



D.C.'s Cherry Blossoms

APRIL 7-13, 2026

New
Tour

Experience the Splendor of Spring Gardens in Washington

Discover the essence of Washington, D.C. through its iconic estates, stunning gardens, and rich history. Visit the peaceful National Arboretum, explore the historic grounds of Mount Vernon, and take in the elegance of Hillwood Estate. Then, experience the beauty of the Cherry Blossom Parade, a celebration of spring's arrival.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO D.C.!

Welcome to our Nation's Capitol. Meet your fellow travelers and Tour Director for a warm-hearted Welcome Dinner. *D*

DAY 2: HILLWOOD ESTATE/WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

In 1955 Marjorie Merriweather Post bought Hillwood and soon decided her home would be a museum that would inspire and educate the public. She hired landscape architects, Umberto Innocenti and Richard Webel to expand the existing gardens. Together we'll take a guided tour of these gardens to learn about their design and history. Afterward, enjoy lunch on the grounds of the estate. Later, enjoy a guided tour of Washington National Cathedral before roaming the cultivated gardens, including the Bishop's Garden and Olmstead Woods. *B, L*

DAY 3: MOUNT VERNON

Embark on a journey to Mount Vernon, the historic estate of George Washington. After exploring the mansion, take a guided landscape tour to appreciate Washington's



work as an amateur landscape architect. In the years between the Revolutionary War and his presidency, he devoted himself to designing the estate's gardens and panoramic vistas, shaping the land with great care and vision. Conclude your visit with a memorable lunch at the Mount Vernon Inn, where you'll share a meal with James Anderson, Washington's farm manager. **B, L**

DAY 4: NATIONAL ARBORETUM/UNITED STATES CAPITOL

Start your day surrounded by nature at the National Arboretum, where a guided tour will introduce you to its stunning landscapes, followed by in-depth visits to the Herb Garden and Bonsai Garden. Did you know the Arboretum houses the world's first museum dedicated to bonsai art? Next, step into history with a guided tour of the United States Capitol, the iconic seat of democracy where key decisions shape the future. Wrap up your adventure at the United States Botanic Garden, where you can marvel at the breathtaking displays of the 30th Annual Orchid Exhibition—its theme still to be unveiled! **B, L**

DAY 5: CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE

Today we'll experience the vibrant Cherry Blossom Festival Parade as it winds down Constitution Avenue, showcasing breathtaking sights! Enjoy the spectacle of grand, colorful helium balloons, intricate floats, dynamic marching bands from across the country, and dazzling performances by celebrity entertainers. After the parade, embark on a guided tour of the National Gallery of Art's Sculpture Garden, where striking modern and contemporary sculptures are beautifully displayed in an outdoor oasis. Alternatively, take time to explore your favorite Smithsonian Museum along the National Mall. **B, D**



Enjoy a guided tour of Washington National Cathedral

DAY 6: DISCOVER D.C. AT YOUR OWN PACE

Start your morning by walking along the Tidal Basin, surrounded by the impressive monuments that give Washington, D.C. its iconic character. The calm atmosphere of the Basin provides the perfect backdrop to appreciate these historic landmarks. Afterward, you have the rest of the day to visit the renowned museums along the National Mall, where you can delve into art, history, science, and more. **B, D**

DAY 7: HOME

After breakfast, return home with stunning memories of the gardens and cherry blossoms of D.C. **B** 🌿



TOUR DETAILS

7 Days • 12 Meals

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Price Per Person:

Double: \$3,199; Single: \$4,445

Pre/Post Hotel: \$359/night

Depart/Return:

Washington, D.C.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrate America's 250th anniversary in Washington, D.C.
- Visit the revitalized Mount Vernon
- Visit the U.S. Botanic Garden for the 30th annual Orchid Exhibit
- Be amazed at the beautiful Gardens of Hillwood Estate!

INCLUSIONS

- Welcome Dinner and meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Fees and tips for included attractions and meals
- Luggage handling at most hotels
- 24-hour emergency call service
- Free bottled water on coach

ACCOMMODATIONS

Nights 1-6: Hyatt Place National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Fun Fact:

To mark the 250th Anniversary of the United States, Japan is gifting 250 new Cherry Trees to the United States!