

Field Trips

Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Mount Vernon, VA

May 1, 2020 - \$30 <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/>

Leaving from Marriott at 12:30 pm, returning to the Marriott at 5:30.

The Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington is a resource for scholars, students, and all those interested in George Washington, colonial America, and the Revolutionary and founding eras.

Attendees will get a behind the scenes look inside of the library's manuscript and rare book collections, including a portion of George Washington's personal library. Manuscript maps, original letters, and some recently acquired items previously only available in a private European collection will all be on display. Following that, attendees will learn about the library's research opportunities, fellowship program. And leadership institute. The trip will also showcase the library's "Be Washington," a multimedia interactive program that can be played both in a custom-built theatre at Mount Vernon and anywhere (including class rooms) around the world. Another highlight of the trip will be a rye whiskey sampling from rye produced at the nearby George Washington's Distillery.

National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, VA

May 1, 2020 - \$30 <https://www.usmcmuseum.com/>

Leaving the Marriott at 9 am, return to Marriott at 5 pm

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines--past, present, and future. Situated on a 135-acre site adjacent to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and under the command of Marine Corps University, the Museum's soaring design evokes the image of the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima and beckons visitors to this 120,000-square-foot structure. World-class interactive exhibits using the most innovative technology surround visitors with irreplaceable artifacts and immerse them in the sights and sounds of Marines in action. A box lunch is included in the fee.

National Museum of the United States Army, Fort Belvoir, VA

May 1 & 2 – No fee www.armyhistory.org, <https://thenmusa.org/>

The National Museum of the U.S. Army, which will officially open on June 4, 2020, tells the story of the U.S. Army, from its roots in the establishment of the Continental Army on June 14, 1775, to the present. Attendees will get a sneak peek at the museum's exhibits and other features, such as the Experiential Learning Center and Army Theatre. Buses will leave from the Marriott to the museum on a rotating basis several times on May 1 and 2.