# MARS Tours & Travel

## **EPENDENCE** Washington, DC

## ltinerary

#### Day 1 - Welcome to Washington, DC, to Celebrate Our 250th Independence Day

Arrive at your leisure and settle into your accommodations at the luxurious McLean Hilton. In the evening, gather with fellow travelers for a delightful Welcome Dinner at popular restaurant. Enjoy the ambiance and cuisine before returning to the hotel to relax and rest. (D)

#### Day 2 - Discovering Colonial Alexandria

After breakfast, explore Alexandria's rich history with visits to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Christ Church, and Gadsby's Tavern. Stroll through Old Town Alexandria on a guided walking tour and enjoy free time for lunch and shopping. In the evening, embark on a scenic wine sail aboard the Tall Ship Providence before dining at Gadsby's Tavern with a special guest – Martha Washington, herself! (B, D)

#### Day 3 - Independence Day Celebration in DC

Start your Independence Day with breakfast and secure a prime spot near the National Archives for the patriotic festivities. Witness the reading of the Declaration of Independence, live performances, and the vibrant Fourth of July Parade. After some rest, head to the exclusive Top of the Town venue featuring floor to ceiling windows, for a private dinner and entertainment experience with unparalleled views of the fireworks over the National Mall. (B, D)

#### Day 4 - Monuments and Memorials

Enjoy a tour of DC's iconic monuments, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and Korean War Veterans Memorial. Spend the afternoon immersed in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, celebrating America's 250th anniversary. Choose to visit additional Smithsonian museums before ending the day with a delicious dinner, followed by an Illuminated Monument tour showcasing the city's landmarks at night. (B, D)

#### Day 5 - George Washington's Virginia

Travel to Mount Vernon to explore George Washington's historic estate, participate in a wreath-laying ceremony, and tour his Gristmill and Distillery. Visit George Mason's Gunston Hall to learn about Revolutionary-era rights and ideas. Conclude the day with a sumptuous riverfront dinner before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 6 - Revolutionary Heritage

Conclude your journey with a tour of DAR Constitution Hall and the National Archives, where you'll view our original Declaration of Independence. Enjoy a farewell lunch, before visiting the Anderson House for an engaging tour of the Society of the Cincinnati's history before departing with fond memories. (B, L)

#### Celebrate America's 250th Independence Day Anniversary in Style!

JULY 2 - 7, 2026

Join us for a 6-day journey featuring Alexandria's colonial charm, the patriotic splendor of July 4th in Washington, DC, and the legacy of George Washington. Explore iconic landmarks, sail the Potomac River on a historic ship, and

immerse yourself in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Enjoy exclusive dining experiences, fireworks over the

National Mall with an exclusive private dinner and exceptional vantage point. This unforgettable tour blends history, culture, and celebration for an experience like no other. Spaces are very limited – reserve your spot today!

### Highlights

- Guided City Touring
- Old Town Alexandria
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial
- Christ Church
- Gadsby's Tavern
- National Archives
- National Independence Day Parade Premium Seats
- Live Reading of the Declaration of Independence
- Fourth of July Festivities (Schedule: TBD)
- Smithsonian Folklife Festival
- George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate
- DAR Constitution Hall
- Anderson House / Society of the Cincinnati

### Inclusions

- 5 nights' hotel accommodations
- 5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners (Including the 4th of July Exclusive Event)
- Independence Day Parade Premium Seats
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Hotel Fees

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