



October 2018

WASHINGTON & NEW YORK

Date: Saturday 26th October 2019
To Friday 1st November 2019
7 days and 5 nights

The Polesworth School

ENSURING EXCELLENCE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As your son/daughter is studying A level History and/or Politics, I would like to invite him/her on a visit to Washington and New York from **Saturday 26th October to Friday 1st November 2019 (half term holidays 2019)**. Participation in the trip is entirely voluntary, but I hope that enough students will be able to go in order for the trip to take place.

The price of the trip will be approximately £1550.00 per student. This may be subject to change, but we will try to avoid any increase wherever possible. This cost includes transportation via coach and air to John F Kennedy, New York, meals and accommodation during their stay. This also includes insurance and all excursions during the trip. Students will require their own valid passport and will be responsible for getting their own visas.

Accommodation will be in youth hostels. Most meals will be provided. Whilst major dietary requirements are catered for (vegetarian/allergies) the meals are not individualised. **Students will require money to purchase additional food/snacks and when using public transport.**

The programme of proposed excursions will be similar to those attached.

Please complete the permission slip below and return it to the Finance office at school. **You can pay your non-refundable deposit of £100.00 online via www.parentpay.com (please contact the Finance office if you require notification of your log in details). All deposits should be paid and reply slips returned by Friday 26th October.**

Students will be advised of a payment schedule after 3rd November. Please note that full payment will be required by the end of August 2019.

***If not enough Students sign up for the trip and the trip does not take place, your deposit will be refunded.**

Parents should be aware that they may lose money if their son/daughter withdraws from the visit. In the event of any students withdrawing from this visit, we will make every effort to refund any monies paid. However, this repayment is dependent upon the visit balance being in credit on completion of the visit. No refund will be given until after the visit's completion. No money will be committed from school funds.

Your child can look forward to an interesting and active week. If you wish to discuss these details further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Fellows
Trip Organiser

HISTORY AND POLITICS TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK Saturday 26th October – Friday 1st November 2019

PERMISSION SLIP

Students Name: Tutor Group

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Washington and New York trip. The deposit of £100.00 will be paid on www.parentpay.com by 26th October 2018.

I agree to pay a £100.00 deposit. In signing this reply slip I understand that I am committed to complete full payment and will be obliged to pay the full price of the trip even if my child subsequently decides not to go, unless withdrawal is for an insurable reason.

Signed Date:

Every attempt is made to accurately cost out trips. If the occasion arises, any minor excess amount will be transferred into school funds unless otherwise advised.

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK POLITICS

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Departing: Sat 26 Oct 2019 - Returning: Fri 01 Nov 2019

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY DETAILS

Sat 26 Oct 2019	Depart HOME	Coach	
	(HOME is your postal address unless you advise otherwise.)		
	Check in at airport	London Heathrow	
	Flight Departure	Flight	
	The price includes hand luggage and hold luggage.		
	Flight Arrival	John F Kennedy, NY	
	Transfer to accommodation	Coach	
	Arrive accommodation	YMCA Hostel	
	Based on either Westside YMCA or Vanderbilt YMCA, subject to availability. Your meal plan is BED/BREAKFAST. Towels and bed linen are included in your stay.		
	Note: Public transport Please note that public transport in New York and Washington is not included.		
Sun 27 Oct 2019 07:30	Restaurant Meal	Ellen's Stardust Diner	
	This unique diner also features singing waitstaff and variety shows. Sit back and relax as you will be taken back in time to a never forgotten era as you enjoy the best in classic American cuisine!		
	At leisure	Times Square	
	Stop for a photo-op at Times Square, then visit the shops in the area for some souvenirs!		
Sun 27 Oct 2019 10:00	Restaurant Meal	Café Basil	
	Visit	Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island	
	Gain an insight into the origins of modern New York with a visit to the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.		
	Sun 27 Oct 2019 15:00	Museum	National September 11 Memorial & Museum
		The historical exhibition has three parts, which explore the background leading up to the events of 9/11 and examines their aftermath and continuing implications.	
Sun 27 Oct 2019 18:30	Approx Visit	Herald Square	
	Herald Square - where 34th Street, Sixth Avenue, and Broadway converge - is dominated by Macy's, the self-proclaimed "biggest department store in the world!"		
	19:30 Visit	Empire State Building	
	Take in the spectacular New York skyline with a trip up to the Observation Deck on the 86th floor of the Empire State building.		
Mon 28 Oct 2019 08:30	Restaurant Meal	Café Basil	
	Mon 28 Oct 2019 14:00	Guided Tour	Slavery & the Underground Railroad Walking Tour
		Visit the site of the city's first slave market and learn about the origins of slavery in colonial New York. Discover the secret escapes of the Underground Railroad and view a former stop along this famous route.	
	Mon 28 Oct 2019 17:00	Visit	Rockefeller Center
	Visit the many shops of Rockefeller Center (the LEGO store, American Girl Place, Nintendo World), while also admiring the buildings in the plaza.		
Mon 28 Oct 2019 19:30	Activity	Ice-Skating at Wollman Rink	
Wollman Rink was opened in 1949 and has been a favorite attraction of Central Park ever since.			
Tue 29 Oct 2019 07:00	Restaurant Meal	Café Basil	
	Tue 29 Oct 2019 08:00	Transfer to Philadelphia	Coach
We have allowed for a 5 hour stop in Philadelphia.			

	11:00	Visit	Independence National Historical Park Discover the history of the American Revolution at the Independence National Historical Park and see the Liberty Bell, the iconic symbol of American independence.
	13:00	Guided Tour	Independence Hall Major steps towards independence were taken here by delegates of the English colonies, amongst them George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. Explore Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia with a guided tour and learn about America's past and present struggle to fulfill the Founders' declaration that "all men are created equal." Duration: 40 minutes.
	16:00	Transfer to Washington	Coach
	19:00	Arrive accommodation	Hostelling International Washington DC HI Washington, DC is conveniently located in the heart of the city and offers incredible value for its location. Your meal plan is BED/BREAKFAST.
	19:00	Note:	End of coach service
	20:00	Restaurant Meal	Hard Rock Cafe Washington Have an evening meal at the Hard Rock Cafe, a Rock 'n' roll-themed chain with a high-energy vibe serving burgers & American classics!
Wed 30 Oct 2019	08:30	Meal	Breakfast at the accommodation
	10:00	Museum	Smithsonian Institution Our favourite visits at the Smithsonian are the Air and Space Museum and National Zoo, but your exact itinerary is up to you! Most of the museums (and the zoo!) charge no admission fee.
	13:00	Museum	National Archives Museum The Rotunda of the National Archives Building in downtown Washington, DC, displays the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence.
	15:40	Visit	Georgetown Beyond Georgetown's trendy shops, celebrated restaurants, and lively nightlife, lies a historic port city with deep roots and old-fashioned charm.
	18:30	Restaurant Meal	Pinstripes Washington DC Includes a meal and one hour of bowling.
	19:30	Activity	Bowling
Thu 31 Oct 2019		Meal	Breakfast at the accommodation
		Guided Tour	National Mall & Tidal Basin tour This highly engaging tour will take you through the heart of the National Mall and Tidal Basin, entertaining your group with stories, hidden secrets and historical information. Sights covered on the tour: White House, National WWII Memorial, MLK Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and more!
		Guided Tour	United States Capitol Learn about the American legislature with a tour of the Capitol building and a visit to Exhibition Hall, which tells the story of the US Congress.
		Visit	US Supreme Court Students can visit the courtroom, with its velvet drapes and marble pillars, where the nine court justices hear some of the 6,500 cases submitted to the Supreme Court each year.
		Transfer to the airport	Coach
		Check in at airport	Washington Dulles International Airport
		Flight Departure	Flight
Fri 01 Nov 2019		Flight Arrival	London Heathrow
		Transfer	Coach
		Return HOME	