

# Autumn in Washington, DC, Philly & New York

**12 Days: September 15-26, 2010**



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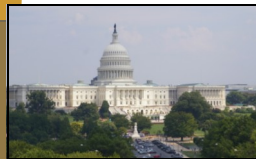
Visit Washington, DC, West Point Academy, Philadelphia and New York all on one enjoyable trip!! AND, because of so many requests, we are returning to Longaberger Baskets in Ohio. At this time of the year, the colors should be beautiful and the scenery outstanding.

September 15 we leave our guaranteed departure cities, picking up along our way to **Crawfordsville, IN**. We stay at a favorite property with a **buffet dinner** upon arrival. Our hotel has a game room and an outdoor pool.

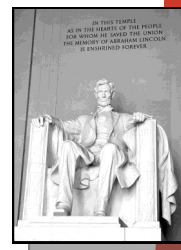
September 16 after **breakfast** we travel through colorful Indiana and Ohio, stopping for a visit at the **Longaberger Basket Co.** near Dresden. Its office building looks like a giant picnic basket! We will tour the factory where weavers make baskets of all sizes, shapes and colors, then visit the museum and company store with a little time to browse and shop. We stay the night in St. Clairsville, OH. Our hotel has an Italian restaurant.



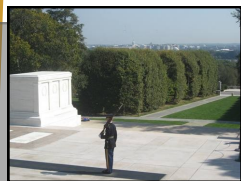
September 17 after **breakfast** we'll travel to picturesque and historic **Fredrick, MD**, for lunch on your own and a chance to enjoy a few of the nearly 40 antique shops in the area. Today's final destination is the **Washington, DC**, area where we will stay for the next 3 nights. Our hotel is within walking distance of the Smithsonian and on four of the five metro lines. You'll have easy access to all the sights, attractions and national monuments, if you want to see more on your own. Our hotel has a full service restaurant and lounge.



September 18 & 19 after **breakfast** each morning we're off to experience the sights and sounds of our nation's capital city. Our **tour** with an expert local **step-on guide** will include the **Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, the Marine's Iwo Jima Memorial, the newly dedicated World War II Memorial, the Korean Memorial and the Pentagon Memorial**, newly dedicated for those who perished in the 2001 air attack on the Pentagon. We'll conclude one of the days with an evening tour of the beautiful **illuminated monuments and memorials**. A tour of the **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** and the **new Capitol Visitor Center** will also be included. We'll have **lunch** at **Phillips Seafood Flagship Restaurant** for all of you seafood lovers (there are lots of other entrees for those who aren't seafood lovers!). You'll have time at the **Smithsonian Institute**, allowing you to visit the museums that interest you. Time will be allowed Sunday morning for a visit to the **Washington National Cathedral** for a worship service followed by **lunch** at **Gadsby's Tavern**, an 18th century tavern that was a center of political, business and social life in early Alexandria.



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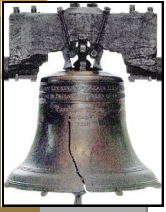


September 20 after **breakfast** we cross the **Potomac River** to witness the very solemn and moving **Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery**, visit the **John F. Kennedy Gravesite** and **Arlington House**, the home of Robert E. Lee. A **tourmobile** will be available to ride between stops on the grounds. This afternoon pick that perfect spot for lunch on your own, then visit the **Maryland Science Center, IMAX Theater and Davis Planetarium**; all at Baltimore's beautiful Inner Harbor. The Science Center has hands-on exhibits and live science demonstrations. The Dinosaur Mysteries exhibit features 14 full-size dinosaur skeletons and casts. The human body is featured in "YOUR BODY: The Inside Story." Newton's Alley is an interactive exhibit dedicated to Sir Isaac Newton's princi-



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ples of science. Visitors get a larger-than-life perspective in the IMAX Theater with its five-story screen. Our hotel in Valley Forge, PA, features an indoor heated pool and hot tub.



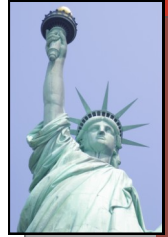
September 21 following **breakfast** our professional step-on guide joins us for a full day exploring historic **Philadelphia**. We hope to visit such sights as the **Philadelphia Mint** (does anyone collect the state quarters?), **Christ Church**, **Quaker Meeting House**, **the Bourse**, **Independence Hall** and, of course, the **Liberty Bell Center** which houses that infamous bell, and much more as time permits. We'll be surprised at the narrow streets, row houses and some of America's most famous places.



September 22 after **breakfast** we travel through New Jersey to board a ferry for a short ride out to "the Isle of Tears," **Ellis Island**. Over 12 million immigrants passed through its doors between 1892 and 1954.



It was a place of new beginnings for those who successfully passed inspection and a place of sadness for those who entered, only to face deportation. We have found it to be a very humbling, moving experience. \$156 million has been spent to restore this very important national historic site. The copper "**Wall of Honor**" holds the names of nearly 200,000 immigrants. From Ellis Island, board a ferry to **Liberty Island** for an up-close look at the **Statue of Liberty**. She has been refurbished and stands proud as ever, greeting all who pass into this great harbor.



This should be a magnificent day as we visit these two important symbols of our nation's heritage. Our hotel in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, has a restaurant and lounge.



September 23 enjoy another **breakfast** before a **local guide**, one of the best in the city (who happens to be a former lowan!) joins us for a **full-day tour of New York City**. We'll include the **Empire State Building**, the most famous office building in New York City. It soars 1,454 feet and elevators run to the 86th floor (1,050 feet) where visitors can see approximately 80 miles on a clear day. Another elevator rises to the circular glass-enclosed observation tower on the 102nd floor (1,250 feet). We will drive down world famous **Fifth Avenue**,



which takes us past the Plaza Hotel, FAO Schwarz, Saks and other fine stores. As we make our way south, see **St Patrick's Cathedral** and **Rockefeller Center**. We will stop at **Ground Zero** and see how this area is being renovated. We will then drive past the **Financial District**, the home of Wall Street and the Commodities Exchange before we make our way to **Central Park**, in the neighborhood where many celebrities, actors and television personalities call home. We will conclude the day's activities with a 2-hour **Harbor Lights Cruise** on the **Hudson River**, enjoying the sights around the Island of Manhattan.



September 24 enjoy **breakfast** before we leave for **West Point**, home of the **United States Military Academy**, for a **1-hour tour of the campus with a step-on guide**. Tour highlights include **Cadet Chapel**, which features stained-glass windows and one of the largest church organs in the world. We begin our homeward trek, stopping for the night in New Columbia, PA. We have an outdoor pool, restaurant and lounge at our hotel.

September 25 following **breakfast** we continue our journey home, traveling north and west to Elkhart, IN, where we will overnight at one of our favorite stops. We have many restaurants close by.

September 26 after **breakfast** we get an early start on our way back to our departure cities, again enjoying the fall colors and our new-found friends.

**Your 12-day Autumn in Washington, DC, Philadelphia and New York package includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 11 nights, luggage handling, tickets to all bolded attractions, National Park Service fees, gratuities for step-on guides, 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$2,079 per person, double occupancy

\$1,999 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$2,749 single room accommodations

**Reservations:** Anytime as long as space is available

**Deposit:** \$200 per person, due with reservation

**Balance due:** August 16

**Cancel by:** August 16 for penalty free cancellations.

**Early Booking Discount:** \$50 per person discount applied to final payment if deposit is received by February 8

**Peace of Mind protection:** 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or **Travel Insurance** is available at a group rate for this travel package. Please contact our office for more details.

**Guaranteed Departure Cities:** Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Ames, Des Moines, Newton, Coralville, Decorah, West Union, Independence, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Charles City, Waverly and Waterloo.

Every passenger **MUST** have a photo ID with them at all times.