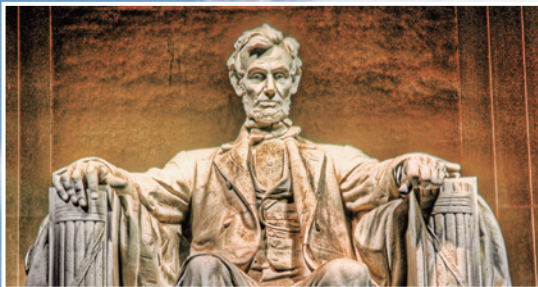


Inside Washington, D.C.

Five days in the capital of the United States with
The Commonwealth Club of California

October 17-22, 2010



Join us as we take The Commonwealth Club gavel on the road!

This program is limited to 18 participants. Call (415) 597-6720 to reserve your space today!

Our nation's capital is the scene of many critical international and domestic pressures and ever-changing political realities. A history-making president and First Family have stamped policy and personality on the city. This October, join The Commonwealth Club for five exciting days in Washington, D.C., as we explore the capital and meet face to face with leaders on the economy, foreign affairs, energy, the environment and media.



HIGHLIGHTS

Four highly-informative, intimate Commonwealth Club forums, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, moderated by Washington, D.C., journalists

Meet representatives from within the president's administration, Congress, the media, think tanks and other prestigious organizations

Guest speakers at private lunches and dinners

Tours of the Capitol Building and the Supreme Court

Special visits to unique sites such as President Lincoln's Cottage, Dumbarton Oaks, the Newseum and the Phillips Collection

5 nights accommodations at the Hotel Palomar, a deluxe hotel near Dupont Circle



Sunday, October 17

Arrive on independent flights to Washington, D.C., and check in to the Hotel Palomar, a 4-star Kimpton Hotel property near the shops, restaurants and lively activity of Dupont Circle. Enjoy panoramic views during our welcome reception at the P.O.V. Roof & Terrace. Following our welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant, take a short driving tour to see the city's monuments lit up in the night. (D)

Monday, October 18

Experience a private tour of the U.S. Capitol, one of the most architecturally impressive and symbolically important buildings in the world. The Senate and the House of Representatives have met here for more than two centuries. Begun in 1793, the Capitol has been built, burnt, rebuilt, extended and restored. Today, it stands as a monument not only to its builders but also to the American people and government.

Lunch is at a Washington's Old Ebbitt Grill. Established in 1856, this restaurant was a favorite of Presidents Grant, Harding and Theodore Roosevelt and is still a popular meeting spot for political insiders, journalists, celebrities and theater-goers.

In the afternoon, NPR Senior Correspondent Linda Wertheimer moderates our first Commonwealth Club forum at the Carnegie Endowment Conference Center. Engage in a discussion with experts on the nation's economy. Take the evening to enjoy dinner on your own or attend a cultural performance. (B,L)

Tuesday, October 19

This morning, participate in our second Commonwealth Club forum and

examine issues related to Energy and the Environment. After lunch on your own, explore President Lincoln's Cottage. Recently restored and refurbished, this was the president's family residence and refuge for a quarter of his presidency, particularly during the Civil War. Our exclusive tour with the director is followed by a talk by Dr. Michael Frazier of Howard University, who will discuss the impact of the Obama presidency on race relations. Dinner tonight is at Farmers & Fishers, a restaurant on the Georgetown waterfront. (B,D)

Wednesday, October 20

The Supreme Court has undergone many changes over the past decade, and a new justice will have been inducted just prior to our visit. We spend the morning exploring this pillar of America's government.

Continue to one of Washington's most exciting new museums, the Newseum. This 250,000-square-foot museum of news offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. After lunch at The Source, Wolfgang Puck's restaurant at the Newseum, we hear from a guest speaker.

Our third Commonwealth Club forum will focus on Afghanistan and is moderated by E.J. Dionne of *The Washington Post* and Brookings Institution. After an action-packed day, enjoy a free evening! (B,L)

Thursday, October 21

This morning our panelists discuss Security and Arms Control during the final Commonwealth Club forum. After lunch on your own, visit Dumbarton Oaks, which houses an important art and research center

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for Byzantine, Pre-Columbia, and Garden and Landscape studies, amid beautiful gardens. This was the scene of the famous Dumbarton Oaks Conversations in 1944, which led to the creation of the United Nations. Continue to tour The Phillips Collection, Washington's answer to the Frick in New York and Isabelle Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It was the private home of Duncan Phillips, built to house his great collection of impressionist and modern masterpieces, and opened in 1921 as the country's first museum of modern art. Our farewell dinner is at Restaurant Nora, one of Washington's finest restaurants, and where President Obama surprised the First Lady with a dinner party on her 46th birthday. (B,D)

Friday, October 22

After breakfast at our hotel, return home or explore more of Washington's sites and museums on your own. Additional hotel nights at the Hotel Palomar are available. (B)

B=breakfast L=lunch D=dinner

Note: This Club program is a highly educational and interactive learning experience. Each Commonwealth Club Forum will have 2-3 panelists and a moderator. We have invited and confirmed the intended participation of an impressive line-up of experts. Due to the demands of their positions and changing schedules, speaker names will be published closer to the dates of our trip. A detailed itinerary and a final list of speakers will be provided approximately one month prior to departure and will be up-to-date on our web site. Guest speakers and our itinerary are subject to change.

FORUM MODERATORS



E.J. Dionne is a twice-weekly columnist for *The Washington Post*, writing on national policy and politics. Before joining *The Post* in 1990 as a political reporter, he spent 14 years at *The New York Times*, covering local, state and national politics, and also served as a foreign correspondent in Paris, Rome and Beirut. Dionne began his column for *The Post* in 1993. He is a university professor at Georgetown University and a senior fellow at The Brookings Institution. Dionne has been a frequent commentator on politics for National Public Radio, ABC's "This Week," and NBC's "Meet the Press." He is also author of several books including *Stand Up Fight Back: Republican Toughs, Democratic Wimps, and the Politics of Revenge* (2004). His book *Why Americans Hate Politics* (1991), won the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize and was a National Book Award nominee.



Linda Wertheimer is a senior national correspondent with National Public Radio (NPR). Before this post, Wertheimer spent 13 years as a host of NPR's news magazine, "All Things Considered." The show grew from 6 million listeners in 1989 to nearly 10 million listeners by spring of 2001, making it one of the top five shows in U.S. radio. Wertheimer has provided award-winning coverage of national politics and regularly reported from Congress on the major events of the day – from the Watergate impeachment hearings to the Reagan revolution to historic tax reform legislation to the Iran-Contra affair. In 1976, Wertheimer became the first woman to anchor network coverage of a presidential nomination convention and of election night. Wertheimer is also the first person to broadcast live from inside the United States Senate chamber.

COMMONWEALTH CLUB HOST



Edie G. Heilman is currently principal of Sequoia Leadership Consulting. She recently retired from her position as senior vice president for product strategy, development, and management for Charles Schwab Investment Management Services. Prior to joining Schwab in 1997, Edie was president of Share Commercial Services, a company formed from the customer relations department of Working Assets Funding Service. Edie is currently an active Board Member of The Commonwealth Club, Mercy Housing California and Westover School.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This program is limited to 20 travelers maximum.

COST*

\$3,495 per person, based on double occupancy

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*This program is based on a minimum of 12 travelers. Should there be less than 12 travelers signed up for the program, the cost may need to be adjusted.

INCLUDED

- 5 nights at the deluxe Palomar Hotel in Washington, D.C.
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- 2 lunches and 3 dinners (with wine), and a welcome reception
- A series of four *Commonwealth Club Forums*, held at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Private access to prominent expert guest speakers, panelists, moderators in a small group setting
- Tours, entrances, and events as specified in the itinerary
- Guided tours at the Supreme Court, the Capitol, Dumbarton Oaks, Lincoln's Cottage and the Phillips Collection
- Coach transportation for excursions
- Gratuities for hotel staff, restaurant staff, bus driver and for all group activities
- Pre-departure information, including a map of Washington, D.C.
- Services of a professional Tour Manager
- Club Host to assist you throughout the program
- The camaraderie of the Club's travelers

NOT INCLUDED

- Air transportation to and from Washington, D.C. and transfer to the Hotel Palomar
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included.
- Alcoholic beverages, other than at the welcome and farewell dinners and the welcome reception.
- Optional excursions and other activities done independently
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Personal items such as e-mail, telephone and fax calls, souvenirs, laundry and gratuities for non-group services

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS

To make a reservation, a deposit of \$500 per person is required by check or credit card. Please mail your check (payable to "Commonwealth Club of California") or charge instructions, with your completed reservation form to the address on the reservation form. You may also fax in your reservation form or call our office or call (415)597-6720. **Final payment is due on September 1, 2010.**

DEPOSITS, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Your deposit and payments are refundable, less a \$300-per-person cancellation fee, until September 1, 2010.

After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case the \$300 cancellation fee will apply. We recommend trip-cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Commonwealth Club of California and our ground operators and suppliers act only as agents for the travelers with respect to transportation and arrangements, and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, *force majeure* or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. The Commonwealth Club of California accepts no liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour.

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