

# Washington D.C. 5-Day Educational Trip Curriculum

### **Day 1: National History and Government Institutions**

### Morning:

- Arrival and check-in at the hotel.
- Orientation session with the mentor: Overview of Washington D.C. and its significance in U.S. history and governance.
- Visit to the U.S. Capitol Building for a guided tour, including a discussion on the legislative process and government structure.

#### Afternoon:

- Tour of the National Archives to view foundational documents such as the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence.
- Interactive session on the importance of these documents in shaping American democracy.

#### Evening:

- o Group dinner and reflection session.
- Night tour of the National Mall to explore iconic monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and the World War II Memorial.

# Day 2: Museums and Cultural Heritage

# Morning:

- Visit to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History to explore exhibits on innovation, cultural milestones, and key events in U.S. history.
- Hands-on activity analyzing artifacts related to American innovation and cultural change.

#### Afternoon:

- Visit to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum to learn about the history of aviation and space exploration.
- Interactive session with museum educators on the scientific advancements that revolutionized air and space travel.

### Evening:

- Group discussion on the impact of technological progress in shaping the nation's future.
- o Leisure time to explore the Georgetown area.

# Day 3: Leadership and Social Justice

# Morning:

- Visit to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and discussion on the Civil Rights Movement.
- Interactive session focusing on leadership qualities and the impact of social activism.

#### Afternoon:

- Tour of the White House Visitor Center to learn about the role of the executive branch and the daily operations of the presidency.
- o Wrap-up session with reflections on leadership and civic engagement.

#### Evening:

Leisure time and optional visit to local cultural sites.

#### Day 4: Military History and International Relations

#### Morning:

- Visit to Arlington National Cemetery to witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony and discuss the significance of military service.
- o Discussion on the history and importance of national defense.

#### Afternoon:

- Visit to the Pentagon and exploration of military strategy and global security.
- o Interactive Q&A with a military historian.

#### Evening:

- o Group reflection on the role of the military in national and global affairs.
- Free time for personal exploration.

# Day 5: Science, Innovation, and Conclusion

#### Morning:

- Visit to the National Museum of Natural History to explore exhibits on biodiversity, geology, and environmental science.
- o Hands-on workshop focusing on current environmental challenges.

#### Afternoon:

- Closing ceremony and student presentations on their key takeaways from the trip.
- Certificate distribution and final mentor reflections.

#### Evening:

o Farewell dinner and departure.

### **Educational Objectives:**

- 1. Understand the fundamental principles of U.S. government and history.
- 2. Explore key national landmarks and their historical significance.
- 3. Engage with cultural and technological advancements through museum visits.
- 4. Reflect on the role of leadership and social activism in shaping society.
- 5. Foster a sense of civic responsibility and national pride.
- 6. Gain insights into military history and international relations.
- 7. Investigate scientific advancements and environmental challenges.

