

Kalamazoo Children's Chorus Touring Choir

WE HAVE A DREAM CHORAL FESTIVAL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 16-19, 2023 (3 nights / 4 days)

Day 1 Friday, June 16, 2023 (D)

Arrive in D.C. and meet MCI Tour Manager
Visit and tour Arlington National Cemetery and attend a special Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Also visit the Welcome Center, the Kennedy Gravesites and the John F. Kennedy Eternal Flame, the Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial, and other important sites within Arlington
Hotel Check-in
Festival Welcome Dinner with Speeches and Introductions
Evening Festival Chorus rehearsal
Directors Reception (directors only)
Overnight at the hotel

Day 2 Saturday, June 17 (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel
Morning Festival Chorus rehearsal
Lunch, on own
Visit the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site. Often called the "Father of the Civil Rights Movement," Frederick Douglass is one of the most famous abolitionists and civil rights advocates in American history. The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site preserves the final home and legacy of this profoundly influential figure at Cedar Hill – Douglass's home from 1878 until his death in 1895. At the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, the National Park Service details the historic story of this famous runaway slave, abolitionist, Underground Railroad conductor, civil rights advocate, author, and diplomat
Dinner included at Ben's Chili Bowl, a local establishment, dined in by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. prior to his March on Washington
Overnight at the hotel

Day 3 Sunday, June 18 (B,D)

Full buffet breakfast included at the hotel
Morning Festival dress rehearsal at the Kennedy Center
Lunch, included at KC Café
Kalamazoo Children's Chorus Touring Choir Participation in the We Have a Dream Choral Festival at the Kennedy Center
Dinner included at a local restaurant
Evening guided illuminated walking tour of the Korean, Vietnam, National World War II, African American Civil War, Emancipation Monument, Eisenhower, and Jefferson Memorials as well as the Washington Monument
Visit the Lincoln Memorial, the most visited Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the site of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech to over 250,000 live spectators on August 28, 1963. Stand in the very spot that Dr. King Stood (now marked with a permanent inscription of "I have a Dream), as he delivered his speech that was a defining moment of the civil rights movement and among the most iconic speeches in American history. Also learn about the



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Great March on Washington and the Million Man March, both pivotal civil rights events in our country's history
Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4 Monday, June 19

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Full buffet breakfasts included at the hotel

Visit the tour the National Archives, to see the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Emancipation Proclamation

Visit Lafayette Square for a photo opportunity with the White House

Lunch, on own

Kalamazoo Children's Chorus Touring Choir wreath laying and festival recital at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

Afternoon self-guided visit of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the world's largest museum dedicated to African-American history and culture and one of the most visited Smithsonian Museums

Afternoon departure for home

****Subject to confirmation***

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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