



AAA Akron Tour Operations / Tour #997
WASHINGTON, D.C.
September 17-20, 2009

Day #1 / Thursday / September 17

- 6:30 AM Depart AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 W. Center St. in Akron
7:00 AM Depart Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18 and I-77) in Montrose
Rest stop with breakfast availability and a lunch stop en route
- 2:30 PM Hotel check-in: Comfort Inn
16216 South Frederick Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877
Phone: (301) 330-0023
- 4:00 PM Depart Comfort Inn
4:45 PM Arrive at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia to view the 9-11 Memorial which opened to the public on September 11, 2008
- 5:15 PM Depart the Pentagon
5:25 PM Visit the Air Force Memorial dedicated two years ago in Arlington, Virginia
5:45 PM Depart Air Force Memorial
6:00 PM Arrive at *Nina's Dandy* in Alexandria, Virginia and board for dinner cruise
6:30-9:30 PM Cruise on the Potomac River aboard the beautiful *Nina's Dandy*
(Nina's Dandy is one of Washington D.C.'s most luxurious cruising vessels and was designed to cruise under the dramatic low arched bridges in our nation's capitol. The cruise departs from Alexandria and typically goes up the Potomac River to around Georgetown. Dine while viewing the Washington Monument, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, and other historic landmarks. Afterward, you can go up to the open deck for more spectacular viewing or enjoy live music and even dance if you so desire. On our way back to Alexandria, see the monuments in a "different light" as they will be lit up for the night. Please note that the dress attire for this dinner cruise is smart casual meaning shirts, blouses and trousers but no shorts or blue jeans. Suits, ties, pant suits, and dresses are not required.)
- 9:30 PM Disembark *Nina's Dandy*
10:15 PM Return to Comfort Inn

Day #2 / Friday / September 18

- 7:00-8:30 AM Full breakfast (included) at Comfort Inn
8:45 AM Depart Comfort Inn
10:00 AM Visit Washington National Cathedral
11:00 AM Depart Washington National Cathedral
Drive through Embassy Row seeing many foreign embassies and Vice President's home in distance
- 11:30 AM Tour Woodrow Wilson's House
1:00 PM Depart Woodrow Wilson's House
1:30 PM Enjoy lunch (on your own) and shopping in picturesque Union Station
2:40 PM Depart Union Station
2:50 PM Stop at U.S. Capitol for exterior photographs assuming no unusual security restrictions
3:30 PM Arrive at John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and take behind the scenes tour
5:30 PM Depart John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts
5:50 PM Visit Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, Women's Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Albert Einstein Memorial
- 7:30 PM Enjoy a three course dinner (included) at Old Ebbitt Grill in Washington, D.C.
(Old Ebbitt Grill is one of Washington D.C.'s oldest and most historic restaurants, just two blocks from the White House).
- 9:30 PM Depart Old Ebbitt Grill
Drive by several monuments illuminated after dark on our way back to our hotel
- 10:15 PM Return to Comfort Inn

Day #3 / Saturday / September 19

7:00-8:45AM	Full breakfast (included) at Comfort Inn
9:00 AM	Depart Comfort Inn
9:45 AM	Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia and take a tourmobile to visit the Kennedy gravesites, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Changing of the Guard, and other notable landmarks
11:45 AM	Depart Arlington National Cemetery
12:00 PM	Visit Iwo Jima Monument
12:20 PM	Depart Iwo Jima Monument
	Lunch (on your own)
1:30 PM	Arrive at President Lincoln's Cottage in Washington, D.C. for a guided tour <i>(Designated a National Monument by President Clinton in 2000, President Lincoln's Cottage served as Lincoln's family residence for a quarter of his presidency as is the most significant historic site directly associated with Lincoln's presidency aside from the White House. A \$15 million restoration of this cottage was completed in 2008 and for the first time, the public was able to witness a never before seen view of Abraham Lincoln's Presidency and family life. President Lincoln composed many thoughts while staying here including Union Civil War strategy, emancipation, and the beginning of the 13th Amendment. This 34-room Gothic Revival style cottage was also designated a National Historic Landmark in 1974 and served as a summer retreat for President James Buchanan in 1857 and President Rutherford B. Hayes from 1877-80. President Chester A. Arthur in stayed there in the winter of 1882 while the White House was being repaired).</i>
4:15 PM	Depart President Lincoln's Cottage
4:40 PM	Arrive at the White House to view and photograph the exterior
5:00 PM	Depart the White House
5:15 PM	Visit National World War II Memorial and Washington Monument
6:00 PM	Visit the Franklin Delano Roosevelt (F.D.R.) Memorial then take a scenic walk around the Tidal Basin to see the George Mason National Memorial and Thomas Jefferson Memorial.
7:15 PM	Board motor coach repositioned across the street from George Mason National Memorial
7:45 PM	Dinner (on your own) at restaurant in Gaithersburg, Maryland
8:45 PM	Return to Comfort Inn

Day #4 / Sunday / September 20

7:00 AM	Luggage out
7:00-8:00 AM	Full breakfast (included) at Comfort Inn
8:10 AM	Depart Comfort Inn
9:00 AM	Visit Ford's Theater National Historic Site, where President Abraham Lincoln was fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865. This theater has been restored to its 1860's appearance and reopened to the public in February 2009 after several months of renovation. Ford's Theatre Museum is in the basement of Fords' Theatre and there will be time to explore its exhibits depicting the assassination of Lincoln.
10:00 AM	Depart Ford's Theater National Historic Site and walk across the street to see inside Petersen House which has been restored to its 1860s appearance. This is the house where President Lincoln was carried after he was shot in Ford's Theatre. He died the following morning.
10:30 AM	Depart Petersen House
11:00 AM	Arrive at The Mall in downtown Washington, D.C.
11:00 AM -2:00 PM	<u>FREE TIME TO EXPLORE THE SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS OF YOUR CHOICE, GET LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN), AND EVEN VISIT THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY</u>
2:00 PM	First pickup at Smithsonian Museums located in the eastern area of The Mall
2:15 PM	Second pickup at Smithsonian Museums located in the western area of The Mall

Day #4 / Sunday / September 20 (CONTINUED)

- 3:00 PM** Arrive at the National Air and Space Museum Annex (also known as the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center) next to Dulles Airport in Chantilly, Virginia
Everyone can peruse this museum at your leisure and have lunch on your own if you did not eat earlier at one of the other Smithsonian museum restaurants
(This impressive museum opened in 2007 and houses the Concorde SST, the B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay, the Space Shuttle Enterprise, and numerous other famous spacecraft, rockets, satellites, and planes. You can even take an elevator up 164 feet to the old Dulles Airport control tower and watch airplanes land on adjacent runways).
- 4:15 PM** Depart National Air and Space Museum Annex
Rest breaks and dinner stop en route
- 10:30 PM** Return to AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 W. Center St. in Akron Auto Club
- 11:00 PM** Return to Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18 and I-77) in Montrose

All times are tentative and subject to change without notice. Final documents will be mailed 2 weeks prior to departure.

TOUR INCLUDES: Roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation – Anderson Coach
3 nights hotel accommodations at Comfort Inn
5 meals (3 breakfasts and 2 dinners – on *Nina's Dandy* and at Old Ebbitt Grill)
Potomac River dinner cruise onboard *Nina's Dandy*
Admission to Washington National Cathedral
Admission to Woodrow Wilson's House
Admission to Ford's Theatre National Historic Site
Admission to President Lincoln's Cottage
Arlington National Cemetery with Tourmobile and local guide
Sightseeing at all monuments described in the previous pages of this itinerary
Time for visiting the Smithsonian Museums of your choice
Visit to National Air and Space Museum Annex
Baggage handling for one piece of luggage per person
Tax and tip on included meals, admissions and hotel accommodations
Services of AAA Akron Tour Escort

PRICE: \$539.00 per person based on double occupancy
\$689.00 per person based on single occupancy
\$519.00 per person based on triple occupancy
\$499.00 per person based on quad occupancy

DEPOSIT: \$100.00 per person is due at the time of booking.
The final balance is due in full on August 17, 2009.

SPECIAL NOTE: *This tour involves considerable walking and a more active level of activity. Young adults under age 21 are welcome on this tour if accompanied by an adult over age 21.*

CANCELLATION POLICY: The \$100 deposit for this tour is non-refundable after August 17, 2009 unless your space can be resold. Cancellations under 30 days prior to departure will incur penalties. The amount will depend on refunds from vendors, whether the tour is sold out or not, and several other factors. Cancellation insurance is recommended.

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\$539.00 PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

TOUR #997 / REGISTRATION

IF YOU ARE AN AAA MEMBER, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR AAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

BOARDING AT: _____ AAA Akron's downtown location, 111 West Center St. in Akron
_____ Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road (Route 18 and I-77) in Montrose

LICENSE PLATE (required for parking at AAA Akron downtown): _____

YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL OF VEHICLE (required for parking downtown): _____

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE: Home: _____ Work: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR UPDATES ON AAA AKRON ESCORTED TOURS: _____

ROOMING WITH: _____

REQUEST: Non Smoking Room: _____ Smoking Room: _____

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS (requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed):

MEAL SELECTION FOR NINA'S DANDY CRUISE ON POTOMAC RIVER, SEPTEMBER 17 PLEASE SELECT ONE MEAL FOR EACH PERSON IN YOUR PARTY (Meal selection due by 8/17/09)

Prime rib, baked potato, sour cream, butter _____ *Specify how you would like prime rib cooked* _____
Shrimp with crabmeat stuffing, rice and hollandaise sauce _____
Fillet of cod with a white wine sauce and seasonal vegetables _____
Cornish game hen with a rice blend and mushroom sauce _____
Poached salmon with hollandaise sauce and vegetables _____
Basil parmesan breast of chicken, fresh basil cream sauce, with parmesan and bread crumbs plus noodles or rice _____
Beef burgundy served with noodles or rice _____
Vegetarian pasta primavera with or without Alfredo sauce _____
Vegetarian steamed vegetable platter _____

MEAL SELECTION FOR DINNER AT THE OLD EBBITT GRILL ON SEPTEMBER 18 PLEASE SELECT ONE MEAL FOR EACH PERSON IN YOUR PARTY (Meal selection due by 8/18/09)

Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables _____
Pan roasted salmon, topped with crispy fried onions (could be on the side), with rice and seasonal vegetables _____
Vegetarian pasta, seasonal vegetables with garlic, olive oil, and Parmesan cheese _____

Please note that a \$100.00 deposit per person is required to reserve space on this tour. The final payment is due on August 17, 2009. This tour may be booked and paid at any AAA Akron office using cash, check or a major credit card. If paying by check, please make it payable to AAA Akron and mail it along with the completed registration form to:

Eric Wertz, AAA Akron Tour Operations, 111 West Center St., Akron, Ohio 44308

AAA Akron Locations to Serve You

Cuyahoga Falls: (330) 923-4826 Downtown Akron: (330) 762-0631 Fairlawn: (330) 867-0694 Hudson: (330) 650-6727