



Lake Brantley H.S. Music Department
Washington, D.C./World War II Memorial Performance Tour 2019
Final Itinerary ~ Submitted: November 29, 2017

Day 1, Departure Day, Thursday, March 14, 2019

- 3:00pm Spot the **motorcoaches** at the school.
- 3:30pm** Depart for Washington, D.C. aboard **seven deluxe motorcoaches of MCA Transportation** equipped with restroom and **TV/DVD**. Rest, meal, and snack stops en route are on your own and at the discretion of the director. Driving is through the night.

NOTE: Make sure that all passengers have their medication(s), hats, coats, gloves necessary toiletries available **on the motorcoach** before departing for DC. Luggage compartments will not be opened until arrival at the hotel for check-in at the Sheraton tomorrow .

Day 2, Friday, March 15, 2019 **ADULTS SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE VALID PICTURE ID**

- 7:30am** Group arrives at the **Sheraton Pentagon City** for a **full American buffet breakfast** in the ballroom at the hotel. Time allowed to freshen-up in the lobby restrooms. The group will be met at the hotel by their **P.A.C.E. Travel Trip Leaders including P.A.C.E. Travel President, Greg "Papi" St. Jacques** **(Papi's Cell 828-674-7913)**

NOTE: When departing the hotel please make sure the two seats in the front of each coach, nearest the microphone are reserved for the P.A.C.E. Travel Trip Leaders.

- 8:30am Depart for downtown DC and Pentagon.
- 9:00am All **motorcoaches** drop-off groups at the **National Archives** to get into line for the viewing of the original documents that make us uniquely Americans. The **Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights** and the **U.S. Constitution**. When finished, each coach group will depart with their tour guide for the Air and Space Museum of Smithsonian Museums orientation. Museums today will include: the **Museum of Air and Space**, the **Museum to the American Indian**, the **National Gallery of Art**, the **Museum of Natural History**, **Museum of American History**, **Freer Gallery of Art** and the **Museums of Asian and African Art**, . Lunch is on your own inside the various museums.

After dropping the group, the drivers return to the hotel to rest for the balance of the day.

- 5:30pm** All **motorcoaches** arrive at the **Museum of Air & Space (Mall side)** to load and depart for the **food court** in the **Fashion Square Mall at Pentagon City**. **Dinner cash will be provided by your Trip Leaders/Guides.** **NOTE:** Meet back points will be designated by each of the individual Trip Leaders/Guides. *(\$15.00 per person)*
- 7:00pm Load the **coaches** and depart for an **evening tour** of the **Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial** and **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial**. *(Group may choose 1, 2 or all 3)*
- 8:30pm Depart for the hotel.
- 9:00pm** The group arrives at the **Sheraton Pentagon City** with time allowed to check-in, unpack and rest. **Uniformed night security will be on duty at 11:00pm.**

Hotel Address: 900 South Orme Street *(Confirmed 12/11/2017, BMG)*
Arlington, VA 22204
Hotel Phone: (703) 521-1900

NOTE: Upon arrival, all students are to stay on the coaches until given specific instructions.

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Day 3, Saturday, March 16, 2019

- 7:30am Full American buffet breakfast is provided in the ballroom at the hotel.
- 8:30am Depart for downtown DC. **It is suggested that the group leave the hotel in uniform.**
- 9:00am Arrive at the WWII Memorial. Time allowed upon arrival to tour the Memorial. **NOTE: Band coaches unload in the drop-off loop (Home Front Drive). Other coaches unload on Constitution west of 17th Street. NOTE: Three coaches should do their best to protect enough space for the four band coaches once they have finished unloading the band and equipment.**
- 9:45am Prepare for performance set-up and touring of the **World War II Memorial**.
- 10:30am Move to designated area and begin **performance** at the **World War II Memorial**.
(Confirmation Pending)
- 11:00am Performance ends and group loads **motorcoaches** to depart for the White House drop-off on 15th Street.
- 11:15am The group arrives on 15th Street for the **White House** picture stop. **Bring your camera and lunch money only at this stop.** Security at the lunch stop will be easier without bags & backpacks.
- 12:15pm Depart on foot for the Reagan Building.
- 12:30pm Group arrives for lunch on your own at the **Reagan Building Food Court**. **NOTE TO THE GROUP: Purses & cameras are fine. Make sure that there are no "dangerous" items on your person, i.e., pocket knives, pepper spray, mace, etc. Guides will set times for their specific coach groups based on when they get through the Reagan Building security. Those 18 and older must have a valid government issued picture ID upon entry of this building.**
- 1:30pm Load the **coaches** on 14th Street in front of the Reagan Building and depart for touring of the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. Here the wall memorializes the names of over 58,295 American service personnel who died as a result of the Vietnam War. **NOTE: Load and unload on Constitution Avenue.**
- Group arrives for time at the **Lincoln Memorial** and the **Korean War Memorial**, as well.
- 3:30pm Group boards the **coaches** on Henry Bacon and departs for the **Iwo Jima Marine Corps Memorial**.
- 5:00pm Arrive for **dinner** on **King Street** in **Old Town Alexandria**. **Dinner cash is provided** for each participant. (\$20 per person) Time allowed here for both dinner and shopping. The guides will give the group information about restaurants, food courts and eateries in the area. Burgers, pizza, Italian, Thai, fresh seafood and much more from which to chose.
- 7:00pm The group departs for more illuminated night touring with a stop at the **Washington Monument** and any **memorial(s)** not chosen on the first night.
- 9:30pm Arrive back at the hotel for the evening.

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Day 4, Sunday, March 17, 2019

- 7:30am Full American buffet breakfast provided in the ballroom at the hotel.
- 8:30am Load the coaches and depart for Arlington National Cemetery.
- 9:00am All groups arrive for touring of **Arlington National Cemetery**. Group should make a quick stop at the Visitors Center to use the restroom before walking into the cemetery. Tour will include the **Kennedy graves, Space Shuttle Memorials**, and the changing of the guard at the **Tomb of the Unknowns at 10:00am**. **NOTE: Wreath layers must be in the first group to arrive at the Tomb of the Unknowns so they can check in with the tomb guards (See "Papi").**
- 10:15am The group will participate in an **Army regulation Wreath Laying Ceremony** at the **Tomb of the Unknowns**. Up to four members of the group will participate in the actual ceremony. *(Confirmation Pending)*
- 11:00am The group departs the Tomb of the Unknowns to spend some time in Section 60. This is the part of the cemetery where recent burials have occurred.
- 12:30pm Depart for the **Fashion Square Mall**.
- 1:00pm **Fashion Square Mall** at Pentagon City where lunch is on your own in the food court.
- 2:15pm Depart for the hotel.
- 3:00pm Arrive at the hotel to change clothes for the evening.
- 5:00pm Group departs the hotel for the Washington Pier.
- 5:30pm Arrive at the **Washington Pier** and begin boarding of the **Spirit of Washington**.
- 6:30pm **Entertainment Cruises dinner & dance cruise** on the Potomac departs. *(Conf. Pending)*
- 9:30pm Arrive back at the dock, board **motorcoaches**, and return to the hotel for the evening.
- 10:00pm Group arrives at the hotel for the evening.

Day 5, Monday, March 18, 2019

- 6:30am Hotel check-out, load the **motorcoaches** and go immediately to the ballroom where a **full American buffet breakfast** is provided.
- 7:30am All **coaches** depart for downtown DC.
- 8:00am Group arrives at the **U.S. Capitol drop-off area** and then proceeds to the CVC security area. **ALL ADULTS 18 AND OVER SHOULD HAVE VALID PICTURE ID**

NOTE: AFTER DROPPING THE GROUP, THE DRIVERS RETURN TO THE HOTEL FOR A LATE CHECK-OUT.

- 9:00am Group meets **Congressman Mica's** staff at the **Statue of Freedom** and proceeds to the 2nd floor and into the House Chambers. Here the group will be addressed by Congressman John Mica.
- 11:00am Group will begin to assemble in the Grand Rotunda for a picture with the Congressman.

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- 11:40am Groups return downstairs and begin **Red Coat Tour of the Capitol**. Tour times are 11:50, 12:00 and 12:10. *(Admission tix for tour supplied by Cong. Mica's office)*
- 12:45pm Lunch is on your own in the **Capitol Visitors Center Cafeteria**. As groups finish eating, their guides will begin leading them to the Library of Congress through the tunnel.
- 1:45pm All should be heading to or in the **Library of Congress** by this time.
- 3:00pm Depart the Library of Congress on foot for the **Capitol Hill South Metro Station** and head to the Pentagon.
- 4:00pm The group arrives at the **Pentagon Metro Station** to begin touring of the **9/11 Pentagon Memorial**.
- NOTE: This would be a great time to take a moment to say "goodbye" to your Trip Leaders. They will all be heading home or out to meet their next tour when the group leaves for dinner.**
- 5:00pm All groups depart on foot for the **Fashion Square Mall near the Pentagon**. Group **arrives at the food court** with **dinner cash provided** for each participant. *(\$10.00 per person)*

DON'T FORGET TO TELL YOUR TOUR GUIDES 'GOOD BYE!' MOST WILL BE HEADING TO THE AIRPORT.

- 6:30pm All **motorcoaches** return to the mall to board the passengers and depart for home with driving through the night. **Driver changes will be en route.**

Day 6, Tuesday, March 19, 2019

- 10:00am Approximate time for arrival back at Lake Brantley High School.

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