

Helpful Hints



Our tour is quickly approaching. We have worked hard to carefully plan an exciting and educational experience for your kids. Here are a few last minute reminders:

PRE TRIP REMINDERS

- Get a copy of the kid's birth certificate, State ID, or School ID.
- Have the kids 5 DC shirts clean and ready to go.
- A suitcase
- Camera

PACKING REMINDERS:

- Limit luggage to one carry on bag. Remember that checked baggage fees (usually \$20 EACH WAY) are not part of your tour package and must be paid upon airport check in. Carry on bags are always free. Your choice. If they want to check a bag, plan an extra \$40 dollars.
- What to pack? 5 DC shirts. Shorts and a pair of pants. Socks and underwear. You could pack rain gear and dress in layers as the forecast often changes.
- SUNGLASSES!!!!
- They have hairdryers in the rooms.
- Pack comfortable shoes for walking and touring in the daytime. (We walk up to 5 miles some days)
- Limit those liquids; you can't take them on the plane.
- Maybe a few snacks for the plane ride and on the bus. Less messy the better.
- Empty Water Bottle and flavor water packets

- Leave all valuables at home. More they bring, the more they lose.
- NO LAPTOPS!
- We suggest no iPods either, but that is your choice.
- About \$50-\$100 is PLENTY of money to cover a snack on the first day plus a little spending money. We are not responsible for lost money!

TRAVEL DAY REMINDERS:

- You must be at the airport 2 hours before departure. Adults are required to have government issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license or passport). Students may bring school ID, a copy of a birth certificate, or state ID.
- No, we will not switch seats on the plane. What ticket they give you is where you will sit. You can meet new friends!!!! ☺
- If you miss your flight, no, you can't get on the other one. Different airlines, different times, and they are both full!

WHILE WE ARE IN D.C.

- We are staying at: Holiday Inn Express (DC) and Embassy Suite (Phil)
- Address: 1917 Bladensburg Road 1776 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- The blog will be updated daily on CoachKetcham.com. Click on the D.C. Tab and it will be updated with stories, and photos.
- Please "Like" the Hillwood DC Trip facebook page. Our hashtag for this trip is #HMSDC14
- Curfew is 20 minutes after we arrive to the hotel. They must be in their room. They will be tired every night, I promise.
- Boys are **NOT ALLOWED** on the girls floor and vice versa. If on the other floor or room, they will be sent home on your expense.

Anything else?

- You do not need to include money for a tip, we have already collected that for you.
- They are going to have a GREAT TIME! You should too!
- We have all the kids Medical forms in case of something happening.
- If your child has any medicine they need to take or anything that we should be aware of, please tell us.
- You will get your airplane ticket at the gate when we arrive. We will check in as a group.

CONTACT INFORMATION

General Questions

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Medicine Questions – Contact your student's teacher.

Let's have a GREAT TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!