

Private Journey to Washington, D.C.

Sarasota Traveling Women

Thursday, April 25 - Sunday, April 28, 2019 | Optional Extension through Monday, April 29



Day 1: April 25, 2019 | Arrival in Alexandria & Dinner at Mount Vernon

As we arrive, take some time to relax and unwind at the **Kimpton Lorien Hotel and Spa** our home for the next three nights in Old Town Alexandria.

Overlooking the Potomac River and within minutes of our Nation's Capital, **Alexandria** was established in 1749. Rich in history, Alexandria was a major seaport prior to the Revolutionary War, occupied by Union troops during the Civil War, and a torpedo production site during World



War II. In 1946, Old Town Alexandria was the third city in the country to create a historic district to preserve its downtown. It has more than 4,000 buildings with a historic designation.



This evening we'll enjoy a **wine reception at our hotel** before making our way to historic **Mount Vernon**. **At Mount Vernon, we are joined by Martha Washington** to hear stories from the woman who knew George Washington best - his wife. Martha Washington will regale you with tales of what it was like being married to our first president, hosting guests at Mount Vernon, living in the eighteenth

century - and much more!

After our tour of Mount Vernon, we'll convene at the adjacent **Mount Vernon Inn** for a delicious dinner savoring the flavors of early America at the Inn's restaurant

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Day 2: April 26, 2019 | State Department* & The Hillwood Museum & Estate

After enjoying breakfast at our hotel, we'll depart for the State Department to privately tour the **Diplomatic Reception Rooms**. The Diplomatic Reception Rooms are among the most beautiful rooms in the world. For fifty years, the art of diplomacy has thrived against a stunning backdrop of American art and architecture from the time of our country's founding and of its formative years. This historically evocative suite (42 rooms) contains a **museum-caliber collection of American fine and decorative art** (5,000 objects) from the period of 1750-1825.



For lunch, we'll dine at the lovely **Hillwood Estate Cafe** among the gardens and collection of the great Marjorie Merriweather Post.

"I want young Americans to see how someone lived in the twentieth century and how this person could collect works of art the way I have... I want to share this with the rest of the world."

—Marjorie Merriweather Post

After lunch, we will explore the magnificent art at “the mansion that became a museum” and extraordinary gardens of Marjorie Merriweather Post, heiress, shrewd businesswoman and generous philanthropist. She transferred her strong ties to the 18th century French decorating style developed in the 1920’s to the look of her new home at Hillwood in the mid-1950’s. Post should be viewed not as a woman in the lap of luxury, but as a private collector with a unique perspective on the arts.



This evening you are at your leisure to enjoy Washington.

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Day 3: April 27, 2019 | Old Town Alexandria Home and Gardens, Potomac Cruise, Georgetown and The City Tavern Club

We’ll enjoy breakfast at our hotel. This morning we are special guests at the **Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club**. We will tour Old Town Alexandria’s finest private homes and gardens as part of the 86th Historic Garden Week, the oldest and largest house and garden tour in the nation. The homes will feature beautiful flower arrangements created by the members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club.



We’ll pause for a **private luncheon in an historic home** before returning to the hotel to the hotel to rest and relax.

In the early evening, we’ll embark on a scenic Potomac **River Cruise from Old Town to Georgetown**.

Once in Georgetown, we dine at **City Tavern Club**, a private social club with fine dining and elegantly appointed rooms that is in the heart of Georgetown and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We will enjoy an elegant farewell dinner and see the personal dinner invitation, handwritten by Abigail Adams, that hangs on the wall of the club’s lovely “Receiving Rooms.”

After dinner we will enjoy a private tour of the majestic Washington **DC Monuments** by Moonlight.

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Day 4: April 28, 2019

Today we'll again enjoy breakfast at the hotel before you have the day to explore Museums and sites of Washington at your leisure.

Optional Extension: April 29, 2019

- April 29, 2019 : Additional night is \$175.00 per person double occupancy including taxes, fees and occupancy tax , including breakfast
- April 29, 2019 : Additional night is \$320.00 per person single occupancy including taxes, fees and occupancy tax , including breakfast

Our Hotel

Kimpton Lorien Hotel & Spa



East meets West in the heart of Old Town Alexandria, thanks to a mellow-chic vibe that melds casual with elegant and laid-back with luxury. Guests enter this newly renovated property feeling calmed and soothed, and the unwinding continues at the spa and at our stand-out restaurants. As a top-rated Alexandria hotel, the Kimpton Lorien consistently wins accolades for refreshingly genuine staff, awesome alfresco social spaces, and guest room sanctuaries that feature lush bedding and claw-foot tubs.

Pricing & Terms & Conditions

TOUR COST: \$1,895.00 per person double occupancy. \$435.00 single supplement.

- Additional night: \$175.00 double occupancy. \$320.00 single occupancy.

DEPOSIT: \$500.00 per person

- Deposit to have the “first right of refusal” \$200.00.
- Additional deposit to confirm on a definite basis: \$300.00
- Deposits can be paid by check or any major credit card. Please click on the link to register with a \$500.00 deposit or complete your registration with an additional \$300.00 deposit.

FINAL PAYMENT: Friday, January 25, 2018

Please read all of the terms and conditions in this section. Any payment made to Connoisseurs Tours towards a tour booking shall constitute a confirmation by the Guest on behalf of themselves and all other persons named on their booking that he/she has read, understood, accepted and agreed to the Terms and Conditions of this tour, the terms of which will apply to the Guest and all other persons named on their booking.

A per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Final payment is due at least 90 days prior to the departure date, or the date specified in the itinerary/brochure (whichever is earlier). All payments may be credit card accepted over the phone or secure online connection, or by check via the

mail.

INCLUSIVE PRICES

Tour Prices: Tour prices are per person in U.S. dollars, based on double occupancy. There is a supplemental expense for single occupancy, of which is clearly stated in the itinerary/brochure. All hotel accommodations, transportation, special dinners, sightseeing, admissions, portorage, and the services of the local guides, drivers and the Tour Escort/Guide(s) are included, as per individual details of the itinerary.

Hotel Accommodations: The tour price includes all hotel accommodations with private baths. Our standard is to provide the best available accommodations without sacrificing value. Although the quality of accommodations may differ slightly from one room to another, our commitment to your comfort is unwavering.

Meals: Included meals are specified in the itinerary with the abbreviations (B,L,D) as appropriate. If additional refreshments are included it will be specified in the itinerary.

Gratuities: All customary gratuities for hotel, restaurant staff, and local guides are included unless otherwise noted.

NOT INCLUDED

Air Transportation: Air transportation to the tour departure point and from the tour ending point is not included unless otherwise noted. Transfers from the airport to the hotel are not included.

Gratuities to your Guide/Escort and drivers:

Gratuities are not included to your overall Tour Escort/Guide(s) and coach driver, unless otherwise noted. A recommended gratuity amount will be provided to you in your final tour documents. Connoisseurs Tours wishes to stress that this gratuity is optional and on a voluntary basis.

Personal Expenses: Personal expenses such as phone calls, use of fitness center, room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, mineral water, soft drinks, laundry, airline service fees, excess baggage fees, and other optional incidental extras are not included in the tour price.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Travel Insured Protection Plan:

Connoisseurs Tours offers Cancellation/Delay/Medical Protection. The cost of travel protection is \$115.00 per person based on double occupancy. \$145.00 per person for single occupancy. Travel protection can be paid with your deposit or at the time of your final payment.

Connoisseurs Tours strongly recommends that you purchase Cancellation/Delay/Medical Protection. Traveling is a big investment. It pays to protect yourself against unforeseen circumstances that can result in trip

cancellation and additional expenses such as costs related to medical emergencies.

This *Travel Insured Protection Plan* is specifically designed to provide you with peace of mind knowing you are protected against the financial impact of unexpected events while on your trip. Additional insurance is available to include the cost of your airfare in addition to the tour price. Please contact Connoisseurs Tours if you would like to insure the cost of your airline tickets after you have purchased your airline tickets.

Health and Fitness: Connoisseurs Tours are moderate exertion journeys. Travelers must certify that they are in good health and can walk up to one mile per day. These journeys are not recommended for those who have mobility limitations such as walkers, wheelchairs and scooters.

CANCELLATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

All cancellations must be in writing.

- \$300.00 cancellation fee from time of deposit to 120 days
- \$600 cancellation fee from 119- 90 days
- 50% of the tour cost from 89 - 60 days
- 100% of the tour cost from 59 to the date of departure and beyond

Itinerary Change and Flexibility:

Connoisseurs Tours pledges to make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. Connoisseurs Tours reserves the right to alter or curtail any aspect of the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, hotels/ and or

conveyances as deemed necessary. Any additional expense for these substitutions will be covered by Connoisseurs Tours.

Responsibility: Connoisseurs Tours acts only as an agent for the traveler with respect to transportation, accommodations and other services offered on the tour. Connoisseurs Tours and the agents assume no responsibility or liability for any act, error omission, or for any injury, loss, accident or delay or irregularity that may be caused by any defect in any aircraft, ship, train, bus or other carrier or through negligence or default of any subcontractor or other third party. The passage contract in use by the carriers when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the traveler. Connoisseurs Tours and/or their agents are not responsible for loss, injury, damages or expenses to person or property, due to illness, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature or other causes in connection with the tour for anything beyond their reasonable control. Connoisseurs Tours is not responsible for transportation or other delays or changes to the tour program beyond their control, nor any additional expenses or loss of time that may be incurred by the traveler. It may be necessary or advisable for the wellbeing of all travelers to alter the itinerary at any time, without notice to the travelers, and such alterations will be made without penalty to Connoisseurs Tours.

Connoisseurs Tours reserves the right to decline or not to retain any person as a member of any tour or to change or withdraw a tour as circumstances demand. All rates quoted are based on tariffs in effect at the time the tour was planned and are

subject to change in the event of adjustment therein. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk and baggage insurance is recommended. Connoisseurs Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of equal or superior quality. The proposals of this section are governed by Georgia law, and final payment by the traveler to Connoisseurs Tours shall be deemed to be consent to the above provisions.

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