

## 2018 Washington, D.C. Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that I will lead a group of St Mary School students on an exciting trip to Washington, D.C. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore the nation's most important historic sites and experience first-hand what they've been learning in school. This will be a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Standing where Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial
- Discovering the true meaning of sacrifice at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery
- Walking in the footsteps of our country's past and present leaders on Capitol Hill
- Exploring numerous Smithsonian Museums, like the National Museum of Natural History and the National Air and Space Museum

Our travel partner will be WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, unmatched safety record, and 50 years of experience delivering top-quality educational travel programs. I have led this program for many years now and look forward to leading it again. I will chaperone the program with other adults as needed, and throughout our trip, we will be guided by a licensed WorldStrides Course Leader. Since this is not a school sponsored trip, we will not be attending as representatives or employees of the school.

**There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on September 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Life Center.** All parents and students are invited to attend this brief, 30-minute meeting where I'll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read the enclosed brochure, look over the sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit [www.worldstrides.com/discoveries](http://www.worldstrides.com/discoveries) for more details. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (734) 241-3377.

I look forward to seeing you at the trip information meeting and having your child join us on this unforgettable trip!

**Sign up by October 6, 2017**

Sheena Zawistowicz  
Program Leader

# Washington, D.C. Sample Itinerary

## DAY 1

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Arrive in **Washington, D.C.**

Meet your WorldStrides representative

Hotel check-in

## DAY 2

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Breakfast

**Alexandria** One of America's oldest and most historic cities

**Mount Vernon** George Washington's home, plantation, and Education Center, which showcases life during colonial times, 18<sup>th</sup>-century treasures, and our first president as a farmer and businessman

**Washington Monument** (picture stop)  
The world's tallest stone monument, which honors our nation's first president

Lunch

**White House** (picture stop) Home of the U.S. president

**Holocaust Museum** Get a glimpse of life for the victims of Nazi Germany with a viewing of "Daniel's Story" at this living memorial

Dinner

**Jefferson Memorial** Dedicated to our third president and author of the Declaration of Independence

**World War II Memorial** Honors the 16 million who served — and 400,000 who died — in the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII, and all who supported the war effort from home

Return to hotel

## DAY 3

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Breakfast

**Arlington National Cemetery**  
America's most famous military cemetery: Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Gravesites, Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial

**Iwo Jima Memorial** A tribute to all U.S. Marines based on the famous WWII photo by Joe Rosenthal

**Pentagon Memorial** Honors the 184 victims of the 9/11 attack at the Pentagon

Lunch

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial** Dedicated to the more than 58,000 men and women killed or missing in Vietnam

**Korean War Veterans Memorial**  
Tribute to the men and women who defended South Korea in the Korean War

**Lincoln Memorial** In remembrance of former President Abraham Lincoln and the great nation he fought to preserve during the Civil War

Dinner

Return to hotel

## DAY 4

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Breakfast

**Embassy Row** Houses more than 170 foreign embassies

**National Zoo** Home to several giant pandas and more!

Lunch

**Capitol Hill Grounds Tour:** Capitol Visitor Center (by appointment), Supreme Court, Library of Congress

**National Archives** Home of the original Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence

**FDR Memorial** In remembrance of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

**MLK Memorial** Honors the famous civil rights activist, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dinner

Return to hotel

## DAY 5

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Breakfast

Hotel check-out

**Ford's Theatre** and **Petersen House** (by appointment) Where President Lincoln was shot and later died on that fateful day

Lunch

**Smithsonian Institution** The world's largest museum complex: National Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Museum of American History

Dinner

Depart **Washington, D.C.**, for home



## Washington, D.C. Trip Details:

### TRIP DATES

**Trip ID#: 148979 - Use this to sign up!**

Destination: Washington, D.C.

Side Trips: Gettysburg, PA

We will depart the morning of May 21, 2018, via chartered motor coach and arrive in Washington D.C. the evening of May 21, 2018. On our way, we will stop and explore Gettysburg. We will then spend 4 active days learning on location. We will depart Washington D.C., again via chartered coach, the morning of May 25, 2018. We will arrive back home that evening.

### TRIP MEETING

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### TRIP PRICE

Prices are based on 35 full-paying participants.

Student: \$999 quad occupancy.

Adult: \$1,149 double occupancy.

Payment can be made in full or spread out into monthly installment payments\*. Select EZPay when choosing monthly installment payments and have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account saving you time and potential missed payments. There is a \$6 non-refundable handling fee on each installment payment following your registration, if you do not select EZPay.

**Full Refund Program:** An additional \$115 protects your investment if you need to cancel for any reason. It is recommended that you enroll in this valuable program by electing the Full Refund Program when you sign up. See reverse for more information.

**FLAG financial assistance:** FLAG financial assistance may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to \$85,000. See reverse for details.

\*Installment amounts may vary in price based on when you sign up and optional inclusions. Your last payment must be made by the final payment deadline and may be larger than your previous installment payments. Your final payment is due on 03/07/2018.

### INCLUDES

- Round-trip transportation
- Sightseeing transportation
- Course Leader
- Quality hotel accommodations
- Night Chaperones in hotel
- Accident/health insurance
- Field journals
- Online educational resources
- All meals
- All admissions fees
- Evening activities
- 24-hour emergency support

### SIGN UP TODAY!

**Sign Up By: 10/06/2017 (Please sign up as soon as possible)**

Deposit Amount: \$99 (non-refundable)

#### Sign Up:

- Online at [www.worldstrides.com/signup](http://www.worldstrides.com/signup) (use **Trip ID# 148979** to sign up)
- By phone - call WorldStrides' Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899
- By mail - use the registration form **on reverse**

Sign up today for the trip of a lifetime!



**ONLINE**

[worldstrides.com/signup](http://worldstrides.com/signup)



**PHONE**

800-468-5899



**MAIL**

Fill out the attached form  
and return by mail



### Protect your investment with our Full Refund Program

Educational travel is an investment in your child's future, and our Full Refund Program protects that investment should you have to cancel your registration before departure. The program refunds all money paid (less non-refundable deposit, fees, and the Full Refund Program cost), and includes special Job Loss Protection. Full Terms and Conditions are available at [worldstrides.com/tripterms](http://worldstrides.com/tripterms). We strongly recommend that you add-on our Full Refund Program when signing up for your trip.



### Take advantage of FLAG financial assistance

Through the FLAG financial assistance program, WorldStrides has made it possible for thousands of families to experience the many benefits of educational travel. Over \$2 million in financial assistance is given out each year through this incredible program. The application process is simple and confidential, and families with annual adjusted gross incomes of up to \$85,000 may qualify. Call 800-468-5899 to apply.



### Use our Gift of Education tools to help pay for your trip

The Gift of Education is our easy and highly successful fundraising program that students can use to receive donations from family, friends, and local organizations to help pay for their trip. Thousands of students have received millions of dollars through this program, with 100% of the donations going directly toward their trip price! Learn more about raising money through e-cards, letters, and shareable Facebook links at [worldstridesfundraising.com](http://worldstridesfundraising.com).

[www.worldstrides.com/signup](http://www.worldstrides.com/signup) | 1-800-468-5899 | PO Box 9033, Charlottesville VA 22906-9033

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## REGISTRATION FORM

St Mary School

Trip ID 148979 - REF# 26882-7 - AMV 05/21/18 - ALB

Full legal name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Additional registrant name\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Federal mandate (TSA) requires that travelers provide their complete first, middle, and last names (as they appear on legal documents, not nicknames or initials) and date of birth.

Date of birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  Male  Female  Student  Adult Additional registrant DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  Male  Female  Student  Adult

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  I verify this is a valid email address  Sign me up for paper-free billing and notifications

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a souvenir T-shirt and bill me \$19.00. My size is: **S M L XL XXL** (all shirts are adult sizes)

I am paying by check There is a \$35 charge for returned checks Amount I am paying today: \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by credit card Your minimum payment is \$99

Mastercard  Visa  Discover Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number:           Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, enroll me** in the Full Refund Program! Signature X: \_\_\_\_\_

**No, do not enroll me** in the Full Refund Program I have reviewed and agree to the Terms and Conditions and confirm my Full Refund Program selection. Full Terms and Conditions can be found at [www.worldstrides.com/tripterms](http://www.worldstrides.com/tripterms)