Farmington High School Marching Band

National Independence Day ParadeTM

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CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY!

July 1-5, 2026 (4 nights / 5 days)

Day 1 Wednesday, July 1, 2026 Washington, DC

(D)

Morning departure via chartered airline to Washington DC

Arrival in Washington, D.C., and meet your full-time MCI Tour Managers (*1 full-time MCI Tour Manager per motorcoach*), who will escort your group through the duration of the tour and remain with you 24/7 for your entire duration of your time in D.C

Sightseeing may include a panoramic motorcoach tour of Historic Washington, DC, including a visit to Lafayette Square for a photo opportunity of the White House

Check-in to your hotel

Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening walking tour of the Jefferson, Lincoln, Korean,

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, and Vietnam Memorials Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 2 Thursday, July 2

Washington, DC

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit to Arlington National Cemetery and participate in a special Farmington High School Band Wreath-Laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Following Arlington, visit the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial and the Iwo Jima Marine Corps Memorial

Lunch, on own

Visit to historic Mount Vernon, George and Martha Washington's estate Dinner at local restaurant

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 3 Friday, July 3

Washington, DC

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit the National Archives Building, home to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States

Lunch, on own

As time allows, visit to one or more of the Smithsonian Museums. (The most visited Smithsonian's are: The National Museum of American History, The National Air and Space Museum, The National Museum of Natural History, the National Museum of African American History and Culture)













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Dinner at a local restaurant

Visit the Marine Barracks Washington for the official *Friday Evening Parade* in resplendent Full Dress Marine uniforms – A concert performance of music and precision marching featuring "*The President's Own*" United States Marine Band, "*The Commandant's Own*" The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Marine Corps Color Guard, the Marine Corps Silent Rifle Platoon, and the Marine Corps Ceremonial Marchers

Return to the hotel for overnight



Early morning breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to the parade-staging area on the National Mall

Farmington High School Marching Band participates in the National Independence Day Parade on historic Constitution Avenue

Following the parade, bands are escorted to waiting motorcoaches where boxed lunch is provided

Transfer to the hotel to change and relax (optional)

Enjoy some free-time on the national mall to visit one or more of the Smithsonian Museums. (The most visited Smithsonian's are: The National Museum of American History, The National Air and Space Museum, The National Museum of Natural History, the National Museum of African American History and Culture)

Dinner at a local restaurant

Attend the Official "A Capitol Fourth" Celebration on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. A mix of patriotism and pop culture, this celebration features the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), the United States Army Presidential Salute Guns Battery, the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own), the National Symphony Orchestra, the Choral Arts Society of Washington, along with invited celebrity guests and guest artists. A celebrity host and a variety of guests entertain and pay tribute to the United States throughout the evening – all broadcast live on PBS. This July 4th Celebration will finish with a breathtaking fireworks display

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 5 Sunday, July 5 Washington, DC (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning check-out and board motorcoach

As time allows, visit one or more of the Smithsonian Museums. (The most visited Smithsonian's are: The National Museum of American History, The National Air and Space Museum, The National Museum of Natural History, the National Museum of African American History and Culture)

Afternoon departure for home

*Pending confirmation

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



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