

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 – CHERRY BLOSSOMS, MEMORIALS &
ODYSSEY CRUISE IN WASHINGTON, DC

Each year, the National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC. The gift and annual celebration honor the lasting friendship between the United States and Japan and the continued close relationship between the two countries.

- 8:00 AM - leave Kohl's, Westminster (Rt. 140 & Market Street)
- 8:15 AM - leave Vanessa's Corner Pub (VCP), Taylorsville (Rt. 26 & 27)
- 8:30 AM - leave Mt. Airy Park 'n Ride (Rt. 27)
- 10:00-11:15 - **Scenic drive around the Tidal Basin and Memorials** to view the cherry blossoms, making photo/restroom/gift shop stops as time/traffic permits.
- 11:15 AM - Board the *Odyssey* in Washington, DC
- 12:00-2:00 - **Cherry Blossom Luncheon cruise with sit-down meal on the *Odyssey*.** Step aboard the beautiful, inviting *Odyssey* and enjoy an escape to the signature elegance and total entertainment experience only a true luxury cruising vessel can provide. Designed specifically to travel beneath the historic bridges spanning the Potomac, *Odyssey* offers amazing river views of the nation's greatest monuments and cherry blossoms from every table with a historical tour of some iconic area landmarks.
(Please Note: There is some walking involved from bus drop-off to boat dock. Menu to be announced closer to trip. Dressy-casual attire is recommended, such as nice pants or shorts and a collared shirt. It is requested that no casual jeans, t-shirts, athletic shoes or flip-flops are worn on cruise.)
- 2:45-3:45 - Self-guided visit at **United States Botanic Gardens** – The U.S. Botanic Gardens is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America, established by Congress in 1820, and informs visitors about the importance, value and diversity of plants, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic and ecological significance. The Garden is a living plant museum which maintains approximately 65,000 plants including noteworthy collections such as economic plants, medicinal plants, orchids, carnivorous plants, cacti and succulents, Mid-Atlantic native plants, & several historic specimens.
- 5:15 PM - return to Mt. Airy

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5:30 PM - return to Taylorsville

5:45 PM - return to Westminster

PRICE PER PERSON: \$162.00

(PRICE INCLUDES: motorcoach transportation and lunch cruise with tax & gratuity)

Full payment is due by February 28th. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order and mailed to our office at below address. Final trip confirmation with itinerary & pertinent information will be sent 2 weeks prior to trip. Bus driver & tour director gratuities are not included in tour cost.

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