## National Cherry Blossom Festival Washington DC April 6, 2025 (Sun) \$105 Adult / \$98 Child (2-11)

Price includes transportation and day on own at the Cherry Blossom Festival.

6:30am Depart Bethlehem, PA (L.V.I.P)

6:50am Depart Allentown, PA (Calvary Temple)

Rest stop

Arrive Washington, DC - Free time on own

Drop off & Pick up at National Museum of American Indian – 4<sup>th</sup> St &

Independence Ave SW. There is a café located in this museum.

## **The National Cherry Blossom Festival**

The National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from the Mayor of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC. Today's Festival now spans four weeks and welcomes more than 1.5 million people to enjoy diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. The festival features a range of spectacular events. Local restaurants even get into the spirit with the Cherry Picks program, featuring cherry blossom-themed food and drink items.

The average peak bloom, when 70% of the flowers of the cherry blossom trees are open, is April 4. In the past, peak bloom has occurred as early as March 15 and as late as April 18, according to the National Park Service. As a reminder, please do your part in helping to protect the National Mall by never picking the cherry blossoms (it is against the law).

## The Smithsonian Institute

The Institute is on the National Mall. Admission to the buildings are free. Buildings include:

- National Museum of American Indian
- The Smithsonian Institution Building
- National Museum of American Art
- Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
- National Gallery of Art
- Renwick Gallery
- National Museum of African Art

- Freer Gallery of Art
- National Portrait Gallery
- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
- Arts and Industries Building
- National Museum of Natural History
- National Air and Space Museum
- National Museum of American History

5:00pm Depart Washington DC

9:30pm Approximate return to Lehigh Valley