

# When the White House goes on tour

When the U.S. president travels his entourage includes some 700 people, twin presidential jets plus a fleet of transport and charter aircraft, helicopters and a motorcade costing over \$60 million a week

**Upper level:** Flight deck, communications centre and crew lounge

## Air Force One:

Boeing 747-200B.

Crew: 26, passengers: 70

Speed: 1,014 km/hour

**Lower level:** Cargo and avionics

**Nuclear codes:** Air Force officer guards "football", briefcase that holds codes for nuclear deployment

**President's suite:** Includes dressing room, gym, shower and office

### Mid level

Media section

Rear galley, toilets

Secretarial staff

VIP section

Security

Senior staff meeting room

**Defence:** Hardened to withstand electromagnetic pulse of nuclear blast, counter measures to jam enemy radar. Laser system and flares to detect and throw heat-seeking missiles off course

Conference and dining room

Main galley

**Aides' office:** Doubles as pharmacy and emergency operating theatre

**Aircraft used during presidential trip:** Twin military 747s, SAM 28000 and 29000 – call sign Air Force One is only used when president is aboard – 14 C-17 Globemasters; 12 C-5 Galaxies and 3 C-141 Starlifters to transport motorcade and 250 secret service agents

C-17 Globemaster III

C-141 Starlifter

**Charter aircraft:** Transports 300 government advisers and additional media personnel

## Marine One: Sikorsky VH-3D

Sea King is main presidential helicopter. For security Marine One flies in groups of up to five identical aircraft – the so-called presidential shell game – to serve as decoys

Top of car opens to reveal gun turret

**Motorcade:** Twenty vehicles, including General Motors presidential limousine, Cadillac One, identical limo as decoy, and two War Wagons

**War Wagon:** Chevy Suburban armed with 6-barrelled 7.62mm mini-gun

