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thursday, october 19

National Portrait Gallery with Afternoon Tea

For anyone fascinated by famous Americans and their stories, the **National Portrait Gallery** is a must-visit destination.

One of the nation's finest examples of Greek Revival architecture, the building once contained such historic artifacts as the Declaration of Independence and George Washington's tent. During the Civil War, it served as a hospital for wounded Union soldiers and was the site of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural ball. In 1953, it faced the threat of demolition, but instead the government transferred it to the Smithsonian Institution. In 1968, the Patent Office Building opened as the home of the National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.



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The National Portrait Gallery has now newly re-opened and features 30 percent more exhibition space, redesigned galleries with contemporary interactive displays, an auditorium, and the home to “conservation in action”, the **Lunder Conservation Center**. Upon arrival, you will enjoy a docent led tour of the National Portrait Gallery and view many of its unique treasures.

Following your visit to the Gallery, you will then board the motor coach for a gentele afternoon of tea at the historic Jefferson Hotel. The Jefferson's eight-story, 100-room Beaux-Arts-inspired hotel enjoys a location just four blocks from the White House. The Jefferson debuted in 1923 under the stewardship of Edward Bennett Williams, an ardent admirer of Thomas Jefferson. Williams not only named the hotel after the influential Founding Father, but also collected vital manuscripts signed by Jefferson, many of which are now on display at the hotel. In the hotel's beautifully appointed Monticello room you will enjoy a quiet respite and dine on an assortment of gourmet French pastries, finger sandwiches, petite cookies, freshly baked scones with Devonshire cr me and fruit preserves, and finely selected teas.



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All Inclusive Fee: \$110.00
Coach Departure: 11:00 AM (Please meet at Marriott's 24th Street entrance, near Harry's Pub no later than 10:45 AM)
Return: 4:00 PM



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friday, october 20

INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

Today you will travel back through the centuries to trace the earliest moments of the second oldest professional one of Washington, DC's newest attractions - the **International Spy Museum**.

Uncover the stories of famous men and women, considered above suspicion, and doubly effective as spies. Be surprised by spymasters from Moses to Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth I to George Washington, Cardinal Richelieu to Joseph Stalin—all who relied on intelligence to be effective leaders. A spy must live a life of lies.



You will adopt a cover identity and learn why an operative needs one. They will see the credentials an agent must have to get in or out, as in the case of six Americans exfiltrated from revolutionary Iran in 1979, courtesy of the Canadian Ambassador and the CIA. Next you will proceed directly to the Briefing Film where you'll come face to face with the real world of spying. Spies are motivated for very different reasons.

You will have an opportunity to examine over 200 spy gadgets, weapons, bugs, cameras, vehicles, and technologies. You'll learn about microdots and invisible ink, buttonhole cameras and submarine recording systems, bugs of all sizes and kinds, and ingenious disguise techniques developed by Hollywood for the CIA. You will uncover the stories behind the spycraft, why and how these artifacts were developed, and by which side and survey over 50 years of spy technology, developed by agencies from the OSS to the KGB, and still in use today.

All Inclusive Fee: \$60.00

Coach Departure: : 9:30 AM (Please meet at the Marriott's 24th Street entrance, near Harry's Pub, no later than 9:15 AM)

Return: 12:30 pm

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