

Itinerary

Day 1 - Where the Flag Was Sewn

Arrive in Baltimore and enjoy lunch amid the shops and waterfront charm of the Inner Harbor. Visit the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House, where Mary Pickersgill sewed the massive flag that would inspire our national anthem. Then, explore portraits of early American heroes & Revolutionary War history at the Maryland Center for History and Culture. Enjoy a group dinner at a local favorite before checking in for the night.

Day 2 - Fort McHenry and the USS Constellation

Begin your day at Fort McHenry, where you'll witness a flag-raising ceremony on the very site that inspired Francis Scott Key's "The Star-Spangled Banner." Then, board the USS Constellation, a historic Navy ship with ties to the War of 1812. Later, travel to Frederick, MD, where Key's legacy lives on through visits to historic homes, churches, and his gravesite at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Enjoy dinner included before returning to your hotel.

Day 3 - From Anthem to Archives ~ Famous Flags of DC

Depart Maryland and journey to Washington, DC. At the Smithsonian Museum of American History, see the actual Star-Spangled Banner that flew over Fort McHenry. Afterwards, visit the National Archives to view the Declaration of Independence and other founding documents. Conclude the day with dinner and a Guided Illuminated Monument Tour of the Capital's most iconic landmarks before checking in to your hotel.

Day 4 - Flags That Made History

Visit the newly redesigned Air & Space Museum to see a replica of the iconic American flag planted on the moon! Embark on a Monuments & Memorials Tour to see the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), where the moment of raising the flag is captured in bronze. Cap off the day with a special waterfront dinner overlooking the Potomac River.

Day 5 - Washington's Legacy and the Flags of Valor

Visit George Washington's Mount Vernon to explore the estate, pay tribute with a private wreath-laying at his tomb, and reflect on his leadership that shaped our nation. Then travel to the National Museum of the Marine Corps, where both original Iwo Jima flags are preserved and immersive exhibits bring American military history to life. Enjoy a final Farewell Dinner overlooking the Potomac River.

Day 6 - Farewell

Depart for home with a renewed appreciation for the stars and stripes and the American spirit they represent.

Banner Moments: Tracing the Anthem and the American Spirit

Follow the threads of history as we honor the story of the American flag – from the home where it was sewn to the fort where it flew.

This patriotic journey from Baltimore to Washington, DC features stirring sites like Fort McHenry, the Smithsonian, and Mount Vernon, celebrating the enduring symbol that inspired our national anthem.

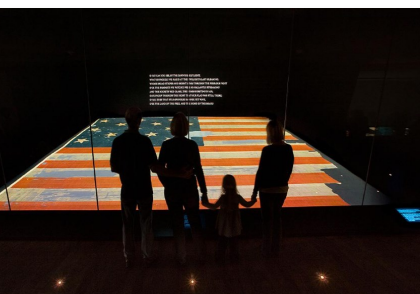
Highlights

- Star-Spangled Banner Flag House
- Maryland Historical Society Museum
- Fort McHenry
- USS Constellation
- Francis Scott Key touring in Frederick, MD
- Mount Olivet Cemetery
- Museum of Frederick County History
- Smithsonian Museum of American History
- National Archives
- Illuminated Monument Tour
- Smithsonian Institute Air & Space Museum
- George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate

Inclusions

- 4 nights' hotel accommodations
- 4 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Hotel Fees

Famous Flags of Washington, DC



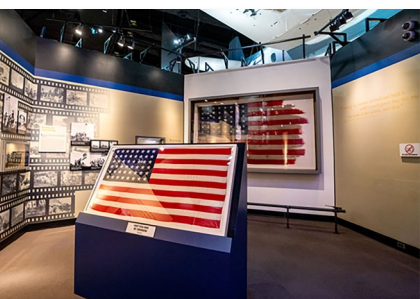
"Old Glory" | Smithsonian Institute American History Museum

One of our country's most iconic flags, Old Glory is a 10' by 17' 24-star flag that belonged to William Driver, a captain and master mariner from Salem, Mass. Driver took Old Glory with him on several sea adventures around the world and he later hoisted the flag over Tennessee's capitol building when Union forces captured Nashville during the Civil War. Old Glory is so famous that it has become a nickname for other U.S. flags. Today, Old Glory is on display at The National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.



Iwo Jima Flags | National Museum of Marine Corps

As the Battle of Iwo Jima raged on, Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal heard that a group of U.S. Marines had just secured Mt. Suribachi and planted an American flag on the summit. Rosenthal arrived at the scene in time to take pictures of another group of Marines who were hoisting an even larger flag atop Mt. Suribachi. Rosenthal won a Pulitzer Prize for his iconic photo and the picture helped inspire America's troops turn the tide to win the Second World War. Today, both Iwo Jima Flags have been preserved as artifacts at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.



Six Apollo Flags | National Air & Space Museum

Who can forget the grainy image of astronaut Neil Armstrong planting the U.S. flag on the barren lunar landscape? Altogether, six Apollo flags were left on the moon by American astronauts between 1969 and 1972. Ordered from a government supply catalog, each nylon flag measured about 3' by 5'. There is speculation that the flags may have been bleached white by intense ultraviolet radiation or disintegrated from the heat generated by takeoff rockets. If you're lucky to catch a SpaceX flight to the moon, you may be able to take a selfie next to one of the Apollo flags. Otherwise, be sure to see a replica at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

