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Lake Bluff Middle School Washington, DC Tour Via Air
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 Until Friday, March 6, 2026
3 Days and 2 Nights

Date Prepared: 4/10/2025

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Hello and thank you for contacting Hemisphere Educational Travel!

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the following tour proposal. Please keep in mind that we customize all of our tours. I will be happy to re-price the tour proposal below if you would like to include any tour upgrades or remove any existing tour components.

Upon acceptance of the tour proposal, we will discuss deposit arrangements and forward you the tour contract and participant paperwork including your customized tour itinerary. You will have the option of sending in bulk school payments or allowing individuals to send us payments directly.

We strive to build strong and lasting relationships with all of our schools and groups. If your group has specific budgetary restrictions or special needs, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your requests. Since we customize all of our tours, we have the flexibility to give you the tour that meets the needs of your group.

We have been showing student groups the world since 1970 and strive to provide an educational and exciting tour for your students. Should you have any questions, please call me direct at the toll free number listed above Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Emily Michelin - Group Travel Consultant

Visit www.hemispheretravel.com or talk to your Educational Account Executive about all of the exciting domestic and international destinations that Hemisphere has to offer!

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1 Wednesday, March 4, 2026

5:00 AM Airport Transfer from School to Airport

*Deluxe motorcoach equipped with air conditioning, reclining seats, lavatory, and TVs and DVD player to pick up group at the school and transfer to the hometown airport. *Please note your motorcoach may or may not be equipped with Wi-Fi, and power outlets. If you require these features, please inform your Group Travel Consultant as we will attempt to accommodate your request. There may be an additional charge.*

7:30 AM Outbound Flight

*Roundtrip Airfare from the Chicago O'Hare Airport to a Washington, DC area airport. **Please note that carry on or checked baggage fees are not included in your tour (if applicable).***

10:30 AM Deluxe Motorcoach

*Deluxe motorcoach equipped with air conditioning, reclining seats, lavatory, and TVs and DVD player. Group will have exclusive use of the motorcoach for the duration of the tour. *Please note your motorcoach may or may not be equipped with Wi-Fi, and power outlets. If you require these features, please inform your Group Travel Consultant as we will attempt to accommodate your request. There may be an additional charge.*

11:00 AM White House- Photo Stop Only

The White House is the official residence and principal workplace of the President of the United States. Group to stop for photos in front of the most famous house in America. Make sure to look for secret service agents on the roof!

12:00 PM Lunch- \$20 of Meal Money Included

1:30 PM Holocaust Museum Permanent Exhibit

The Museum's 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 of the Holocaust, the world's greatest genocide.
Pending Availability

4:00 PM Lincoln Memorial

"In this temple, as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever." Beneath these words, the 16th President of the United States—the Great Emancipator and preserver of the nation during the Civil War—sits immortalized in marble. As an enduring symbol of freedom, the Lincoln Memorial attracts anyone who seeks inspiration and hope.

Korean Memorial

Here, one finds the expression of American gratitude to those who restored freedom to South Korea. Nineteen stainless steel sculptures stand silently under the watchful eye of a sea of faces upon a granite wall—reminders of the human cost of defending freedom. These elements all bear witness to the patriotism, devotion to duty, and courage of Korean War veterans.

Vietnam Memorial

The Vietnam Wall honors members of the U.S. armed forces who fought in the Vietnam War and who died in service or are still unaccounted for. The Memorial Wall, designed by Maya Ying Lin, is made up of two black granite walls. The memorial also includes the Three Soldiers Memorial and the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

Einstein Statue

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Located in a grove of trees near the southwest corner on the grounds of the National Academy of Sciences, the Albert Einstein Memorial honors one of the greatest minds in history. Students may climb on the statue making it an ideal group photo opportunity.

World War II Memorial

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home.

6:30 PM Dinner- Student Friendly Restaurant

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8:00 PM Depart for the Hotel

Washington, DC Area Hotel

Accommodations at a hotel similar to the Sheraton Pentagon City located in the Washington, DC area. Please note that we do not hold hotel space for a group without a tour commitment; therefore, tour pricing is subject to change in the event that availability changes at the hotel.

Group will have access to a room for small group discussions from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

10:00 PM Private Hotel Security

Private Hotel Security Guard included to sit on the floor of the hotel the group occupies from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

DAY 2 Thursday, March 5, 2026

7:00 AM Breakfast- Full Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel

Hot Buffet Breakfast may include the following: eggs, pancakes, french toast, or waffles, breakfast potatoes, breakfast meats (bacon, sausage) along with fresh fruit, breakfast breads, etc. Buffet Menus may vary depending on location.

9:00 AM Arlington National Cemetery

*Walk among the headstones that chronicle American History and honor our nation's war heroes. View or participate in a Wreath Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and witness the Changing of the Guards. Make sure to also visit the Kennedy Grave Sites and the Challenger Memorial. **Wreath laying ceremonies are first come first served and can be requested 180 days out from tour date.***

Wreath provided by Conklyn's Florist

11:00 AM US Marine Corps War Memorial

One of the first objectives of the Battle of Iwo Jima in the attack was capturing Mount Suribachi, the highest point on the island. On February 23, 1945, a flag was raised by five Marines and a Navy corpsman. The raising was witnessed by news photographer Joe Rosenthal whose Pulitzer prize winning picture of the flag raising would become a symbol of the war in the Pacific. This event is immortalized through the Iwo Jima Memorial.

11:30 AM Pentagon Memorial

The Pentagon Memorial park consists of 184 memorial units, each of which are dedicated to an individual victim by its unique placement within the collective field. The field is organized as a timeline of the victims' ages, spanning from the youngest to the oldest. This memorial provides a place for future generations to remember and reflect on September 11,

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and its significance for us and our nation.

12:30 PM Lunch- \$20 of Meal Money Included

1:45 PM Panoramic Color Photo

Group to meet in front of the Grant Memorial for a group photo in front of the Capitol Building

3:00 PM Capitol Hill Tour

The Capitol Hill Tour includes a Capitol Building Tour (pending availability), the outside of the US Capitol Building, Capitol Visitor Center, Supreme Court, and the Library of Congress. Groups can view the outside of the buildings on Capitol Hill. If time permits, they may enter the Supreme Court, where they will have access to the Great Hall that features marble busts of the Chief Justices. Groups may also have time to explore the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

4:30 PM FDR Memorial

Located along the famous Cherry Tree Walk on the Western edge of the Tidal Basin, this is a memorial not only to FDR, but also to the era he represents!

Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial is conceived of as an engaging landscape experience. The composition of the memorial utilizes landscape elements to powerfully convey three fundamental and recurring themes of Dr. King's life: justice, democracy and hope. The circular geometry of the memorial, juxtaposed within the triangular configuration of the site, engages the Tidal Basin and framed views to the water.

Jefferson Memorial

Visit the presidential memorial dedicated to our third president on the Potomac River Tidal Basin. The memorial's design references the Roman Pantheon and Jefferson's own design for the Rotunda at the University of Virginia.

6:30 PM Dinner- Student Friendly Restaurant

California Pizza Kitchen

8:00 PM DC Improv

Welcome to The DC Improv Comedy Club, the nation's No. 1 venue for all your comedy needs. DC Improv is a fast-paced improvisational comedy show that's fun for EVERYONE! Enjoy the show!

DC Improv will come to the group's hotel to perform.

9:00 PM Return to the Hotel

10:00 PM Private Hotel Security

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DAY 3 Friday, March 6, 2026

7:00 AM Breakfast- Full Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel

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9:00 AM National Museum of the United States Army

The National Museum of the United States Army is the official museum for the history of the United States Army and is located just outside Washington, DC. The objectives of the museum are to honor America's soldiers, preserve Army history, and educate the public about the Army's role in American history.

12:00 PM Lunch- \$20 of Meal Money Included

1:30 PM Smithsonian Museums on the Mall

Visit the Smithsonian Institute Museums on the National Mall, home of over 140 million objects collected from around the world. Highlights include the Hope diamond at the Museum of Natural History and the original Star Spangled Banner at the American History Museum.

National Museum of African American History and Culture

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is a place where all Americans can learn about the richness and diversity of the African American experience, what it means to their lives and how it helped us shape this nation. A place that transcends the boundaries of race and culture that divide us, and becomes a lens into a story that unites us all.

Pending Availability

3:30 PM Depart for the Airport

Dinner- \$20 of Meal Money Included

6:00 PM Return Flight

Return flight from a Washington, DC area airport to the Chicago O'Hare Airport.

7:30 PM Airport Transfer from Airport to School

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Included In Your Proposed Tour (based on availability at time of booking):

- All transportation, sites, meals, attractions and inclusions as indicated on the sample itinerary.
- 1 free chaperone package for every 10 paid participants, based on single occupancy rooms (Example - 38 paid participants equals 3 free chaperones).
- \$10 Per Paid Participant Scholarship
- \$300 on tour cash for tour leader
- Tour Director/ Step On Guide to meet and accompany group 24 hrs/day for the duration of the tour while in Washington, DC
- Airport check in assistance on day 1 departure
- Night security guard at the hotel hired specifically for your group (7 hours per night)
- All taxes and gratuities included
- Comprehensive Accident/Illness Medical Coverage, Professional Tour Operator's Liability Insurance and Consumer Protection Policies for the duration of the tour
- Each participant will receive a memory keepsake video from the tour. Visit <https://hemispheretravel.com/for-educators/memory-keepsake-video> and click on the sample video button
- Each participant will receive a luggage tag and a lanyard containing 24 hour emergency contact information
- Each participant will receive a Hemisphere drawstring backpack
- All tour planning and coordinating
- Free online registration and Group Leader section available for most tours. Ask your Group Travel Consultant for details.

Hemisphere has active memberships in CYTA (Student and Youth Travel Association), ADA (American Disabled

Price Per Person*:

(For overnight groups: Quad and Triple Rooms Contain 2 Double Beds)

	Quad*	Triple*	Double*	Single*
40-49 Paid Participants Per Coach:	\$1,425.00	\$1,479.00	\$1,585.00	\$1,905.00
35-39 Paid Participants Per Coach:	\$1,495.00	\$1,549.00	\$1,655.00	\$1,979.00
30-34 Paid Participants Per Coach:	\$1,625.00	\$1,679.00	\$1,789.00	\$2,115.00

- * Prices are based on current taxes and fuel prices and are subject to change up until your departure date.
- * Price is subject to change if actual number of paid participants is less than what is shown above.
- Tour components are based on availability until signed contract and/or deposit is received.
- We are currently holding airfare for your group. If a signed tour contract and deposit are not received by 04/14/25, the airfare will be released and we cannot guarantee the same flights and/or airfare.
- Airline baggage fees are not included.
- The above tour is customizable. If you would like to make any changes, please consult your Group Travel Consultant for an updated proposal.

Optional Tour Upgrades - Ask Your Account Executive For More Details:

- * Optional Travel Protection Insurance will be made available to your group for an additional cost.
- *Please note your motorcoach may or may not be equipped with Wi-Fi, and power outlets. If you require these features, please inform your Group Travel Consultant as we will attempt to accommodate your request. There may be an additional charge.*