

BDA Study Tour FAQ – National Landing, April 27-29, 2022

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We're excited about this year's trip to National Landing. Here are answers to a few questions you may have. If you have a question and don't see it on the list, please [email us](#).

How many study tour spots are available?

Registration is open to a delegation of 55 individuals, on a first-come basis. We've found this to be a manageable size for walking tours and venue selection for group presentations. Also, most charter buses for transportation, if needed, have 55-60 seats.

What is covered by the \$550 registration fee?

In addition to staff expenses, we budget to cover the costs of one group dinner, receptions, two group lunches and two breakfast opportunities, as well as group transportation needs, if needed.

What do people typically wear on the Study Tour? Is there a dress code?

We generally say, "business comfortable attire," and whatever that means to you is the right answer. Comfortable shoes for walking tours. We meet with elected officials and business leaders but there are no expectations for more formal business attire on a study visit.

Can I fly-in earlier, stay later?

Yes. Please note the 7% Alaska Airlines discount is subject to a specific window of time in late April/early May and for certain airports in the region. Hotel rooms, including the group rate, outside of the two-night stay, are subject to availability.

May I stay at a different hotel in the National Landing area?

Yes, however we will use the Crystal Gateway Marriott as a meeting location and start/end point for some walking tours.

Do I make my own flight and hotel reservations?

Yes. Please use the Alaska Airlines discount code when prompted for it online, as well as the Crystal Gateway Marriott hotel reservation link or phone number. Both of these will be emailed to registrants. You will be responsible for your air/hotel reservations and payments.

How will we get to/from the airport?

If you're booking the recommended flights, we plan to provide Metro passes between the airport and hotel, a one-stop ride from DCA. We'll let registrants know if this plan changes, i.e. (we use a bus/coach)

What is National Landing?

It's the newer name for the combined districts of Crystal City, Pentagon City and Potomac Yard. The National Landing Business Improvement District (BID), a public/private partnership and non-profit organization, is [supported primarily by property-based tax assessments](#) and carries out the mission to promote and manage the area.

Why did you choose National Landing?

In part because Amazon chose National Landing for HQ2. The neighborhood is undergoing rapid change as a connected growth corridor in Arlington County. The district is adjacent to the more established and larger District of Columbia and reflects a modern urban form, along with a legacy as a jobs center. The historic City of Alexandria is on the Potomac River to the south, and the nearby urban centers of Rosslyn and Ballston are reached by a short Metro ride.