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Homes of the Presidents

Washington, D.C. and Charlottesville, VA

3 Nights / 4 Days

History buffs rejoice - Your tour has arrived!

MARS has packed SIX Presidents' homes into this neat and budget-friendly tour package!

Day 1 - George Washington & Old Town Alexandria

Arrive in **Washington, DC**, and stop first at for a visit to **George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate**, where he escaped the rigors of public office and enjoyed the life of a successful Virginia planter. America's most visited historic house, Mount Vernon sits on a grassy, shaded slope overlooking the Potomac River and where he spent his final days. Many of the home's furnishings are original pieces acquired by Washington himself. Mount Vernon is both George Washington's home and final resting-place. This Southern plantation standing on the banks of the Potomac River details the life of the, "Father of Our Country" while providing fascinating insights into Colonial times. Be sure to visit **Grist Mill** while exploring the massive estate. Depart for **Old Town Alexandria** and enjoy a **tour** of this historic town with its cobblestone streets. See **Christ Church**, where both **George Washington** and **General Robert E. Lee** attended church services; see **Robert E. Lee's boyhood home**, and the **George Washington Masonic National Memorial** before an **included dinner** at historic **Gadsby's Tavern**. Afterwards, check in to your local hotel. (D)

Day 2 - The White House, Woodrow Wilson, and Lincoln

After **breakfast** at the hotel this morning, depart to tour the **White House Visitor Center**, where you can experience an interactive

touchscreen tour of the White House, view over 90 artifacts from the White House collection, shop at the White House Historical Association retail store, and view the 14 minute film, "**White House: Reflections From Within.**" Stop for a **White House photo opportunity**. Drive by the **Octagon House**, former home of James Madison en route to tour **The Woodrow Wilson House**, residence of the Twenty-Eighth President of the United States, and where Woodrow Wilson, after he left office, spent his final days. Enjoy **lunch on own** at the **National Portrait Gallery** and tour **The Hall of Presidents Official Portraits**. Afterwards, depart to tour **Lincoln's Cottage**. Located on a picturesque hilltop in **Washington, DC**, **President Lincoln's Cottage** is the most significant historic site directly associated with Lincoln's presidency aside from the White House. Enjoy an **included dinner** this evening at a local favorite restaurant before a relaxing **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour**. Washington's impressive during the day - *absolutely stunning at night!* Stop and walkthrough the **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** for a spectacular view of the city from the terrace, and see the famous bronze bust of John F Kennedy in the grand foyer. Drive by other Memorials and Monuments to include: **the Marine Corps. Memorial, (Iwo Jima Statue)** and the **Air Force Memorial**. Return to the hotel. (B, D)



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Day 3 - Montpelier and Monticello

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to heading south through Virginia. Visit and tour **Montpelier**, the home of **James and Dolley Madison**. The new **Visitor's Center and Museum Galleries** at Montpelier displays how Montpelier looked during the ownership of the wealthy Du Pont family before the restoration began. Depart and enjoy a **buffet lunch** at historic **Michie Tavern** where costumed wait-staff serve hearty Colonial period fare in this 200-year old converted log house. Afterwards, visit **Monticello** the mountain top estate of **Thomas Jefferson**. The **Visitor Center** includes a wonderful film, galleries, gift shop, café, courtyard, and more. Stop by for a photo at the **University of Virginia**, designed by Thomas Jefferson. He patterned the **Rotunda** in his original "**Academical Village**" after the Roman Pantheon, and it is still the focal point of the grounds. Enjoy **dinner** this evening at a favorite local restaurant before returning to your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 4 - Presidential Monuments and Memorials

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning before **checking out** and departing for a **Presidential Monuments and Memorials Tour**. Visit the Jefferson Memorial, the new Eisenhower Memorial, the FDR Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. Enjoy **lunch on own** while touring before visiting **Arlington National Cemetery** where guests can visit the **John F. Kennedy gravesite** along with the **Tomb of the Unknowns**, and see the **Changing of the Guard**, along with numerous other monuments and memorials located on America's most sacred square mile. (B)

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