

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The National Memorial



Washington, DC

2011 & 2012

3 Nights – 4 Days

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“The monument is but a physical manifestation of the monument already constructed in the lives and hearts of millions of Americans...” *Bill Clinton*

Dr. King's vision of America is captured in his message of hope and possibility for a future anchored in dignity, sensitivity, and mutual respect. A message that challenges each of us to recognize America's true strength lies in its diversity of talents.

The memorial powerfully conveys three fundamental recurring themes of Dr. King's life: Justice, democracy, and hope.

Our journey in Washington, DC highlights the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial and explains the steps of MLK and other great Americans: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, and other whose lives were intertwined with the history of the national and this capital city.



Day One

- Stop at the NEW Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial. **Scheduled to be completed late summer 2011.** The composition of the memorial utilizes landscape elements to powerfully convey three fundamental and recurring themes of Dr. King's life: justice, democracy and hope. The memorial is envisioned as a quiet and receptive space, yet at the same time, powerful and emotionally evocative, reflecting the spirit of the message Dr. King delivered and the role he played in society. The King

Memorial is intended to be personally transformative for visitors, building a sense of commitment to the promise of positive change and active citizenship.

- Stop at **The Lincoln Memorial**. From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his “I Have A Dream” speech.
 - **Freedom Plaza** – Honoring Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Stop at the **Willard Hotel** where Julia Ward Howe, a hotel guest during the Civil War, was awakened at night to the sound of Union troops marching by, singing as they went, penned the words to the “Battle Hymn of the Republic”. Ulysses S. Grant frequently enjoyed brandy and cigars in the lobby. Men congregated here to approach him about their causes. Grant called them “lobbiest”. The label still exists today. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. completed his “I Have A Dream” speech in the hotel.
 - **Dinner** included this evening.
 - **Check in** to our local **hotel**. **Baggage** handling included.
- Meals: D

Day Two

- **Breakfast** included this morning.
- Visit the **Frederick Douglass National Historic Site – Cedar Hill** – dedicated to preserving the legacy of the most famous 19th century African American.
- Stop at **Lincoln Park**. This historic park celebrates the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia and features the Emancipation Proclamation statue and the Mary McLeod Bethune statue.
- Arrive at the **NEW Capitol Visitor Center on Capitol Hill**.
- The **Capitol Visitor Center** welcomes visitors to the seat of American government.
- **The United States Capitol**. The most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world.
- Enjoy **lunch on your own** today at the **Capitol Visitor Center**.
- Visit the **United States Library of Congress**. Established as an act of Congress in 1800, The Library of Congress is the largest national library in the world.
- Tour the **Supreme Court Building**. Within the walls of this white marble monument the third branch of government exercises its mandate to protect and interpret the spirit of the Constitution.
- **Asbury United Methodist Church**— founded by free and slave men and women in 1836. By the Civil War Asbury United was the largest African American church in Washington DC. Members include decedents of enslaved men and women who attempted to escape to freedom in 1848 aboard the *Pearl*.
- **Old City Hall**, stood witness to the end of slavery in the District of Columbia.
- **Dinner** included this evening.
- After dinner continue with an **Illuminated Monument Tour**.
 - Stop at the **Air Force Memorial** built on a hillside overlooking the **Pentagon**.
 - You can see the **Pentagon** from the Air Force Memorial. On September 11, 2001 the Pentagon was a target by terrorist in an attack against The United States.
 - Visit the **NEW September 11, 2001 Memorial at the Pentagon**. One hundred eighty four lives were lost in a single moment at the Pentagon – one hundred eighty four individuals forever linked through the horrific events that unfolded that day. Thousands of others lost their lives and suffered injury while millions wept.
 - Stop at the **Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**. One of the largest bronze statues ever cast depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all Marines who have died in battle since 1775.

Meals: B, D

Day Three

- **Breakfast** included this morning.
- See **Lincoln Theatre**; restored to the magnificent facility originally known as “Black Broadway” between 1920 and 1950.
- Take a **Docent Led Tour** of the **African American Civil War Museum**. The museum helps visitors understand the African American's heroic and largely unknown struggle for freedom. The African

American Civil War Museum honors and examines the African American's heroic struggle for freedom and civil rights.

- The **African American Civil War Memorial**. At the center of a granite-paved plaza encircled on three sides by the Wall of Honor is the **Spirit of Freedom sculpture**. Unveiled on July 18, 1998, the sculpture stands ten feet tall and features uniformed black soldiers and a sailor poised to leave home. Women, children and elders on the cusp of the concave inner surface seek strength together.
 - Tour the **Campus Tour of Howard University**, one of the most prestigious, historically black universities in the country.
 - **Thurgood Marshall Center**, located in the historic **Twelfth Street YMCA** building, the former home of the first full service YMCA for African Americans in the nation.
 - Stop at the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library** to see the mural of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Enjoy **lunch** today at **Ben's Chili Bowl**, with high-arched ceilings, character and plenty of history. Ben's Chili Bowl serves locals and renowned individuals including Bill Cosby, and Barack Obama.
 - **Malcolm X Park**. This beautiful Italian-style terraced park was built between 1912 and 1936 and renamed in the '60's for the famous civil rights activist.
 - **Freedom Park**, which contains a piece of the Berlin Wall, a fallen statue of Stalin, a cast of the jail door from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s cell in Alabama, and more.
 - **Dinner** included this evening.
 - walk through The **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**. Two months after President Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Congress designated the National Cultural Center as a "living memorial" to Kennedy.
 - **Discussion about President Kennedy** and his **contributions to Civil Rights**.
- Meals: B, L, D

Day Four

- **Breakfast** included this morning. **Check out**.
 - Additional time at the **NEW Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial. Scheduled to be completed late summer 2011.**
 - **Metropolitan A.M.E. Church**, dates back to 1822 when a group of dissatisfied African Americans broke away from predominately white church and later, formed the first African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1886. Its parishioners have included Frederick Douglass, and it was the site of his funeral in 1895.
 - **A.M.E. Church services schedule: Wednesdays at noon and Sundays at 9:00am**
 - Enjoy **lunch** at **B. Smith's in Union Station**. Located in Washington, DC's Historic Union Station, B. Smith's grand Beaux Arts style dining room with its 30-foot ceilings, period chandeliers and turn of the century elegance, is a national landmark and has been called one of the most beautiful dining rooms in America.
 - Depart for home.
- Meals: B, L

If he were here, he would remind us that the time remains ripe to do right...

Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy...

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