

# Welcome to WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sonnel,  
I hope your  
stay in  
Washington is  
enjoyable.  
Please let me  
know if I can  
be of any help.  
Sincerely,  
Connie Mack

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## WASHINGTON, D.C. Visitors Guide

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**National Cherry Blossom Festival:** Spring is arguably Washington, D.C.'s most anticipated season arriving with spectacular beauty heralded by the blooming of nearly 3,000 cherry trees along the city's Tidal Basin. And from the Daily Cultural Performances at the Jefferson Memorial to the extravagant National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade and the annual Sakura Matsuri Street Festival, this year's National Cherry Blossom Festival makes springtime the best time to visit the nation's capital. More information is available at [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) and [washington.org](http://washington.org).

**Smithsonian Kite Festival:** Next to the Washington Monument, colorful kites signal arrival of spring with kite designers and flyers of assorted ages competing for trophies and other prizes. Call (202) 357-2700 for more information.

**White House Easter Egg Roll:** Children and their parents gather on the White House South Lawn for the annual Easter Egg Roll. Festivities include concerts, storytelling and costumed characters. Call (202) 456-2200 for ticket information.

**National Christmas Tree Lighting:** The nation's chief executive opens the holiday season with lighting of the National Christmas Tree accompanied by the Pageant of Peace. From early December to New Year's Day, the White House Visitor Pavilion features lighted trees from each state and territory, a nativity scene, live reindeer, a burning yule log and choral concerts. Call (202) 619-7222 for more information.

**White House Spring Garden and House Tours:** Tours include the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden and the West Lawn Gardens, commencing from the White House Visitor Center. Call (202) 456-2200 for more information.



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## PLACES TO SEE

**The White House:** 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Self-guided tours for groups of 10 or more, Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., may be arranged by contacting one's Member of Congress and are accepted up to 6 months in advance. Requests must be made at least 10 days in advance and spots are very limited. All tours are free. Phone: (202) 456-7041.

**U.S. Capitol:** Intersection of 1st Street, SW and Independence Ave. The Capitol is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for guided tours only. Free tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis and can be obtained at the Capitol Guide Service kiosk located along the curving sidewalk southwest of the Capitol.

**The Library of Congress:** 101 Independence Avenue, SE. The largest library in the world, boasting about 530 miles of bookshelves. Guided public tours are Monday through Friday at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Buildings are closed on Sundays and Federal holidays. Phone: (202) 707-5000.

**The Supreme Court:** 1st and Maryland Avenue, NW. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with tours departing every half hour. Phone: (202) 479-3000.

**National Archives:** 7th and Constitution Ave., NW. Exhibits, tours and films highlight the nation's history and development. The original documents of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights are on display. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 501-5205.

**Pentagon:** Across the 14th Street Bridge in Virginia. See the Flag Corridor and the Hall of Heroes. Open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone: (703) 697-5976.

**Bureau of Engraving and Printing:** 14th and C Street, SW. See how U.S. currency is printed. Tours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Interested parties should contact their congressman.

**Ford's Theatre and the Lincoln Museum:** 10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. See where President Lincoln was assassinated. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 347-4833.

## MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS

**Washington Monument:** On the Mall at 15th Street, NW. The most famous of all Washington landmarks provides a breathtaking view of the city. Open daily April through Labor Day from 8 a.m. to midnight and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the rest of the year.

**Jefferson Memorial:** South bank of the Tidal Basin. Rent a pedal boat at the Swan Boathouse for a cruise on the Basin from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Open daily from 8 a.m. to midnight.

**Lincoln Memorial:** West end of the Mall. Open from 8 a.m. to midnight.

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial:** Along the Cherry Tree Walk on the Western edge of the Tidal Basin. Open daily, 24 hours a day.

**National World War II Memorial:** 900 Ohio Drive, SW. Honoring all military veterans of World War II. Open daily, 24 hours a day.

**Vietnam Veterans War Memorial:** Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue. Honors all the men and women who served in the Vietnam War. Open daily except for Dec. 25. Phone: (202) 426-6841.

**Iwo Jima Memorial:** Marshall Drive between Route 50 and Arlington National Cemetery. Pays respect to all who lost their lives in World War II. Open daily, 24 hours a day. Admission is Free.

**Korean War Veterans Memorial:** In the central section of the National Mall. Open from 8 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. daily.

**National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial:** 400 7th Street, NW. Honoring all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers. Open daily, 24 hours a day.

**Holocaust Memorial Museum:** 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW. Remembering and examining the atrocities of the Holocaust and paying tribute to those who lost their lives. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Admission is Free. Phone: (202) 488-0400.

**Arlington National Cemetery:** Across the Memorial Bridge in Virginia. More than 4 million people visit the cemetery each year to pay respects. Houses the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Eternal Flame of the Kennedy Grave. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. from April through September, and closes at 5 p.m. the rest of the year. Phone: (703) 607-8574.

## MUSEUMS

**National Gallery of Art:** On the National Mall between 3rd and 7th Streets at Constitution Avenue, NW. Features paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, and works on paper from the Middle Ages until today. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Phone: (202) 737-4215.

**International Spy Museum:** 800 F Street, NW. Focuses on human intelligence and reveals the role spies have played in world events throughout history. Open 10 a.m. daily. Last Admission: 7 p.m. April to October, 5 p.m. November to March. Phone: (202) 393-7798. Please call for admission fees.

**National Collection of Fine Arts:** 8th and G Street. Celebrates American art from the 19th and 20th centuries. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 357-1300.

**Smithsonian Building:** 10th and Jefferson Drive, SW. Contains the Visitors Information Center. All Museums are open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 357-2700.

**Smithsonian Air and Space Building:** 6th and Independence Ave., SW. Among the displays are the Wright brothers' plane, the Spirit of St. Louis, and the Apollo II command module. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 633-1000.

**Smithsonian Museum of American History:** 14th and Constitution Ave., NW. See displays of milestones in American history and inventions. Open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 633-1000.

**Renwick Gallery:** On Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, NW. Features American decorative arts from the 19th century on. Phone: (202) 633-2850. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

**The Corcoran:** 500 17th Street, NW. Collections of American, Contemporary, and European Art, as well as photography and print collections. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Monday. Phone: (202) 639-1700. Please call for admission fees.

**The Phillips Collection:** 1600 21st Street, NW. America's first museum of modern art. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Phone (202) 387-2151. Please call for admission fees.

## OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

**Washington National Cathedral:** Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenue, NW. The largest gothic cathedral in the Western Hemisphere. Open 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Sunday. Phone: (202) 537-6200.

**John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing arts:** 2700 F Street, NW. The Center presents a wide variety of performances and made its public debut September 8, 1971, with a gala opening performance featuring the world premiere of a Requiem mass, commissioned from legendary composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein. The Center has enhanced Washington's reputation as a cultural hub. For Tickets and Information: 800-444-1324 or 202-467-4600.

**The United States Botanical Garden:** 100 Maryland Avenue, SW. The nation's oldest continuously operating public garden. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Highlight tours are available. Phone: (202) 225-8333.

**The National Aquarium:** 14th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue, NW. Houses over 50 tanks containing both salt and freshwater fish. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 377-2825.

**The National Zoo:** 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 673-4800.

**Florida House:** 1 2nd Street, NE. Owned by the people of the state of Florida. Offers information on hotels, events, restaurants, and tours. Phone: (202) 546-1555.

**Georgetown:** Visit the Old Stone House, Dumbarton House and other historical sites from early American History. The C&O Canal and Mount Vernon Trail have over 180 miles of hiking and biking trails.

**Mount Vernon:** Visit George Washington's mansion overlooking the Potomac River. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March through October and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through February. Phone: (703) 780-2000.

**Old Town Alexandria, VA:** This town looks much the same way it did in the latter part of the 18th century, with historic homes, churches, businesses and museums. It was the former home of George Washington and Robert E. Lee.