

WASHINGTON, DC ITINERARY

GLEN URQUHART SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 11 - 14, 2025

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 | ARRIVAL TO D.C.

- 11:13 AM Scheduled arrival to Dulles Airport (IAD) - Meet your GW trip leaders at baggage claim **Refer to the airline website for the most up-to-date flight schedule and flight numbers for your group*
- 11:45 AM Load up the bus and head into Downtown D.C. to drop our luggage at the hotel (45 min. drive)
- 1:00 PM Enjoy a refreshing Mediterranean bowl or sandwich in downtown D.C. (20 min. walk from hotel)
- 3:00 PM Walk as a group to **President's Park** (10 min. walk) - a large green space overlooking the White House. We'll chat about what to expect during your time in D.C. and make a community contract
- 4:00 PM Enjoy some downtime in the park or **scope out some souvenirs** before heading back to the hotel to settle into rooms (25 min. walk)
- 5:15 PM Walk to a local Cuban restaurant for dinner (15 min. walk)
- 7:00 PM Meet our local guide to explore the city's most **famous monuments at night!** Stops include the Korean War and WWII memorials. We'll also see the Jefferson, MLK and Lincoln memorials as we walk around the famous National Mall in the moonlight - ***please pack a warm layer!***
- 9:00 PM Make our way back to our hotel and go over the plan for tomorrow (20 min. walk)

LODGING: Homewood Suites by Hilton Downtown

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | SPY MUSEUM & CIVIL RIGHTS

- 7:15 AM Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 AM Head over to Luther Place Memorial Church & Steinbruck Center (5 min. walk) for a **workshop on racial justice**. Pastor Karen will walk us through a conversation about structural inequalities that impact the lives of minority populations in the United States and how activists are working to improve living conditions for these groups.
- 9:45 AM Head to the **International Spy Museum** for a self-guided tour (20 min. walk). We'll participate in a mission during our visit to learn more about espionage and practice our spy skills.
- 1:15 PM Picnic lunch under the Washington Monument
- 2:30 PM Head to meet our local tour guide (15 min. metro)
- 3:00 PM Begin our **tour of American Civil Rights** - we'll explore more of the history of this period in the D.C. metro area and discuss impacts on Black communities

today including social justice movements addressing gentrification of historically Black neighborhoods, and equal representation.

- 5:00 PM Reflection on what we've learned: *How has our nation's history had an impact on what our country experiences today?*
- 6:30 PM Head to **Ben's Chili Bowl**, a historic Black-owned DC diner, to enjoy a dinner of hot dogs, chili, and fries! (15 min. walk)
- 8:00 PM Return to the hotel for a quick meeting and lights out!

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | CAPITOL HILL & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- 8:00 AM Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 AM Journey to the **United States Capitol!** (30 min. metro)
- 10:30 AM Meet with Roy, a U.S. Capitol Police Officer who will give us a perimeter tour of the U.S. Capitol building
- 11:30 AM Walk over (15 min.) to the **Friends Committee on National Legislation** (FCNL)
- 12:00 PM FCNL will lead us in an **engaging workshop on Lobbying**. We'll explore strategies for talking to our representatives about issues that matter to us. We'll also role-play talking to a lobbyist or elected official!
- 1:45 PM Lunch near Capitol Hill
- 3:00 PM Walk over to **Planet Word Museum** (15 min. walk) where we will move through various activities about the power of language. Speak with renowned language scientists and explore different methods to make compelling arguments for causes we care about
- 4:30 PM Work on executing our new skills of persuasion to **prepare some letters to lobbyists and/or representatives**
- 5:45 PM Enjoy a delicious pupusa dinner as a group at a local El Salvadorian / Mexican restaurant (15 min. metro)
- 7:30 PM Head over to the **O Museum in the Mansion** - we'll work in teams to find secret doors on a unique scavenger hunt!
- 9:00 PM Head back to the hotel (15 min. walk). Get some rest before our final day in D.C.!

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | THE AMERICAN DREAM

- 8:45 AM Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:45 AM Walk (15 min.) to the **Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream** (MCAAD)
- 10:15 AM Begin your self-guided tour through the exhibit asking "*What is the American Dream?*" and "*Who gets to achieve it and how?*"
- 12:00 PM Head back to President's Park (10 min. walk, weather permitting) for **closing reflections**
- 12:45 PM Have a bite to eat at the hotel before loading our bags on the bus
- 1:30 PM Drive to IAD (45 min) for scheduled flight
- 5:10 PM Scheduled flight departure time **Refer to the airline website for the most up-to-date flight schedule and flight numbers for your group*