

2018 USA BASEBALL TOUR

Boston, New York,
Philadelphia & Washington DC

21st July - 3rd August 2018



14

DAYS

9

TEAMS

7

GAMES

5

BALLPARKS

4

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The **2018 US BASEBALL TOUR** allows you to immerse yourself and explore all of the sights, sounds and energy that is baseball at its finest. For 14 days, you will see a total of nine teams over seven MLB games at five different ballparks along the East Coast, as well as experiencing all the key sites in these iconic American cities. Explore Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York and Boston and visit iconic venues as the best players on the planet do battle in search of the sports greatest prize. Feel the energy, see every amazing play, inhale the aroma of the outfield and hear the roar of the crowd as you quench your thirst of your sporting passion.

We have included the biggest marquee game in Baseball - Boston Red Sox v New York Yankees at Fenway Park, as well as great matchups including Dodgers v Phillies, Yankees v Royals, Mets v Padres and Braves v Nationals in your itinerary. You will also have time to see all the key attractions to make the most of your trip

The US Baseball Tour is not to be missed! 14 days with like-minded sports fans visiting America's greatest cities and witnessing the pinnacle of US professional sports at some of the most famous sporting arenas on the planet. **BRING IT ON!!!**

ITINERARY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES
Sat 21 July	Washington DC	Tour commences. Welcome Dinner with your team
Sun 22 July	Washington DC	Game 1. Nationals v Braves @ Nationals Park
Mon 23 July	Philadelphia	Morning train to Philadelphia. Afternoon sightseeing
Tues 24 July	Philadelphia	Game 2. Phillies v Dodgers @ Citizens Bank Park
Wed 25 July	New York City	Morning train to New York Game 3. NY Mets v Padres @ Citi Field
Thur 26 July	New York City	Free day
Fri 27 July	New York City	Sightseeing during day including Yankees Stadium tour Game 4. NY Yankees v KC Royals @ Yankee Stadium
Sat 28 July	New York City	Free Day
Sun 29 July	New York City	Game 5. NY Yankees v KC Royals @ Yankee Stadium
Mon 30 July	Boston	Transfer to Boston
Tues 31 July	Boston	Game 6. Red Sox v Phillies @ Fenway Park
Wed 1 Aug	Boston	Sightseeing day
Thurs 2 Aug	Boston	Game 7. Red Sox v Yankees @ Fenway Park
Fri 3 Aug	Boston	Tour Concludes

FULL ITINERARY

SATURDAY 21ST JULY WASHINGTON DC. TOUR COMMENCES WELCOME DINNER

On arrival in the capital, check into the tour hotel and meet your Tour Leader and other tour members to start your adventure. For those keen to get a jump on the attractions, start your sightseeing early, which might include key sights such as the White House, Capitol Building, Pentagon or Arlington Cemetery. This evening we head out to our Welcome Dinner to meet all the members of the tour group.

SUNDAY 22ND JULY WASHINGTON DC. SIGHTSEEING OPTIONS GAME 1 – NATIONALS V BRAVES

Check out some of the key sites of the Capital in the morning, including one of the many Smithsonian Institutes. This afternoon we to Nationals Stadium to take in our first game of the tour. Post-game, you can experience the Washington DC nightlife

MONDAY 23RD JULY PHILADELPHIA. TRAVEL & SIGHTSEEING

This morning we will catch the train up to Philadelphia (2.5hrs), which is steeped in American History. Visit Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence was signed and see the famous Liberty Bell. For those that are energetic, re-enact Rocky Balboa's famous run up the steps to the Art Museum and see his statue at the top. (OPTIONAL GAME - Phillies v Dodgers)

TUESDAY 24TH JULY PHILADELPHIA. SIGHTSEEING OPTIONS GAME 2 – PHILLIES V DODGERS

Plenty to more to see today before heading to Citizens Bank Park in the evening to see last years National League Champions - the LA Dodgers, including superstar pitcher Clayton Kershaw take on the Phillies who will be looking to climb back up the standings in 2018.

WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY NEW YORK. SIGHTSEEING OPTIONS GAME 3. METS V PADRES

The Big Apple. The iconic city of the USA is our base for the next 5 nights. After an early trip into town and checking into our hotel near Times Square, we head to Citi Field, one of the best stadiums in the country to see the Mets take on the visitors from San Diego. After the game, head back to the hotel to refresh with your first night in New York at your mercy.

THURSDAY 26TH JULY NEW YORK. SIGHTSEEING DAY

New York is an incredible city with an endless number of sights to explore. You have the whole day to start ticking some of these off your list. Times Square, Empire State Building, Grand Central Station are all within walking distance, so is a good spot to start. Taking in a Broadway show would be the perfect end to the day. (OPTIONAL GAME - Yankees v Royals)

FRIDAY 27TH JULY**NEW YORK. SIGHTSEEING DAY****GAME 4. YANKEES V ROYALS**

For those foodies in the group, this could be a good day to get your fix. Maybe have lunch at a New Yorker's favourite, Katz Deli, to enjoy a classic Reuben Sandwich or head to Grand Central Station pull up a stool and eat oysters at the famous Oyster bar. If shopping is your thing, do some damage at Niketown or check out super famous department stores such as Barney's, Saks, Bergdorf/Goodman and Macy's, where you could really splash out.

This evenings game is at one of the worlds best known venues. Before the game, we will take a tour of the venue before settling into our seats to see the 2015 World Series Champions take on America's best known sports team, with 27 titles to their name. The night wouldn't be complete without enjoying America's favourite pastime, with a beer in one hand and a hot dog in the other.

SATURDAY 28TH JULY**NEW YORK. SIGHTSEEING DAY**

After a very busy start to the tour, today you have the chance to chill out or simply keep up the hectic pace with so many more places to see. With the whole day available, you might take the chance to head down to Battery Park and take the ferry across to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. For art fans, The Met or Guggenheim might be your destination of choice or anyone wanting a relaxing day might head towards Central Park. Being Saturday night, the city will be alive, so you can head to one of the key clubs or bars throughout the city (OPTIONAL GAME - Yankees v Royals)

SUNDAY 29TH JULY**NEW YORK. SIGHTSEEING DAY****GAME 5 – YANKEES V ROYALS**

Sunday afternoon at the ball-park. No better way to relax and take in your favourite sport. The Yankees again face off against Kansas City in the last of their 4 game series. After the game, we will visit some of the well know venues near the stadium, then with tonight your last night in the city, Soho, Chinatown, Greenwich Village or Chelsea might be part of your plans to end your NYC experience

MONDAY 30TH JULY**BOSTON. TRAVEL & SIGHTSEEING**

After a fantastic few days in the Big Apple, it is time to transfer to Bean Town. A luxury coach will take you north to the state of Massachusetts and the historically beautiful city of Boston. On arrival, the afternoon and evening is free to start checking out the key sights. (OPTIONAL GAME - Red Sox v Phillies)

TUESDAY 31ST JULY**BOSTON. SIGHTSEEING DAY****GAME 6. RED SOX V PHILLIES**

With an evening game, you have the day to explore the citys most famous spots. The Hop-on, Hop-off trolley tour will take you to most of the key sights, or simply take your own time to take in the various historical points of interest. You might like to visit the campus of Ivy-League University Harvard in nearby Cambridge or slip in some retail therapy.

Fenway Park, home of the famous Green Monster, is our host tonight with the Phillies in town. There are sure to be a number of Red Sox fans in the group who have been waiting to experience this game. After the game, hang around the Fenway Park area with the fanatical local fans at the many local establishments to experience some good old fashioned American hospitality.

WED 1ST AUGUST**BOSTON. SIGHTSEEING DAY**

Today might be a chance to relax and recuperate before the final day with no games to see today. Take a cruise on Boston Harbour, see the site of the famous Boston Tea Party and unwind at one of the many cafes along the water. Drop in for a beer at “Cheers” or head back to Fenway Park for a guided tour.

THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST**BOSTON. SIGHTSEEING DAY****GAME 7. RED SOX V YANKEES**

Our last full day on tour. Jump back on the trolley for the final sights you may have missed. There are so many historical buildings, wonderful parks and key attractions in Boston, you need to make this last day your busiest so far.

Tonight, our last game will see the Red Sox take on the New York Yankees in one of the biggest rivalries in professional sports. With 35 titles and 52 appearances in the World Series between them, this game is the ultimate way to end the tour. Once the final pitch has been thrown, we will make the most of our last night together where we will toast great friends and lifelong memories

FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST**BOSTON. TOUR CONCLUDES**

After an amazing trip, bid fond farewells to your tour mates with new friendships and lifelong memories. You may wish to extend your trip and visit other parts of the USA or head to the airport for your flight home. The Yankees are in town for a few more days for those keen for more baseball action. We can easily arrange all of this for you, including the best flight options and extension tours as required.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Witness seven MLB Games involving nine different teams
 - Nationals v Braves, Phillies v Dodgers, Mets v Padres, Yankees v Royals (2 games), Red Sox v Phillies, Red Sox v Yankees
- ❖ Visit 4 iconic US Cities
 - Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York City & Boston
- ❖ Experience 5 different ballparks
 - Yankee Stadium, Citi Field, Fenway Park, Nationals Stadium, Citizens Bank Park
- ❖ Great tickets to all games including lower deck, private areas and hospitality options
- ❖ Enjoy 13 nights accommodation
 - Washington DC (2 nts), Philadelphia (2 nts), New York City (5 nts), Boston (4nts)
- ❖ All transfers between cities
- ❖ Sightseeing Tours in Washington DC, New York & Boston
- ❖ Yankee Stadium & Fenway Park stadium tours
- ❖ New York subway pass
- ❖ Boston transport pass
- ❖ Plenty of time for sightseeing
- ❖ Enjoy Welcome Dinners and Farewell party
- ❖ Look the part with official MLB Merchandise
- ❖ Relax with Tour Leader throughout
- ❖ Shared rooms available for single travellers

PRICE

AUD \$5990	Twin / Double
AUD \$8150	Single

Notes.

- ◆ If you are travelling on your own and would like to share a room to avoid Single rate, please indicate this on your form. We will look to match you with another person of same gender and age
- ◆ Triple & Quad share available on request

PAYMENTS

- \$1000 Deposit required on booking
- \$2000 Instalment by 1st March 2018
- Balance required by 1st June 2018

Payment can be made via Bank Transfer or Credit Card (2.5% fee applies). Bank Details available on Booking Form

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

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TOUR NOTES

1. Flights are NOT included in the price. The tour starts and finishes at the designated hotel.
2. There are additional games being played in cities when we are there and can be added if requested where tickets are available.
3. Travel insurance is compulsory and must be confirmed prior to departure.
4. Flights, stopovers, additional tours and travel insurance can all be arranged to link with this tour if requested. Contact us for a quote.



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BOOKING CONDITIONS (GROUP TOURS)

1. Bookings are based on the outlined itinerary and pricing provided to the group representative, which should be signed to confirm details and acceptance.
2. Proposed tour details and inclusions are not confirmed until the full deposit payment has been received and processed.
3. Confirmed bookings for all components of the tour do not normally occur until after a signed agreement has been made
4. Unless specifically stated, tours are generally un-guided, with the nominated group leader in control of the group throughout the tour. Contact details and all relevant information are made available to the group leader at all times, and where possible, we will have staff or representatives available to assist the group in person as necessary.
5. The rate includes all items outlined, updates and administration, plus applicable domestic and overseas taxes. Unless specified, it does not include airfares, travel insurance, passports and visa expenses, meals other than those listed or items of a personal nature.
6. Travel insurance is compulsory for all people travelling on any SportsLink International tour. Full policy details may be required to be provided prior to commencement of tour. Failure to do so may result in the delay, removal or cancellation of the tour for the person(s) involved until provided. SportsLink International is not responsible for any costs associated with travel delay, damage, sickness, injury or death to tour members. Any costs must be covered by the person(s) involved. SportsLink International may seek to recover any costs incurred by them where a tour member is responsible for incurring these costs.
7. Full payment must be received prior to commencement of the tour. Failure to do so will result in the group or person(s) being denied the right to join the tour until all outstanding balances are received.
8. Prices listed are valid for the release of tour packages. We reserve the right to alter pricing as necessary due to changes in availability of accommodation, tickets, transport or other items, currency fluctuations or other circumstances. Details will be provided if this occurs.
9. Passports and visas (where necessary) are the responsibility of the group and individual people travelling. SportsLink International bears no responsibility for issues, delays or refusal of entry for anyone failing to have the correct documentation or denied entry to a country for any other reason. No refunds or compensation is payable for any subsequent delay which results in missing part or all of the associated tour due to these issues.
10. Tour members are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times, taking into consideration the comfort of other tour members as well as the local laws and customs. Failure to comply with this, particularly regarding the breaking of any laws, may result in the immediate cancellation and removal from the tour. Accommodation, transport and event providers may also take this course of action as they deem appropriate, which is outside of the control of SportsLink International. If this occurs, no compensation is payable to the person(s) involved or refund for any unused portion of the remainder of the tour.
11. Due to the nature of advanced timing of group tours, estimates and examples are sometimes used to give an overview of the planned schedule and pricing. We reserve the right to alter prices due to major changes in international currency fluctuations and/or airline surcharges, prior to final departure. Full details will be advised prior to final invoicing..
12. At times, due to unforeseen circumstances, variations to the tour inclusions or dates may occur. Similar standard or timings will be used when substituting individual aspects of the tour
13. Payment dates
 - \$1000 per person non-refundable deposit required on confirmation
 - \$2000 instalment by March 1, 2018
 - Balance required by June 1, 2018
14. Cancellation Fees (unless otherwise noted)
 - 120 days or more prior to tour commencement – 10% of total costs
 - 61 – 120 days prior to tour commencement – 25% of total costs
 - 31 – 60 days prior to tour commencement – 50% of total costs
 - Within 30 days of tour commencement – 100% of total costs
 - Name changes are allowed at any stage without penalty
 - Airlines have different cancellation policies., and these fees are not included in the tour cancellation policy.

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