

**Travel with
Collegiate!**



Washington DC

MARCH 22-25, 2017



Benefits of Student Travel

- ▶ **Sharpens Self-Awareness**

- ▶ Profound travel experiences give students a sense of place and purpose, and they establish lifelong values and priorities

- ▶ **Enhances Perspective**

- ▶ Provides real-world experience with new places and cultures outside of classroom and textbook instruction

- ▶ **Builds leadership Skills**

- ▶ Students establish perspective, confidence and conviction that make it easier to gain the respect of others

- ▶ **Fosters Independence**

- ▶ Provides enriching experiences that challenge students to open their minds regarding food, friends, culture, travel and new experiences



Washington DC Video

► <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dilTLvbHxc>



Trip Date / Tour Company

- ▶ Date: March 22-25
- ▶ Tour Company: Sonshine Educational Tours (Florida-Based Company with 30+ years experience)
- ▶ Company Link:
<http://www.sonshinetours.com/>



Trip Details

- ▶ **All-Inclusive Trip:**
 - ▶ **Motor Coach Airport Shuttle To/From Polk State College Campus**
 - ▶ **Roundtrip Airfare Tampa – Washington DC**
 - ▶ **Deluxe Hotel Accommodations (Sheraton, etc.)**
 - ▶ **Nightly Hotel Group Security**
 - ▶ **Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation Around Washington DC**
 - ▶ **Licensed Washington DC Tour Guide Throughout the Entire Trip**
 - ▶ **All Admissions/Ticket Costs**
 - ▶ **All Meals (Hotel Breakfast Buffets, Lunch & Dinner at Restaurants/Food Courts)**
 - ▶ **All Gratuities**
 - ▶ **All Parking and Tolls**



Proposed Itinerary

Schedule Subject to Change Based on Unforeseen Conditions



Day 1

Wednesday



- ▶ Early Morning Flight From Tampa to Washington DC
- ▶ Visit Mt. Vernon – home of George Washington
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ American History and/or African American History Museum
- ▶ Dinner at Washington DC Hard Rock Café (or similar)
- ▶ FDR & MLK Memorials night tour
- ▶ Hotel Check-In: Sheraton



Day 2

Thursday



- ▶ Breakfast at Hotel
- ▶ Tour of Arlington Cemetery
- ▶ Changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- ▶ Iwo Jima Memorial
- ▶ Explore the Newseum/International Spy Museum
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Washington Monument
- ▶ National Archives
- ▶ Dinner at King Street Blues Restaurant (or similar)
- ▶ Evening Walking Historical/"Ghost Tour" of Old Towne Alexandria
- ▶ Return to hotel for the evening



Day 3

Friday

- ▶ Breakfast at hotel
- ▶ Jefferson and WWII Memorials
- ▶ Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Ford's Theatre
- ▶ Holocaust Memorial Museum
- ▶ Lincoln, Viet Nam & Korean Memorials
- ▶ Evening Dinner Cruise on the Potomac River
- ▶ Return to the Hotel for the evening



Day 4

Saturday



- ▶ Breakfast at the hotel
- ▶ White House (Subject to assistance from local Congressman)
- ▶ Tour of the U.S. Capital – Meet Local Congressman
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Supreme Court & Library of Congress
- ▶ Natural History Museum at the Smithsonian
- ▶ Airport Check-in including dinner at airport food court
- ▶ Evening flight home from Washington DC to Tampa
- ▶ Motor Coach airport shuttle to Polk State College Campus



Trip Capacity / Payment Schedule

- ▶ Limit of 45 Student Spots – First Come, First Served
- ▶ All – Inclusive Price and Payment Schedule
 - ▶ \$100 Deposit – September 9th
 - ▶ \$350 – October 21st
 - ▶ \$350 – December 9th
 - ▶ \$319 Final Payment – January 21st



Polk State College Higher Reach Online Payment System

- ▶ Open to all Polk State College Students/Collegiate Students/Parents
- ▶ Student/parent creates individual account
- ▶ All payments made through Individual Higher Reach account
- ▶ Ability to make payments towards balance at any time / spread out payments between deadlines
- ▶ Ability to track progress towards paying full balance
- ▶ Safe, secure and time-saving
- ▶ Link with instructions will be sent to those that sign up for the trip



Fund-Raising

- ▶ Short Fund-Raising meeting at the end of the meeting for those looking for funding assistance



Q&A