

The poster features a patriotic design with red and white diagonal stripes at the top and bottom, and a blue band with white stars in the middle. The background is a faded image of a parade on Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., with a large crowd and a band. The text is centered and reads:

National *Independence Day* Parade

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Historic Constitution Avenue *in* Washington, D.C.

Happy Birthday, America!



Nowhere is there greater excitement on America's birthday than in the nation's capital. The 2023 NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE in Washington, D.C., celebrating AMERICA'S 247TH BIRTHDAY, will take place at 11:45am on July 4th, on Historic Constitution Avenue – along the National Mall - from 7th to 17th Street before an enthusiastic audience of many thousands. The Parade consists of invited bands, military and specialty units, and floats - a patriotic, flag waving, red white and blue celebration of America's birthday.

This parade is hosted by the National Park Service and produced by Diversified Events, which is under contract to the National Park Service. Also involved is Music Celebrations International, which is proud to have selected and provided arrangements for bands marching in the National Independence Parade for several decades.

REPRESENTATION FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES IS THE GOAL OF THE NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE. Bands

must submit a recording, photos, and biographical information detailing experience, honors, past adjudication results, festival ratings, etc. Marching bands are selected on the basis of overall quality and geographical, ethnic and stylistic diversity.

The parade is a substantial part of the excitement of being in the nation's capital on July 4th. A National Folklife Festival on the National Mall features different cultures in the Americas and a variety of ethnic groups. That evening, parade participants are part of the audience of "A CAPITOL FOURTH" - the PBS Concert at the Capitol Building, featuring the National Symphony Orchestra and one of the country's largest fireworks displays.

Nowhere else is there such a grand display of American patriotism than in Washington, D.C. on July 4th. Every participating band has enjoyed seeing the streets lined with thousands of people in red, white, and blue. The "Capitol Fourth" celebration is a great treat, the fireworks show is tops, and the atmosphere is inspiring. At this place and time, we put aside our differences and unite in celebrating the birth of this country and the freedoms it preserves.



Sample Tour For Parade Participants



SUNDAY, JULY 2ND, 2022

Arrive in Washington, D.C. Meet your Tour Manager, who will escort you through the duration of your activities. Take a panoramic motorcoach tour of Historic Washington, D.C. Check into hotel. Evening walking tour of the Jefferson, Lincoln, Korean, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Vietnam Memorials. Return to the hotel for overnight.

MONDAY, JULY 3RD

Breakfast at the hotel. Tour of Arlington National Cemetery and participate in the special U.S. Military Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown (time subject to confirmation). Tour the National Archives Building, home to the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States. Dinner at a local restaurant. Evening tour of Jefferson and Iwo Jima Memorials. Return to the hotel for overnight.

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH – INDEPENDENCE DAY

Early morning breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to parade staging area on the National Mall. **PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE ON HISTORIC CONSTITUTION AVENUE.** Following the parade, bands are escorted to waiting motorcoaches where box lunch is provided. Transfer to the hotel to change and relax (optional). Afternoon, depending on schedule, sightseeing continues and may include one of the Smithsonian Institute Museums. Dinner at a local restaurant, the Union Station, or at the Old Post Office Pavilion. Attend “A Capitol Fourth” celebration on the Capitol Lawn, featuring the National Symphony concert and invited guest artists (seating is not reserved but on a first-come first-serve basis), followed by grand finale fireworks. Return to the hotel for overnight.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning check-out and board motorcoach. Site-seeing to include Ford’s Theater and the Peterson House. Depart for home.

THIS ITINERARY IS VERY FLEXIBLE - SHORTER AND LONGER TOUR OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.





See You *on the 4th!*



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