



Oak Mountain High School Marching Band
Performance Tour of Washington, D.C.
Including Participation in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade
April 12 – 17, 2023

The following itinerary provides an overview of your tour events and timings.
****It is important to understand that times and activities are subject to change before or during the tour.**

Final Itinerary

April 3, 2023

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

7:00 am	Depart Oak Mountain High School this morning to begin your journey to Washington D.C. (Approximate drive time is 11 hours without stops, 763 miles.)
Breakfast	On your own enroute.
Lunch	On your own enroute.
Dinner	On your own enroute.
Approx. 9:00 pm	Welcome to Washington, D.C.
Hotel	Your Gateway Tour Managers, Melanie and Veronica will assist with hotel check-in. Springhill Suites Dulles Airport - Sterling 22595 Shaw Road Sterling, VA 20166 Ph. 703.444.3944

Thursday, April 13, 2023

7:30 am (70 pax)	Breakfast buffet included at the hotel.
8:00 am (70 pax)	Menu: Assorted breakfast meats, French toast or pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, whole fresh fruit, cold cereal, muffins, breads for toast, orange juice, coffee, tea, milk, and chocolate milk.
8:30 am (60 pax)	
9:30 am	Depart for the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.
10:00 am	Visit the companion museum to the Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian. Two large hangars display thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and the Space Shuttle Discovery. The Center also offers the Donald D. Engen Observation Tower, and the Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar. Hours: 10:00 am – 5:30 pm – subject to change
Lunch	On your own near the museums.
Smithsonian	Explore one of the fourteen national museums including the American History Museum, the Natural History Museum, and the Air and Space Museum.
4:30 pm	Dinner at Carmine's Italian Restaurant Menu: Garlic bread, mixed green salad, penne marinara, meatballs, chicken parmigiana, chocolate cannoli, soda, iced tea, coffee, or hot tea.
6:30 pm	Load coaches and depart for The Kennedy Center.
7:30 pm	Witness the epic story of love, passion, sacrifice and redemption – a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit in <i>Les Misérables</i> at The Kennedy Center.
Approx. 10:00 pm	Load coaches and depart for your hotel.



Friday, April 14, 2023

6:30 am (70 pax)	Breakfast buffet included at the hotel.
7:00 am (70 pax)	
7:30 am (60 pax)	
8:00 am	Tour Arlington National Cemetery. Important sites not to miss include: The Tomb of the Unknowns, Robert E. Lee House, Kennedy Grave Site, Pan Am Flight 103, and the Challenger.
Lunch	On your own near the museums.
Smithsonian	Explore one of the fourteen national museums including the American History Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Air and Space Museum and/or the National Zoo.
3:30 pm	Load coaches and depart for Union Station.
4:00 pm	Union Station opened in 1907 and at its height during WWII, some 200,000 people passed through it every day. Today Union Station is again one of Washington's busiest and best-known places, visited by 32 million people each year and has many shops, cafes, and restaurants.
Dinner	A meal stipend will be provided at Union Station.
6:30 pm	Load coaches and depart for tour.
7:00 pm	A licensed Washington, DC tour guide will join you on your motorcoach for a narrated tour of the illuminated memorials and monuments.
Approx. 10:00 pm	Return to hotel



Saturday, April 15, 2023

5:30 am (70 pax)	Breakfast buffet included at the hotel.
6:00 am (70 pax)	
6:30 am (60 pax)	
7:30 am	Load coaches
7:45 am	Depart for parade.
8:45 am	Arrival time at Independence facing west between 4 th and 12 th Streets.
♪ National Cherry Blossom Parade	Participate in the National Cherry Blossom Parade. The Parade is a complex mix of entertainment including gigantic balloons, magnificent floats, specialty units, celebrity talent, special production numbers and marching bands.
9:50 am	Step off time.
Lunch	Boxed lunch after parade.
1:45 pm (69 tickets)	Visit the newest Smithsonian Museum, devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, art, history, and culture.
2:15 pm (133 tickets)	Visit the newest Smithsonian Museum, devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, art, history, and culture.
Smithsonian	Explore one of the fourteen national museums including the American History Museum, the Natural History Museum, and the Air and Space Museum.
5:30 pm	Load coaches for dinner.
Dinner	On your own at the Pentagon Fashion Center
Approx. 8:00 pm	Meet and walk as a group to the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial.
Approx. 9:00 pm	Load coaches and depart for your hotel.



Sunday, April 16, 2023

6:00 am (70 pax)	Breakfast buffet included at the hotel.
6:30 am (70 pax)	
7:00 am (60 pax)	
Check Out	Melanie and Veronica will assist with the checkout logistics.
7:30 am	Load coaches and depart for Williamsburg, VA (152 miles, 2 ½ hours).
10:00 am	Spend the day at Busch Gardens. This 17 th century European theme park focuses on England, Germany, France and Italy. Experience more than 35 rides and attractions, including the world's tallest, fastest, most twisted inverted roller coaster – Alpegeist. Park Hours: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm – Subject to change
Lunch	On your own at Busch Gardens.
Dinner	A meal coupon will be provided at Busch Gardens.
8:00 pm	Board the coaches and travel to Richmond, Virginia (69 miles, 1 ¼ hours).
Hotel	Melanie and Veronica will assist with hotel check-in.
	Home2 Suites Richmond 209 Towne Center Blvd West Richmond, VA 23233 Ph. 804.956.2990

Monday, April 17, 2023

7:00 am (20 pax)	Breakfast buffet included at the hotel.
7:30 am (60 pax)	Menu: Assorted breakfast meats, French toast or pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, whole fresh fruit, cold cereal, muffins, breads for toast, orange juice, coffee, tea, milk, and chocolate milk.
8:00 am (60 pax)	
8:30 am (60 pax)	
Check Out	Melanie and Veronica will assist with the checkout logistics.
9:00 am	Board the coaches and travel back to Alabama. (Approximate drive time is 10 ½ hours without stops, 689 miles.)
Lunch	On your own enroute.
Dinner	On your own enroute.
Approx.	
10:00 pm	Arrive at Oak Mountain High School.