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Bus Tour – Inside the Embassies and Washington Illuminated Monument Driving Tour

May 2-3, 2025

Bus Departs Willow Street, Lancaster, York PA & Frederick, MD

Approximate departure times, Willow Street 5:15, Lancaster 6:05, York 6:50, and Frederick 8:45 AM



Tour the Embassies Around the World. Your Guide will escort you through the streets of the Capital and expertly navigate your group quickly and effectively to explore the unique offerings of each Embassy—who routinely try to outdo each other, year after year, with impressive spectacles reminiscent of their homeland. For many of these Embassies, this is the only time they make themselves open and available for public touring during the entire year. Included in the tour is an Illuminated Monument Driving Tour. Washington's grand buildings, memorials, and monuments sparkle and are impressive during the day; but in the evenings they are illuminated, and soft, focusing the solid stones and bronzes; fountains and water features shimmer in reflection; shadows darken highlighting the floodlit detail. Impressive during the day – stunning at night! <https://washington.org/visit-dc/reasons-to-tour-an-embassy-in-dc-during-passport-dc>.

Day 1, Friday, May 2, 2025

Your day begins with one of Bucket List Tour's morning **SWEET TREATS**. Arrive in Washington DC and meet our local guide at the **HILLWOOD ESTATE, MUSEUM, AND GARDENS**. The mansion is the former home of cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and features one of the most comprehensive collections of eighteenth and nineteenth-century Russian Imperial art outside of Russia, as well as an extensive collection of eighteenth-century French decorative arts. Highlights include a diamond crown worn by Empress Alexandra at her marriage to Nicholas II; Beauvais tapestries designed by François Boucher; two Imperial Easter eggs by Carl Fabergé; La Nuit by William-Adolphe Bouguereau; and a collection of costumes and accessories worn by Mrs. Post or her family. The greenhouse and formal gardens are set among 25 acres of wooded hillsides located in the heart of Washington, D.C.

Next lunch is on your own at the Reagan Building International Trade Center Food Court. Dine with us in DC's favorite food court. With 17 eateries featuring flavors from around the world, you're sure to find a dish that will please your palate.

Onward to the **WHITE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER**. The Visitor Center exhibit areas feature approximately 100 historical artifacts, interpretive panels, looping videos of photos and archival footage, and interactive elements for visitors of all ages. Visitors can explore an interactive touchscreen tour of the White House, view over 90 artifacts from the White House collection, and view the 14-minute film, White House: Reflections from Within.

Our daytime driving tour will include a **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY STOP AT THE WHITE HOUSE**, and a visit to the **WWI MEMORIAL, VIETNAM MEMORIAL, AND KOREAN MEMORIAL**.

DINNER this evening is included at **TONY & JOE'S SEAFOOD PLACE** at Washington Harbor. This upscale restaurant on the waterfront in Georgetown features floor-to-ceiling windows & outdoor seating providing scenic river views as patrons dine on the freshest of seafood.

Continue with an **ILLUMINATED MONUMENT DRIVING TOUR**. Washington's grand buildings, memorials, and monuments sparkle and are impressive during the day; but in the evenings they are illuminated, and soft, focusing the solid stones and bronzes; fountains and water features shimmer in reflection; shadows darken highlighting the floodlit detail. Impressive during the day – stunning at night!

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Walk through the **KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**. Explore the Hall of Flags, see the larger-than-life bronze bust of Kennedy himself, see the incredible view of the city from the rooftop terrace, discover the new REACH Expansion, and experience the NEW Art Ideas: John F. Kennedy Exhibit! Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a living memorial to Kennedy. We will drive by other memorials and monuments as time permits.

Check into our hotel for the evening. The **COURTYARD DUNN LORING FAIRFAX**, Viena, VA.

Accommodations: Courtyard Dunn Loring Fairfax, 2722 Gallows Rd., Viena, VA 22180. Phone 703-573-9555.

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/iadcy-courtyard-dunn-loring-fairfax>

Meals: Sweet Treat, D

Day 2, Saturday, May 3, 2025

Enjoy **BREAKFAST** at your hotel before checking out. Departing to meet our guide and tour the **EMBASSIES AROUND THE WORLD**. Your Guide will escort you through the streets of the Capital and expertly navigate your group quickly and effectively to explore the unique offerings of each Embassy—who routinely try to outdo each other, year after year, with impressive spectacles reminiscent of their homeland. For many of these Embassies, this is the only time they make themselves open and available for public touring during the entire year.

Explore the **FLOWER MART** which holds an irresistible array of festival foods, children's rides, boutique gifts, and, of course, herbs and flowers that once again fill the nave and grounds of the Cathedral at this year's Flower Mart, Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many food vendors.

See the **WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**. (Tours inside the Cathedral are based on availability and not guaranteed). Standing higher than the Washington Monument, it is the sixth-largest church in the world. This 14th-century-style Gothic wonder is situated on 57 acres and took 83 years to build. Helen Keller and Woodrow Wilson, the only President buried in Washington, DC, are interred here. It is a living symbol of our country's heritage of faith and religious freedom.

Dinner/Rest stop on the way home. Not included.

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Tour includes: Round Trip Deluxe Motorcoach, 1-night Lodging, Sweet Treat, 1 Breakfast, 1 Dinner at Tony & Joe's Seafood Place, Local Guide for all Tours, Admission to Hillwood Estates, White House Visitor Center, Outside White House Photo Opportunity, Stopping, and or Driving by Monuments and Memorials as time allows, Monument by Night Driving Tour, Admission to Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Embassies Around the World Guided Tour, Flower Mart, Washington National Cathedral (tours inside are based upon availability), Water and Snacks on the Motorcoach, Experienced and Knowledgeable Tour Representative, and all Taxes.

Cost Per Person: 1 person per room \$646.00, 2 people per room \$570.00

3 people per room \$541.00. 4 people per room \$530.00

Accepting - Checks, Credit Card, Money Order, Venmo, Or ACH Transfer

\$100.00 Per person is due; to reserve your seat, the balance is due March 1, 2025. **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT \$25.00 per person if signed up before February 1, 2025.** Your reservation is guaranteed when the deposit is made.

Deposits are refundable prior to 60 days before the tour, minus any monies already paid by BLT. Cancellations 45-60 days are subject to a \$75.00 per person per day fee, plus any monies already paid by BLT. A \$30.00 per transaction refund fee will be applied. No refunds within 5 days of the tour.

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<http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=62132>

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Sign up online at <https://bucketlisttoursbybarb.com> OR mail payment along with this form to Bucket List Tours by Barb, 497 Meadowlark Lane, Manheim, PA 17545.

Please identify the pick-up location – Willow Street, Lancaster, York, PA, or Frederick, MD

Bed Type Preference 1 King or 2 Queen. We will do our best to honor your request.

Names Participating in the Tour _____

Number of people participating in the tour _____ @ \$_____.00 per person. Total amount due _____

Number of people participating in the tour _____ @ \$100.00 per person deposit. Total amount due _____

Please list everyone's cell phone number _____

Email dresses _____

Mailing addresses

Allergies _____

Emergency Contact _____

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