

# Blossom Sherry Blossom Since

## **Itinerary**

## Day 1 - THUR (Mar 20 or 27) - Cherry Blossom Pink Stroll

Visit the Nation's Capital at the peak of Cherry Blossom Season! Your journey begins with a warm welcome at the Tidal Basin, where you'll meet your guide for an enchanting photo stroll amidst iconic landmarks, memorials, and monuments. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the Smithsonian Museums, followed by a delightful Welcome Dinner at a waterfront restaurant, savoring the freshest local cuisine. Arrive at your MARS Partner hotel where you'll receive a special Keepsake Gift — a 2025 Cherry Blossom lapel pin — to mark the occasion.

#### Day 2 - FRI (Mar 21 or 28) - Cherry Blossom Pink Cruise

Fuel up with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a full day of exploration. Capture breathtaking moments as the morning sun bathes the city in a golden glow. Indulge in a Lunch Cruise aboard the Odyssey, sipping Pink Champagne while admiring the city in full bloom. Visit poignant memorials before experiencing the city's enchanting night vistas on an Illuminated Monument Tour. Enjoy dinner on own in Old Town Alexandria or the National Harbor.

## Day 3 - SAT (March 22 or 29) - The Capitol & The Estate

Start your day with a hearty breakfast before setting out with your guide. Explore the United States Capitol Building with a red coat tour of the Visitor Center followed by time to discover the world famous literary collection at the Library of Congress. Choose your afternoon adventure: delve into history at George Washington's Mount Vernon or bask in luxury at Hillwood Estate and Gardens. Savor another delectable dinner before opting for an evening of live entertainment at Ford's Theatre or the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. (Optional activity – Additional charge pending selection)

#### Day 4 - SUN (March 23 or 30)

Savor a final breakfast before bidding farewell to Washington, D.C. Pay your respects at Arlington National Cemetery, taking in its solemn beauty. Depart for home with cherished memories of your Cherry Blossom escapade at peak bloom time.\*

\*According to the National Park Services (NPS): "The most likely time to reach peak bloom is between the last week of March & the first week of April. Extraordinary warm or cool temperatures have resulted in peak bloom as early as March 15 (1990) & as late as April 18 (1958)."

March 2025 Washington, DC

# **Highlights**

- 2025 Keepsake Cherry Blossom Lapel Pin
- Guided Pink Stroll along the Tidal Basin
- Odyssey Lunch Cruise & Pink Champagne
- Guided City Touring
- Illuminated Monuments & Memorials Tour
- United States Capitol Building
- Capitol Visitor Center
- Library of Congress
- Smithsonian Museums on the National Mall
- Arlington National Cemetery & Tram
- George Washington's Mount Vernon (optional)
- Hillwood Estate & Gardens (optional)
- Ford's Theatre or Kennedy Center Performance (optional activity for additional charge)

## **Inclusions**

- 3 nights' hotel accommodations
- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch Cruise, 2 Dinners
- Admissions and Guide Services
- 2025 Keepsake Cherry Blossom Lapel Pin
- Taxes, Fees, & Gratuity

Prices starting at \$699/pp/dd Min 35 + 18