickets not purchased through PWD. Cancellations, Refunds & Inquiries under Part A will be handled by PWD. Certain Exclusions and Restrictions apply.

Part B – Post Departure Travel Protection Plan* provided by USI
Includes coverage for: Trip Interruption (\$1,000); Trip Delay (\$100/Day-Max \$500); Baggage & Personal Effects (\$2,000); Baggage Delay (\$500); Emergency Accident/Sickness Medical Expense - excess coverage (\$30,000); Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation (\$150,000); Accidental Death & Dismemberment (\$25,000); Non-Insurance and Emergency Travel Assistance Services** (24/7). Claims & Inquiries under Part B will be administered by USI.

For full Part A and Part B plan details visit: premierworlddiscover.com/TPP

All Benefits described on this page are for general information basis only. There are certain restrictions, exclusions and limitation that apply to all insurance coverages. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by state jurisdiction.

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

Deposits & TPP 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 or TPP 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 not covered by the Travel Protection Plan (TPP) or if the TPP is not purchased, 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 or TPP* 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

*If purchased **Future Travel Credit issued for Deposit or TPP*, value

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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.

AIR NOTE/SEAT REQUESTS/AIRLINE BAG FEES:

Air Schedules may not be available until Final Trip Documentation is received. Airline baggage fees & seat assignment fees are not included in tour rates. Many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. If specific seat requests 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.



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