



# LET'S GO

A538 /KK /24

## **New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC Trip - 2024**

**To: Students and Parents of Hillcrest MS,**

We are excited to announce that Hillcrest Middle School students are traveling to New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC, to engage in history and government firsthand. This learning program is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your child to experience the power of travel!

Throughout our experiential journey, students **will**:

- Explore the rich culture and heritage of our great nation
- Discover important national treasures such as Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, the Liberty Bell and the Statue of Liberty
- Gain a deeper understanding of how our history and citizenship impacted the shaping of America

We have chosen School Tours of America as our travel planner due to their decades of experience, outstanding safety record, and exceptional customer service. Our tour is non-school sponsored. We will lead our group, along with other chaperones as needed. In addition, representatives from School Tours of America will be available throughout our entire trip.

Space is limited. Register online now at [SchoolToursOfAmerica.com](https://www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com), or complete the enclosed registration.

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# LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE, WHY TAKE THE RISK?

## SECURE YOUR PAYMENTS WITH A PLAN YOU CAN TRUST.

We created the Payment Protection Program (PPP) because we understand that things happen: the flu spreads, family emergencies arise, jobs change, and sometimes your team makes it to the playoffs. With the Payment Protection Program, we've got your back.



**PROTECTION** - Protect your investment and receive a \*Full Refund should you or your group need to cancel anytime prior to departure.



**PEACE OF MIND** - Your payments are covered from the moment you register. Return travel expenses are covered for family emergencies.



**SIMPLICITY** - To enroll, agree to the PPP when you register. You can also include the PPP in your payment schedule.

\*For details see Terms and Conditions at  
[www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com/terms-conditions.html](http://www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com/terms-conditions.html)



## EARN YOUR TRIP PRICE USING MYTOURFUND.COM

### LOG IN

After registering for your trip, you are eligible for a free MyTourFund account.

### LOVE IT

Personalize your page with pictures, video and your own unique message.

### LAUNCH IT

Share your page with friends and family via social media and email.

Have questions? Call: 866.543.9625 or Visit: [www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com](http://www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com)

Trip Date: 05/24/24 - 05/29/24 For: Hillcrest Middle School

## REGISTER ONLINE NOW at [www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com](http://www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com)

Trip #: A538

Registration Type: ☐ Student ☐ Adult Traveler's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Traveler's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Middle) (Last)  
Traveler's full legal name must be provided, as it appears on an official document to help assure airline and TSA compliance.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to School Tours of America in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum payment of \$99 is required)

☐ Pay by credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ Amex

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to Charge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
By signing here, I have read and agree to STA's Terms & Conditions, which can be found at [www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com/terms-conditions.html](http://www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com/terms-conditions.html), and I confirm my PPP selection.

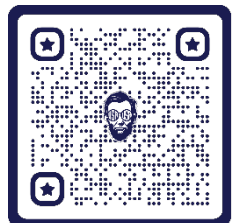
Please Select: ☐ I AGREE to protect my payments with the Payment Protection Program (recommended). ☐ I DECLINE to protect my payments with the Payment Protection Program, understanding that I may lose my money if the trip is canceled for any reason.

### T-Shirt:

☐ Youth L

### Adult sizes:

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L  
☐ XL ☐ XXL



SCAN ME

## Everything is Included



Quality hotels



Transportation



Licensed guides



MyTourFund.com



Admissions / Sightseeing



Medical insurance



On-call physicians



Private security



Drawstring bag



Meals

## IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

### Tour Details

Trip #: A538 Departing: 05/24/24 Returning: 05/29/24

Destination: Washington, DC, Philadelphia and New York City

Group Leader: Courtney Biller & Becca Barnes

Contact Details: [courtney.biller@dvusd.org](mailto:courtney.biller@dvusd.org); [becca.barnes@dvusd.org](mailto:becca.barnes@dvusd.org)

### Tour Price

Register now! Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. The price is based on 35 full-paying travelers.

Add the **Payment Protection Program (PPP)** to your tour price for only \$339.00 to receive a FULL REFUND if you cancel ANYTIME for ANY REASON prior to trip departure. (See Terms and Conditions for full details.)

Student Price (4 per room)	Adult Price (2 per room)
\$2,899.00	\$3,274.00

### Payment Plans

Save time and avoid fees by making manageable, monthly payments with EzPay. (Available with online registration only.)

OR

Mail in monthly payments utilizing STA payment coupons. (Incurs \$6 handling charge per payment.)

### Register today to enjoy savings!

Registration Deadline: 09/30/23

Required Deposit: \$99.00 (Your deposit is applied to the total trip cost.)

Final Payment Due Date: 03/15/24

### Have questions?

Learn more at our informational meeting. Details to follow.



\*The above pricing is all-inclusive unless otherwise specified in the enclosed materials.

## SPACE IS LIMITED. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



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### ENROLL IN EzPay

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### OPT-IN TO THE PPP

Protect your investment & receive a refund if you cancel prior to trip departure.

# Sample Itinerary: New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC

## 5 Days / 5 Nights

Travel Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Group travels to New York City	<b>BREAKFAST</b> <u>Lower Manhattan:</u> Ferry ride to Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island	<b>BREAKFAST</b> <u>Midtown Manhattan:</u> Rockefeller Center Radio City Music Hall Tour	<b>BREAKFAST</b> <u>Historic Philadelphia:</u> Liberty Bell Independence Hall	<b>BREAKFAST</b> <u>Mount Vernon:</u> George Washington's home	<b>BREAKFAST</b> <u>Arlington National Cemetery:</u> Tomb of the Unknown Changing of the Guards Kennedy Gravesites Challenger Memorial
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> 9/11 Memorial  Central Park	<b>LUNCH</b> <u>Fifth Avenue Walk:</u> Saks Fifth Ave. Trump Tower Abercrombie & Fitch Tiffany & Co.	<b>LUNCH</b> Group travels to Washington, DC	<u>Capitol Hill: Photo Stops</u> US Capitol Library of Congress	<b>LUNCH</b> Ford's Theatre
<b>DINNER</b> Chinatown/Little Italy "Top of the Rock"	<b>DINNER</b> Broadway Show	Group travels to Philadelphia  <b>DINNER</b>	<u>Smithsonian Complex:</u> Natural History American History  <b>DINNER</b> Lincoln Memorial Vietnam Veterans Memorial Korean War Memorial World War II Memorial	<b>LUNCH</b> Holocaust Memorial  Spy Museum  <b>DINNER</b> <u>Night Tour:</u> FDR Memorial MLK Memorial Jefferson Memorial	White House (Photo Stop)  <b>DINNER</b> Group departs for home

**\*All meals included (except en route)**





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**DCNY**  
Washington/New York





“This transformative tour provides unlimited growth opportunities; your child will return a more passionate student, a more conscientious citizen, and a more mature person.



# THE BENEFITS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL WITH SCHOOL TOURS OF AMERICA



## Personal Growth

Studies have shown that students who travel see improvements in grades and behavior. Your child will gain tremendous confidence and independence while traveling with classmates.



## Empowered Citizenship

Travelers realize their potential to shape America's future as they experience deeply meaningful sites such as Arlington National Cemetery and Ellis Island.



## Educational Opportunities

Available interdisciplinary learning opportunities include: college credit, leadership programs and service learning experiences.

**“**You will never look at your students the same because they will never be the same. This experience is life-changing.  
**”**

Watch video testimonials by students, parents & teachers at:  
[www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com/wall-parents.html](http://www.SchoolToursOfAmerica.com/wall-parents.html)







## Need help raising funds for your trip?

Utilize the power of social media with our exclusive crowdfunding platform, MyTourFund.com, where 100% of donations are applied to your trip!

**This free fundraising tool allows each registered student to create a personal website where they can:**



**CREATE & CUSTOMIZE  
THEIR PAGE**



**SHARE WITH FRIENDS  
& FAMILY**



**RECEIVE DONATIONS  
AUTOMATICALLY**



MyTourFund.com  
participants raise an  
average of **\$900**  
for their tour

**VISIT**  
**www.MyTourFund.com**





## COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

As parents and educators, we understand the concern for every child's well-being. We will never operate a tour if we believe the safety of a single participant is compromised. Our safety and security measures include:



### On-Call Physicians

School Tours of America utilizes the services of on-call physicians who can meet the group at the hotel, and if necessary, students always have access to the region's first-rate hospitals.



### Professional, Bonded Security

Private guards are stationed on hotel floors each night, ensuring that students adhere to the strict nightly curfew.



### Full Insurance Coverage

Tour participants are automatically covered by medical, dental and accident insurance.



### Identification

All students wear a wristband or lanyard listing our 24/7 emergency contact information.



### Safety & Security

All tour staff is trained using a detailed Safety Contingency Plan. Our East Coast office provides immediate response and communication with local and federal authorities, and maintains a 24/7 dedicated, toll-free phone line exclusively for parents and students.



### On-Tour Representative

A representative from STA stays in the hotel 24/7 to ensure a direct line of communication at all times. Our team is available for every group at every destination.

“Every member of the School Tours of America family shares the united mission of providing your child the safest, most memorable tour that will become a milestone in their life.”

## PAYMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP)

**Life is unpredictable. We've got you covered.**

Add the PPP to your tour price to receive a **FULL REFUND** if you cancel **ANY TIME** for **ANY REASON** prior to trip departure.\*



### Benefits

100% refund prior to trip departure	✓
Include cost of program in payments	✓
Travel home due to family emergency	✓
Lost luggage protection	✓

### PPP

### Full Refund Examples

Illness	✓
Family emergency	✓
Trip cancellation by school or group leader	✓
Behavior / academic issues	✓
Sports conflict	✓
Financial difficulty	✓

### PPP

## ORDER YOUR SOUVENIR T-SHIRT



ONLY  
**\$20**

(Ask your Group Leader if the t-shirt is already included in your trip cost.)



**For a convenient way to pay for your trip, select EzPay when you register online**



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