**Proposal from AAA Sojourns**

**REVISED 1-12-17 TD**

**Prepared for Tara Moncur**

***International Center for the Eastern Star***

**Meal Key:**

**(DNI)-**Driver Not Included

**(DI)-**Driver Included

**September 6-10, 2017**

**4 Nights – 5 Days**

**Day One, Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

3:00pm Arrive in **Washington, DC at DC Area Airport (TBA).**

* Meet **GUIDE.**

4:00pm Board **MARS-arranged** motorcoach.

5:00pm Check-into **Renaissance Washington, DC Dupont Circle Hotel (TBA)** or similar**.** **Baggage handling** is included.

6:00pm Depart.

6:30pm Enjoy **dinner** at **Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant (pending availability)**. Dinner starts with a Caesar Salad or fresh baby greens tossed in marzen vinaigrette. Entrée choices are: **(1)** **Grilled Mahi Fillet -** Grilled mahi served with brown rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables **(2) Tenderloin Tips -** Sauteed tenderloin tips, mushrooms, shallots and garlic simmered slowly in a balsamic schwarzbier reduction and served on garlic mashed potatoes with seasonal vegetables **(3)** **Gordon Biersch Cheeseburger -** Our 10oz burger topped with cheddar cheese, cooked medium well and served with garlic fries **(4)** **Woodford Reserve Chicken -** Seasoned and grilled to perfection glazed with our signature Woodford Reserve sauce, served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetable**.** *Available as gluten free without the sauce***.** Dessert is New York cheesecake topped with fresh strawberries. Unlimited coffee, tea, or soda. **Please send in your choices with your rooming list. Minimum 20 guests required to maintain rate**. **(DI)**

* **GUIDE Drops** after checking group in for dinner.

8:00pm Return to hotel for the evening.

Meals: D.

**Day Two, Thursday, September 7, 2017**

8:00am Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.

9:00am Depart with **GUIDE**.

9:30am Arrive at the **Visitor’s Center** of **Arlington National Cemetery**. No land in America is more sacred than this square mile. It is America’s shrine to valor and sacrifice. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Robert F. Kennedy, Edward Moore (Ted) Kennedy, Audie Murphy, prizefighter Joe Louis, and thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war. The Cemetery is the former plantation and home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Arlington House, Space Shuttle Challenger Astronauts’ Memorial, and Monuments to nearly every major sacrifice that affected our country are located within these 612 acres. The Tomb of the Unknowns speaks of a nation’s debt to the many whose ultimate sacrifice helped make a nation free. Arlington averages 27 funerals a day. The crews, service members, and groundskeepers follow an elaborate choreography to ensure that each funeral feels like it is the only one taking place.

* **Transportation tickets are included for your visit.**
* **Bus Parking is included.**

**Update: Wreath Laying Ceremony (Note: Wreath laying request are pending approval by Arlington National Cemetery.)**

* **If you would like to arrange a Wreath Laying Ceremony for your group go to** [**http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/wreathlaying**](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/WreathLaying)**.**
* **Or at your request, MARS will place this reservation on your behalf.**  **MARS will also, on request, order the groups wreath at an additional charge. Please advise us of the colors for the wreaths ribbon and verbiage to be placed on the wreaths ribbon.**
* Stop at the **Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)** One of the largest bronze statues ever cast depicts the American Flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II and commemorates all Marines who have died in battle since 1775.

12:30pm Enjoy **lunch on own** at National Place.

1:30pm Depart.

2:00pm Visit the **Headquarters of the** **Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (pending availability).**

3:00pm Depart on a **driving tour of Old Town Alexandria.**

* **Robert E. Lee’s Boyhood Home**- the Georgian townhouse where he lived off and on for 13 years.
* **Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Shop**, run for five generations by a Quaker family, was the second oldest drugstore in the nation until it closed in 1933. It is now open as a museum and gift shop.
* **Ramsey House.** Originally built in the 18th century by William Ramsay, a Scottish merchant and city founder, the house was reconstructed on its original stone foundations. The house now serves as the city's visitor’s center. Stop by to pick up detailed brochures on attractions, maps, tours, etc.
* **Athenaeum**, a Greek Revival building built in 1851, it was home to the Bank of the Old Dominion, where Robert E. Lee did his banking. Today it is an art gallery and home of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association
* **Freedom House,** once headquarters for the slave-trade operation of Franklin, Armfield & Co., this historic building now houses the Northern Virginia Urban League's newly opened museum
* **Old Presbyterian Meeting House**. Built in 1775, the church was the site of memorial services for George Washington in 1799. A memorial to an unknown soldier of the American Revolution can be visited in the churchyard

3:30pm Enjoy a **tour** of **George Washington Masonic National Memorial** **(pending availability).** The memorial offers one of the finest views of Washington, plus an extraordinary collection of Colonial-era treasures. Located on the site proposed for the national capitol building. **Note: The Masonic Memorial only offers group tours at 9am, 12:30pm, and 4pm Monday – Saturday and Sundays at 12:30pm**.

5:00pm Depart.

5:30pm Enjoy **dinner** at a local Alexandria restaurant. **Menu TBA. (DNI).**

* **GUIDE drops** after checking group in for dinner.

7:00pm Depart.

7:30pm Return to hotel for the evening.

Meals: B, D.

**Day Three, Friday, September 8, 2017**

8:00am Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning.

9:00am Depart with **GUIDE.**

9:30am Take a **VIP** tour of **The White House (pending availability)**. “The President’s Palace,” as it was called in the beginning, has been the official home of every U.S. President except George Washington.

**Groups must acquire a White House appointment by writing to their Congressman or Senator so a previously arranged White House tour time may be scheduled. Scheduled tours may be cancelled without notice.**

**Note**: **If entrance is denied to White House:** The NEW **White House Visitor Center**, located at 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, offers visitors a window into the president's iconic home. Visitors can explore an interactive touchscreen tour of the White House, view over 90 artifacts from the White House collection, shop at the White House Historical Association retail store, and view the 14 minute film, "White House: Reflections From Within." **Do not bring sharp objects into the Visitor’s Center. All bags, purses, etc. are subject to search.**

* Stop for a **White House photo opportunity.**

11:00am Enjoy **free-time** or return to hotel freshen up or rest for the afternoon.

12:00pm Depart.

12:30pm Enjoy the **client-arranged** tour & banquet at the International Center for the Eastern Star.

Afternoon **Free-time** to explore.

7:00pm **Meet GUIDE** and depart with an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour.** Washington’s grand buildings, memorials, and monuments sparkle and are impressive during the day; but in the evenings they are illuminated, soft focusing the solid stones and bronzes; fountains and water features shimmer in reflection; shadows darken highlighting the floodlit detail. Impressive during the day—stunning at night!

* Drive by the **Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)**
* Drive by the **Air Force Memorial**
* Drive by **The Washington Monument**
* Drive by the **National World War II Memorial**
* Drive by **other memorials and monuments** as time permits
* **GUIDE drops.**

Meals: B.

**Day Four, Saturday, September 9, 2017**

9:00am Enjoy **breakfast** at your leisure this morning in the hotel.

Morning/ Enjoy a free morning and afternoon of exploring on your own!

Afternoon

5:30pm Depart.

6:00pm Enjoy **dinner** this evening at **Tony & Joe’s** (**pending availability)** on the waterfront in Georgetown. Dinner begins with Mixed Salad Greens served with Champagne Vinaigrette. Bread Service is included. **Entree choices include: (1)** **Mushroom Risotto** w/ Roasted Garlic, Cremini Mushrooms, Asparagus, Tomato; **(2) Chicken Marsala** w/Sautéed Chicken, Marsala Wine, Mushrooms; **(3) Broiled Atlantic Salmon** w/Orange Honey Glaze; **(4) Broiled Crabcakes** w/ Tartar Sauce or **NY Strip Steak** Grilled to a perfect medium, Demi Glaze. Dessert included. Beverages include: Coffee, Tea or Soda. **Please choose upon arrival. (DNI).**

7:30pmReturn to the hotel for the evening.

Meals: B, D

**Day Five, Sunday, September 10, 2017**

8:00am Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out. **Baggage handling** is included.

Morning Depart and enjoy a free morning of exploring at your leisure!

TBD Arrive **Washington, DC at DC Area Airport (TBA).**

* **Motorcoach service ends.**

TBD **Departure Flights (TBA)**

Meals: B.

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| PRICING FOR THIS TOUR | | | | | | |
| **SINGLE** | **DOUBLE** | **TRIPLE** | **QUAD** | **DRIVER\*** |  | |
| $1,760pp | $1,3340pp | $1198pp | $1128pp | included | Minimum 25 + 0 |
| $1,691pp | $1,272pp | $1128pp | $1065pp | included | Minimum 30 + 0 |
| $1,645pp | $1,225pp | $1080pp | $1015pp | included | Minimum 35 + 0 |

Minimum 25. Numbers below subject to price increase. 25 paid + 0 comp in double occupancy or higher.

**Prices are Net, Non-Commissionable.**

**Based on availability and pricing at time of reservations.**

**All proposals are subject to change.**

**Rates may be adjusted based on fuel surcharges, tax change(s),**

**and/or currency exchange rate change(s).**

**Tour includes:** 4 nights’ accommodation, baggage handling, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, admissions and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity, **except gratuity for Guide Service is NOT included.**