

Washington Experience Study Away – December 9-13, 2023

This schedule is tentative and subject to change. We will build the final schedule together during the fall semester and make any needed adjustments while in DC.

Day 1- Saturday, December 9

Early morning departure from JSU for Atlanta Airport in University vans. Set watches to EST.

Arrive at Reagan National Airport at approximately lunchtime and drop luggage at hotel in Old Town Alexandria.

Have lunch at Food Court in Pentagon City Mall.

Take Metro to Smithsonian Metro stop at the National Mall to visit the Smithsonian Museum of your choice until closing.

Take Metro back to Old Town Alexandria hotel.

Free time for dinner on your own at local restaurant or pick up dinner from Whole Foods Grocery Store.

Unpack and relax after a long day of travel.

Day 2 – Sunday, December 10

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart for Ford's Theatre via Metro.

Visit the National Archives.

Lunch

Visit the National Portrait Gallery and the Christmas Market or enjoy ice skating at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden Ice Rink.

Dinner in nearby Chinatown or return to Old Town Alexandria and enjoy dinner.

Day 3 – Monday, December 11

Breakfast at hotel.

Tour the National Cathedral.

Afternoon – choice of Arlington National Cemetery, daytime tour of Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, or visit one of the Smithsonian Museum.

Late Lunch near U.S. Botanical Gardens.

Visit Botanical Gardens.

Optional: Choral EvenSong at National Cathedral 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Dinner on your own.

Day 4 – Tuesday, December 12

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart for tour of the White House (subject to availability/we will request tickets in advance and will receive confirmation a few weeks before our departure date).

Visit Third District Congressman Mike Rogers' Office.

Lunch at the Capitol Visitor's Center.

Tour of U.S. Capitol.

Visit the National Christmas Tree and fifty state trees and territorial trees.

Optional: Nighttime tour of National Monuments

Dinner at Pentagon City Food Court or in Old Town Alexandria.

Day 5 – Wednesday, December 13

Breakfast at hotel.

Pack, check out and store luggage at the hotel.

Morning tour of Library of Congress.

Free time to visit points of interest of your choice, buy final souvenirs, etc. until approximately 5:00 p.m.

Return to hotel to gather luggage and depart for Reagan National Airport.

Arrive at Atlanta Airport between 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Return to campus. We will gain an hour when we return to CST.

Note: We will determine the free concert visit opportunity to the Kennedy Center once they publish their December Free Concert Series. Once all paid plays, concerts or musical are published for Fall 2023, we will discuss those with students who wish to attend a paid performance.