

2019 Washington, D.C. Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that I will lead a group of STEAM Academy at La Presa students on an exciting trip to Washington, D.C. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore the nation's most important historic sites and experience first-hand what they've been learning in school. This will be a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Seeing the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Declaration of Independence, and U.S. Constitution in person
- Visiting the 9/11 National Memorial at the World Trade Center site, dedicated to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001
- Finding inspiration from the heroes honored at D.C.'s war memorials and Arlington National Cemetery

Our travel partner will be WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, unmatched safety record, and 50 years of experience delivering top-quality educational travel programs. In addition, they are the approved domestic educational traveler provider of the Smithsonian. I will chaperone the program with other adults as needed, and throughout our trip, we will be guided by a licensed WorldStrides Course Leader. This trip will enrich the learning experience of students, however, it is not a school activity or a school sponsored trip. We will not be attending as representatives or employees of the school.

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on May 9, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the library. All parents and students are invited to attend this brief, 30-minute meeting where I'll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read the enclosed brochure, look over the sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/discoveries for more details. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (619) 668-5720.

I look forward to seeing you at the trip information meeting and having your child join us on this unforgettable trip!

Sign up by May 23, 2018

Jennifer Bradford
Program Leader



Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, PA, and New York Sample Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive in **Washington, D.C.**

Arlington National Cemetery America's most famous military cemetery: Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Gravesites, Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial

Iwo Jima Memorial A tribute to all U.S. Marines based on the famous WWII photo by Joe Rosenthal

Dinner

Memorial Tour: **Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial**

Hotel check-in

DAY 2

Breakfast

Alexandria One of America's oldest and most historic cities

Mount Vernon George Washington's home, plantation, and Education Center

Lunch

White House Home of the U.S. president

Smithsonian Institution The world's largest museum complex : National Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Museum of American History

Memorial Tour: **MLK Memorial, FDR Memorial, Jefferson Memorial**

Dinner

Return to hotel

DAY 3

Ford's Theatre and Petersen House: Where President Lincoln was shot and later died on that fateful day

Washington Monument The world's tallest stone monument, which honors our nation's first president

National Archives Home of the original Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence

Lunch

Capitol Hill Grounds Tour: Capitol Visitor Center, Supreme Court, Library of Congress

Dinner

Depart for **Philadelphia, PA**

Hotel check-in

DAY 4

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Independence Hall Where the Declaration of Independence was signed and the Constitution was written

Congress Hall Where Congress met while Philadelphia was our nation's capital

Liberty Bell One of our nation's hallowed symbols of freedom

Christ Church Active church since 1695 and place of worship for many patriots

Lunch

Depart for **New York City**

Chinatown

Little Italy

Dinner

Top of the Rock: Rockefeller Center Observation Deck OR Empire State Building Observatory

Hotel check-in

DAY 5

Breakfast

Today Show Live broadcast of the show

Rockefeller Center

St. Patrick's Cathedral An enormous architectural masterpiece of meticulous detail

Lunch

Fifth Avenue Walk The iconic New York street lined with famous shops

Grant's Tomb The mausoleum that is home to American Civil War General and 18th U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant, and his wife

Central Park America's most famous urban park

Dinner

Times Square The lively center of New York City's theatre district known as the "crossroads of the world"

Broadway Show and Group Photo

Return to hotel

DAY 6

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Statue of Liberty One of the world's most recognized symbols of freedom

Ellis Island An on-site museum that commemorates one of the primary gateways into America for millions of immigrants

Lunch

Wall Street and the Financial District America's financial center

National 9/11 Memorial Site of the World Trade Center and a place for remembrance for the victims of the September 11 attacks

Dinner

Depart **New York City** for home

