Itinerary

December 2, 2018 - Your Journey Begins
Board your flight bound for our Nation's Capital for Christmas on the Potomac! You'll be met and assisted with your transfer to the Gaylord National Resort for the next five nights. Nothing says Christmas more than the Gaylord during the holidays! Witness a nightly indoor snowfall, Sights & Sounds of the Season Laser Show and a ride on the Capital Wheel with stunning views! You'll be mesmerized by the region’s most beautiful Christmas decorations with thousands of twinkling lights and a 55 foot tall Starlight Christmas tree suspended over from the White House collection, shop at the White House Historical Shop, run for five generations by a Quaker family as well as Robert E. Lee's Boyhood home. Dinner this evening is at Carluccio's; founded by an acclaimed European Cook, Award winning writer and TV personality. The day ends with a Water Taxi ride back to the Gaylord National!
Overnight: Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center (B/L/D)

December 3, 2018 - Christmas in the Capitol!
After breakfast, depart to the White House Visitor Center with an interactive touchscreen tour of the White House. View over 90 artifacts from the White House collection, shop at the White House Historical Association retail shop and view the 14 minute film, “White House: Reflections From Within”. Next, visit the United States Botanic Garden. Established by Congress in 1820, it is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America and the Season's Greenings exhibit is overflowing with poinsettias seemingly everywhere! Lunch today is on your own at Union Station gaily decorated for the holidays. Don't miss the Holiday Model Train Panorama! This afternoon, tour the Washington National Cathedral. Standing higher than the Washington Monument, it is the sixth largest church in the world. This 14th Century 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. Later this afternoon you arrive at Hillwood for the Russian Winter Festival. This former home of cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post is always an unexpected delight! A seasoned and passionate collector, you'll find the largest collection of Russian imperial art outside of Russia. With nearly 90 Fabergé pieces and the only Royal Russian Crown outside of Russia, it’s truly a collection that will astound you!
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Peace in Ellipse Park across from the White House. This is the site of nightly choral performances, a Nativity scene, a burning Yule log and the National Christmas Tree. After dinner at The Mansion on O Street and a tour of some of the 100 rooms and 70 secret doors, see Washington at night as you return to your hotel.

Overnight: Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

December 7, 2018 - Return Home

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, then you’ll be assisted with your airport transfer for your flight home. Wonderful memories of A Capital Christmas at the Gaylord will be with you for years!!

Call today to reserve your space!!! Reservations for “A Capital Christmas at the Gaylord!” are accepted on a first come/first served basis. An initial $500.00 deposit is required to hold space on this tour. Your deposit is fully refundable up to August 24, 2018. Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before August 24, 2018. Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.


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Inclusions

- Round trip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare to Washington DC area
- 7 nights lodging at Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- Visit the new Museum of the Bible
- All admissions as described in the detailed itinerary including Hillwood Estate, Mount Vernon, the White House Visitor Center and more
- Visit the United States Capitol, the Library of Congress and Arlington National Cemetery
- Visit of WWII Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Memorial and Lincoln Memorial
- Tour the Washington National Cathedral
- Stop by the Pageant of Peace across from the White House to see the National Christmas Tree
- Performance of A Christmas Carol at Ford’s Theatre
- Services of a full time escort while in Washington DC
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- Porterage of 1 suitcase per person
- All government fees, taxes and fuel surcharges