



Washington & Virginia

9 nights from £925

Splendid cities, historical towns & magnificent scenery
Washington DC ♦ Williamsburg ♦ Natural Bridge
Blue Ridge Mountains ♦ Shenandoah Valley

This innovative new tour takes us to the elegant US capital and historic towns, gives us an insight into the development of American culture and introduces us to some glorious scenery. Join us as we venture through the State of Virginia, explore some of the sights associated with great American presidents and see US history unfold.



Day 1 London/Washington

We fly to Baltimore and on arrival transfer to Washington and our hotel.
Accommodation: *Holiday Inn on the Hill* or similar, 3 nights. This centrally situated hotel offers a restaurant, bar and comfortable rooms.

Days 2 & 3 Washington

The city of Washington, located at the confluence of the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, was built at the end of the 18th century to a design by Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant. The design, based on that at Versailles, allowed for grand avenues, decorative features and plenty of open space. We see the elegance of L'Enfant's creation during our half-day city tour which takes in the major sites including the White House - official residence of the US President, the domed Capitol building and the impressive Lincoln Memorial. We pause at



See history come alive in Williamsburg

Arlington Cemetery to see the grave of John F. Kennedy.

An optional tour to historic Mount Vernon and Alexandria is also available. The home of George Washington from 1754 until his death in 1799, Mount Vernon was constructed in the style of a Palladian villa with an elegantly finished classical facade, sumptuous interior and set in beautiful landscaped gardens. Our tour of the house gives us an insight into the lifestyle of America's first president. We continue to picturesque Alexandria, whose Old Town boasts lovely Georgian town houses and 19th century villas. Originally settled in the 1670s, Alexandria became a flourishing port and played a vital role as a stronghold during the Civil War.

Day 4 Williamsburg

We leave Washington and travel south to the delightful town of Fredericksburg where we spend time in the historic centre. We continue to Richmond, the capital of Virginia, and enjoy a tour of the magnificent Capitol building. We arrive at our final destination, Williamsburg where we stay for the next two nights.

Accommodation: *Fort Magruder Inn* or similar, 2 nights. Tastefully furnished throughout, the excellent Fort Magruder Inn is built on a civil war battlefield. Facilities include a restaurant, cocktail lounge and comfortable rooms with cable TV and private facilities.

Day 5 Colonial Williamsburg

Founded in 1699 as the colonial capital of Virginia, Williamsburg has been completely restored to reflect its former glory. An included visit takes us to this 'living' museum which recreates the past and reveals the life of the city's inhabitants during the 18th century.

Day 6 Blue Ridge Mountains

Today we head for the Blue Ridge Mountains and Natural Bridge, a spectacular limestone arch spanning Cedar Creek in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley.

Accommodation: *Natural Bridge Hotel*, 3 nights *Bed and breakfast.* This comfortable hotel is in a quiet location close to the Natural Bridge rock formation.

Day 7 Natural Bridge & Shenandoah Valley

This morning we take the short bus ride from the hotel to the Natural Bridge, surveyed by George Washington who was a professional



See the White House on our tour of Washington



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The elegant Capitol Building, Washington

surveyor in his early career, and which was bought by Thomas Jefferson from the British Crown in 1774.

In the afternoon our included excursion explores the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, giving us the chance to see some of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley in its full glory.

Day 8 Natural Bridge

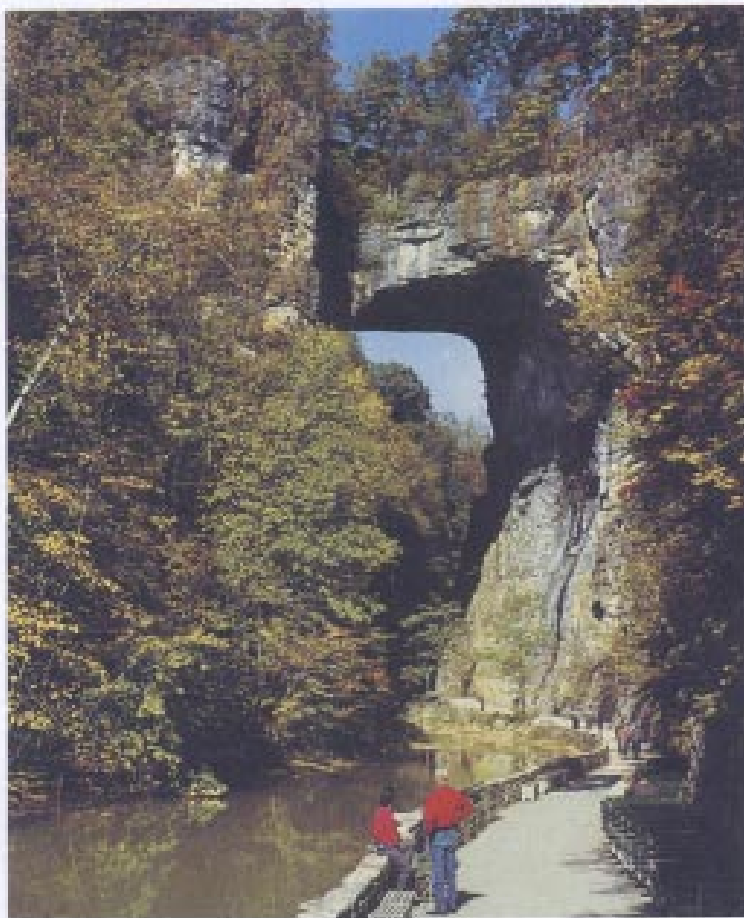
The day is free for you to relax at Natural Bridge or join our full day optional excursion to Charlottesville and Monticello. The country residence of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, Monticello is a mixture of neo-classical and French architectural style and is surrounded by beautiful gardens and orchards. After visiting the house we see the historic centre of Charlottesville and the wonderful university buildings designed by Jefferson.

Days 9 & 10

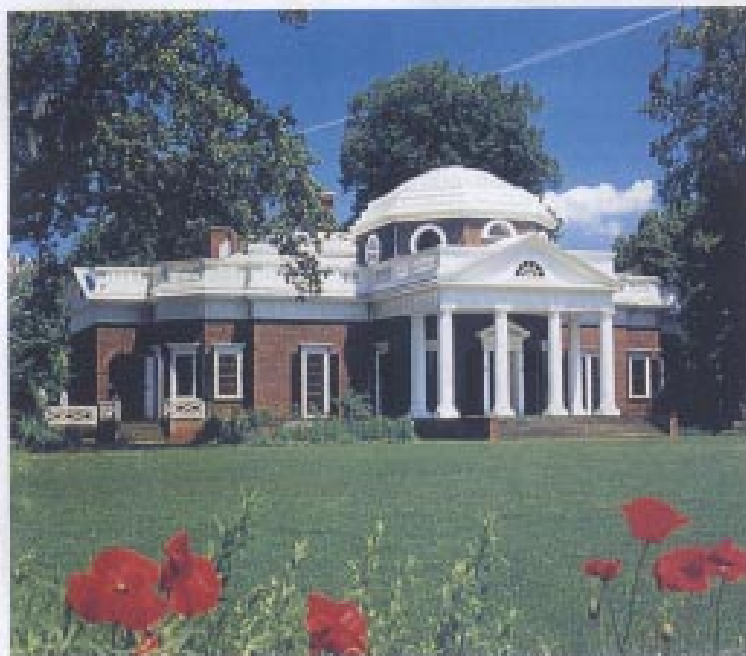
Natural Bridge/London

We transfer to Baltimore and the airport to join our homeward flight, arriving back in the UK in the early morning of day 10.

Optional excursion to Monticello



The magnificent Natural Bridge over the Shenandoah



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ITEMS INCLUDED

- ✦ Free taxi between your home & airport - see page 117
- ✦ Scheduled flights from Luton/LHR
- ✦ Transfers between airport & hotels
- ✦ 6 nights' accommodation - 2 bed and breakfast, 4 evening meals
- ✦ Excursions as described
- ✦ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ✦ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ✦ Services of an experienced tour leader

HOLIDAY DETAILS

HOLIDAY NUMBER	D44Z
Departs: Thursdays	Prices Per Person
26, 27 May	£925
30, 31 June	£945
9, 16, 23, 30 September	£925
7 October	£925

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double-bedded rooms with private bath or shower and etc.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £70 per night
Holiday Insurance - please see page 178

Your Journey

Scheduled flights from Luton/LHR by British Airways, Boeing 747, between London Gatwick and Baltimore, departing at 11:10h and arriving back at 00:15h.

Please see pages 179-181 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. USA

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