



## Explore America

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parkway Parents and/or Guardians,

Parkway Middle School is teaming up with EF Explore America again to create an unforgettable, educational tour experience for your student. EF Explore America has a mission to provide experiences that change students' lives and inspire them to love learning both inside the classroom and out. This 7 day, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, New York City and Boston adventure will be taking off Spring of 2023 during the first week of Spring Break. Our tentative travel dates are Sunday, April 2nd through Saturday April 8, 2023.

Your child will venture throughout our Nation's Capital, The Big Apple and Boston for a glimpse into U.S. history-from our Revolutionary beginnings to modern-day. As they travel to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York City and Boston students will explore the most popular and historic sites, while soaking up the history and ambiance of these amazing cities. You will find more information on my school website.

Enroll online at [EF Explore America](#) to sign up quickly and easily online! All you need is a **\$99.00** deposit. The total cost of the tour is approximately \$2984.00 however; there is a \$100 discount for those who enroll prior to September 30, 2022. There are several payment options available. The tour price will increase throughout the year. Once you enroll, your payments will be divided evenly until March of 2023. If you need more assistance, please call the customer service number at **888-333-9756** or contact me directly. You may also find additional information on my website listed below or through the Parkway Academy School page.

I am excited about providing this educational opportunity to your child, and I look forward to leading this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stacey Leichtamer'.

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*Explore America*

# THE EASTERN SEABOARD

7 days | Washington, D.C. | Philadelphia | New York City | Boston



## Your itinerary

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Washington, D.C.!

Planned by Charles L'Enfant, Washington, D.C. has served as the seat of Congress since 1800. Upon arrival, meet your EF Explore America Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

#### Dinner Included

#### Hotel in Washington, D.C. area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

#### Guided Evening Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Experience the magic of seeing Washington's most impressive sights illuminated during your evening scenic tour downtown. Points of interest on your tour include the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

*Overnight in Washington, D.C. area*

### Day 2

#### Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

#### Arlington National Cemetery

Observe the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 200,000 veterans and their families. As you enter the Cemetery, you'll see the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, the only major national memorial honoring women who have served in the US Armed Forces. You'll also witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

#### The United States Marine Corps Memorial

The cast bronze depiction of Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima honors all those who have served in the Marine Corps since its inception in 1775.

#### Lunch at Pentagon City Mall

Local meal voucher included.

#### Excursion to Mount Vernon

Travel through the Virginia countryside to Mount Vernon, the lovely retreat overlooking the Potomac River where George and Martha Washington lived from 1754 to 1799. Explore the elegant estate's 500 acres of grounds and gardens, including the reconstructed slave quarters, Slave Memorial, and Washington's tomb.

#### Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

#### Explore the Tidal Basin

Continue your exploration of Washington, D.C. with a walk around the Tidal Basin for some of the most impressive memorials in D.C.: the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial.

*Overnight in Washington, D.C. area*

### Day 3

#### Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

#### Guided Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Your Tour Director, a licensed Washington, D.C. guide, introduces you to the sites where national policies and political reputations are formed and reformed daily. Take a photo in front of the White House, home of every U.S. president except George Washington. View the iconic Washington Monument from the grassy National Mall, and look for your home state at the National WWII Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II.

#### U.S. Capitol Building & Visitor Center

Visit the U.S. Capitol Building, the city's epicenter and the heart of the American legislature. Tour subject to availability.

#### Photo Stop at the Library of Congress and U.S. Supreme Court

Make a photo stop at the green-domed Library of Congress and the imposing white-marble Supreme Court building.

#### U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Permanent Exhibition

The Permanent Exhibition presents a narrative history using more than 900 artifacts, 70 video monitors, and four theaters that include historic film footage and eyewitness testimonies. Subject to availability.

#### Lunch Included

#### The Smithsonian Museums

Explore all that the Smithsonian's museums have to offer during a self-guided visit. The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum and research complex, endowed by James Smithson and created by an act of Congress in 1846.

#### Dinner Cruise on the Potomac River

Enjoy a buffet dinner, then dance the night away with friends on a boat cruise down the historic Potomac River, a waterway that was explored by Captain John Smith in 1608.

*Overnight in Washington, D.C. area*

### Day 4

#### Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

*Transfer to Philadelphia*

#### Independence National Historical Park

Visit the place that is sometimes referred to as "The Birthplace of Our Nation": Independence National Historical Park, where you will see Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Center.

#### Lunch at Reading Terminal Market

Reading Terminal Market is an enclosed public market where over one hundred merchants offer fresh produce, meats, fish, groceries, ice cream, flowers, baked goods, crafts, books, clothing, and specialty and ethnic foods that include merchants from the Pennsylvania Dutch counties. *Tour Director distributes \$15 each.*



### **Guided Visit of Independence Hall**

A local guide shows you Independence Hall, a World Heritage Site where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution was written. George Washington oversaw the debate of the Constitution here over a four-month period in 1787 before it was ratified by nine states, taking effect on June 21, 1788.

### **Visit to the Liberty Bell Center**

The Liberty Bell Center is home to the Liberty Bell, the famously cracked 2,000-pound bell made of mainly copper and tin that was originally cast for the Pennsylvania State House.

### **Photo Stop on the Rocky Steps**

At the far end of Fairmont Park, rising up on the hill, you'll find the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The museum is widely recognized for its steps- the very ones that Rocky Balboa trains on in the movie Rocky. Try them out for yourself!

*Transfer to New York City*

### **Dinner in New York City**

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

### **Hotel in New Jersey**

Arrive and check into your hotel.

*Overnight in New Jersey*

## **Day 5**

### **Breakfast in New Jersey**

### **Circle Line Liberty Cruise**

On the New York Circle Line Cruise, you will experience the grandeur of New York. You'll enjoy magnificent views of the world's premier skyline and a close-up view of Lady Liberty.

### **Lunch Included**

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

### **Guided Sightseeing of New York City**

A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. You'll explore the mosaic of Manhattan neighborhoods that make the city so unique. Drive through Greenwich Village, New York's eclectic province of bohemians, immigrants and students, and pass the cast-iron architecture of impossibly trendy SoHo (from "SOuth of HOuston Street"). And it just might feel as if you've left the States and crossed an ocean as you take in the vibrant life of Chinatown and the personality of Little Italy.

### **Central Park**

Make a stop in 843-acre Central Park, an idyllic oasis in the concrete jungle. Join the more than 35 million annual visitors that make Central Park the most visited urban park in the United States.

### **New York City Subway One-Way Ride**

Do as the locals do and hop on the subway for an unforgettable ride underneath Manhattan.

### **Dinner in New York City**

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

### **Times Square**

Be dazzled by a dizzying array of towering electronic billboards, sounds of street performers and the buzz of the crowds that make this intersection a one-of-a-kind spectacle.

### **Premium Broadway Show**

Enjoy your Broadway show, sure to be an unforgettable theater experience!

*Overnight in New Jersey*

## **Day 6**

### **Breakfast in New Jersey**

*Transfer to Boston*

### **Lunch Included**

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

### **Walking Tour of Charlestown and the North End**

Explore some of Boston's oldest neighborhoods on your walking tour of Charlestown and the North End. See the Bunker Hill Monument, Charlestown Navy Yard, and the USS Constitution before crossing the Charles River into the North End, where you'll find famous landmarks such as Old North Church and Paul Revere's House. Finish your tour with an exploration of the Black Heritage Trail, the largest collection of historic sites relating to life with a free Black community prior to the Civil War.

### **Fenway Park Tour**

Enjoy a guided tour of the oldest ballpark in Major League Baseball - Fenway Park.

### **Dinner in Boston**

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

### **Evening Activity in Boston**

Enjoy an evening activity tonight. Experience Boston's ghoulish past on a ghost tour of the city. Or, try your hand at candlepin bowling, a variation of bowling invented in Massachusetts.

Hotel in Boston area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

*Overnight in Boston area*

## **Day 7**

### **Breakfast in Boston**

### **Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum**

At the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum, become part of the famous event that changed the course of American History! Live actors, high-tech, interactive exhibits, authentically restored tea ships and the stirring, multi-sensory documentary "Let it Begin Here," are just a taste of what you'll see, hear and feel!

### **Lunch at Faneuil Hall**

Lunch vouchers provided

### **USS Constitution**

See the USS Constitution, nicknamed "Old Ironsides," the world's oldest commissioned warship. Tours narrated by USS Constitution's active-duty US Sailors.

### **Depart for Home!**

Your tour director assists with your return home.

# TOUR PRICE QUOTE

## THE EASTERN SEABOARD

**PREPARED FOR**  
Stacey Leichtamer

**PREPARED ON**  
August 29, 2022

**YOUR TOUR NUMBER**  
2505131SY

**YOUR TOUR WEBSITE**  
efexploreamerica.com/2505131SY

### ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE

Based on a private tour with 105+ paying travelers. Price valid for travelers enrolled by September 30, 2022.

Student

**\$2,984**

Protect your travelers with the Travel Protection Plus Plan for \$279. Ask your Tour Consultant for details.

\$100 discount if enrolled by September 30, 2022

Adult supplement required for age 20 and older at the time of travel. Change and cancellation fees of up to the total price will apply. Applicable airline baggage fees are not included and can be found at [www.EFExploreAmerica.com/Baggage](http://www.EFExploreAmerica.com/Baggage). All prices subject to verification by an EA tour consultant. To view EA's Booking Conditions, visit [EFExploreAmerica.com/BC](http://EFExploreAmerica.com/BC).

Breakfast excluded on day of arrival; dinner excluded on day of departure (Unless otherwise noted)

## Your travel details

### TOUR LENGTH

7 days

### DEPARTING FROM

San Diego

### GUARANTEED TRAVEL DATES

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - Saturday, April 8, 2023

## Your experience includes

### AIRFARE AND TRANSPORTATION

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

### OVERNIGHT SECURITY

### MEALS AS SPECIFIED

### ALL GRATUITIES

### GUIDED TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

### FULL-TIME TOUR DIRECTOR

Your Tour Director stays with your group 24/7, providing local insight and knowledge, while handling every on-tour detail.

### TRAINING AND SUPPORT

We prepare new Group Leaders on a free Training Tour, and provide personal support every step of the way.

### TRAVELER RESOURCES

We offer travelers flexible payment options as well as a dedicated support team to manage finances and answer tour questions.

### 24-HOUR EMERGENCY SUPPORT

Travelers and their families can count on EF's dedicated emergency service team while on tour.

### EXPERT TOUR PLANNING

Your dedicated EF team provides expertise every step of the way—from recruiting and enrolling travelers to planning and managing your tour.

### ILLNESS AND ACCIDENT COVERAGE

Rest easier knowing your travelers are covered on tour with EF's comprehensive coverage plan.

### \$50 MILLION LIABILITY POLICY

Group Leaders and schools are protected while on tour.

Dear Guardians, Parents and Students,

It is necessary to clarify the discipline requirements for the Washington DC trip. Please understand in order for your child to attend the trip, he/she must display a pattern of behavior that demonstrates respect, responsibility, safety and consideration of both other students and adults. Students should not have any N's or U's in citizenship or D's or F's in academics on any report card during their 2022-2023 eighth grade school year. If a student is struggling in one specific area, we will work with that student to address the individual issue. Students must maintain a positive presence on social media and while using technology.

Students are expected to follow dress code and all tour behavior rules described in the student handbook and EF's Rules of the Road while on the trip. If your child does not follow the discipline guidelines as explained in EF Rules of the Road and Parkway's Student Handbook, they risk being removed from tour or sent home.

This trip is an opportunity for students to gain historical insight, grow in personal character and responsibility and have fun with friends. The safety and enjoyment of each student is paramount.

Thank you in advance for all of your support and prepare yourselves for an amazing, once in a lifetime adventure

Thank You

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I have read and agree to the discipline requirements for the Spring 2023 Washington D.C. tour. I allow the advisor to monitor my child's grades and citizenship.

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Parent names (please print)

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Student name (please print)

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Parent Signature

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Student signature

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