

# Senator Joe Biden Visiting Washington, D.C.

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## The U.S. Capitol Building

**What?** Professionally led tour

**When?** You can schedule your party for a reserved tour of the U.S. Capitol to visit Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m. through 4:15 p.m. Tour passes are required and can be requested in advance online at <http://tours.visitthecapitol.gov>. If you experience technical difficulties, please call the Office of Visitor Services at (202) 226-8000. You may also call the Senate office at (202) 224-5042, and a staff member will enter your request into the online reservation system.



**Where?** The Capitol Visitor Center, the new main entrance to the U.S. Capitol, is located below the East Plaza of the Capitol between Constitution Avenue, NE and Independence Avenue, NE.

Guided tours of the Capitol begin at the Orientation Theaters on the lower level of the Capitol Visitor Center. Tours will begin with a screening of “Out of Many, One,” a 13-minute film, illustrates how this country established a new form of government, highlights the vital role that Congress plays in the daily lives of Americans, and introduces you to the building that houses the U.S. Congress.

**Prohibited Items?** Examples include large bags, pocket knives, any pointed objects, sprays, bottles, and cans.

**Other?** The Visitor Center is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, and Inauguration Day.

For tours, a limited supply of same-day passes is also available.

Please note that to access the Senate gallery (when the Senate is in session), visitors must still obtain gallery passes from the Washington, DC office located in Room 201 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Visit the U.S. Capitol Guide Services website: <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>

## The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

**What?** Self-guided tour

**When?** We can request a reserved tour for you 3 to 6 months in advance to visit Tuesdays through Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. The White House requires groups of 10 or more in order to request a tour, but if you are interested, we will do our best to accommodate your party by partnering with other Congressional offices to form groups.



**Where?** The Visitor Entrance is located by the East Wing.  
All visitors 15 years of age and older must present photo identification.

**Prohibited Items?** Examples include handbags, backpacks, food, liquids, strollers, cameras, recording devices, tobacco products and personal grooming items including makeup, brushes, combs and lotions. For a complete list, please visit the White House website. Please note that any medications must be identified. There is also no check facility available for visitors.

**Other?** For additional information on the White House, the White House Visitor Center is located at the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and E Street, NW and is open 7 days a week from 7:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary for the Visitor Center, which provides various programming and information about the White House.

Visit the White House website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

## Library of Congress

1<sup>st</sup> Street, SE and Independence Avenue, SE

**What?** 50 minute tour

**When?** We can request a reserved tour for you 1 to 2 weeks in advance to visit Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. If neither time suits your plans, the Library of Congress offers unreserved public tours at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. free of charge.

**Where?** The Jefferson Building should be entered on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SE, which is immediately across the street from the U.S. Capitol's East Front Plaza excavation work.

Visit the Library of Congress website: <http://www.loc.gov/index.html>



## Bureau of Engraving and Printing

14<sup>th</sup> Street, SW and C Street, SW

**What?** 40 minute tour

**When?** We can request a reserved tour for you 1 month in advance to visit Monday through Friday at 8:15 a.m. or 8:45 a.m. For the months of May through August, we can also request 4 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 4:45 p.m. tour times.

If none of the aforementioned options suit your plans, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing offers unreserved public tours every 20 minutes from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. free of charge on a daily basis. However, tickets must be obtained on the 15<sup>th</sup> Street, SW side of the building on the morning of the desired tour; lines typically form at 6:30 a.m. and doors open at 8 a.m. There is a five ticket maximum per person.

**Where?** The main entrance is located at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, SW and C Street, SW.

**Prohibited Items?** Examples include large bags such as backpacks. There is no check facility available.

Visit the Bureau of Engraving and Printing website: <http://www.moneyfactory.gov/>



# Department of State

2201 C Street, NW

**What?** 45 minute tour of Diplomatic Reception Rooms

**When?** We can request a reserved tour for you to visit Monday through Friday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 2:45 p.m.

**Where?** Enter at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW and C Street, NW.

**Prohibited Items?** Examples include strollers, backpacks, briefcases, and packages. There is no check facility available.

Visit the State Department website: <http://www.state.gov/>



# The Pentagon



General Information: (703) 697-1776

The Pentagon is open for tours Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Tours last approximately 60 minutes, are conducted by uniformed military personnel and entail walking roughly one and one half mile around Pentagon corridors and stairs.

Security information is required in advance and must be approved for assigned group tours. Group tour check-in is at the Pentagon Metro Station entrance off the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's subway line. The tour

window is on the left—just inside the entrance in the visitor waiting area.

Visit the Pentagon site: <http://pentagon.afis.osd.mil/tours.html>

# U.S. Supreme Court

1<sup>st</sup> Street, NE and East Capitol Street, NE

**What?** 20 to 40 minute tour

**When?** We can typically reserve a tour for your visit with one week or more of notice. Tours are given on the ½-hour from 9:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. when the court is not hearing a case.

**Where?** Enter at 1 First Street, NE, which is opposite the U.S. Capitol Building.

Visit the Supreme Court website: <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>



## National Archives

8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and Constitution Avenue, NW

**What?** 90 minute tour

**When?** We can request a tour for you to visit Monday through Friday from 10:15 a.m. through 1:15 p.m.

**Where?** Please call for more information.

Visit the National Archives website: <http://www.archives.gov/>



## National Gallery of Art



General Information: (202) 737-4215 or (202) 842-6176, TDD

The National Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. through 5:00p.m. and from 11:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. The entrances are located on the National Mall between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW on Constitution Avenue, NW.

The National Gallery is spread over two buildings known as the East and West Wings. Visit the West Wing to view mainly classical art and peruse the East Wing for more modern pieces.

Visit the National Gallery website: <http://www.nga.gov/>

## U.S. Botanical Gardens



General Information: (202) 225-8333

Program and Tour Reservations: (202) 226-4082 or (202) 225-1116

The Botanical Gardens are free and are open daily from 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. The main entrance is located at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW. The Botanical Gardens consist of the indoor Conservatory and the outdoor Bartholdi Park. Bartholdi Park is open from dawn until dusk and has entrances on Independence Avenue, SW, Washington Avenue, SW and First Street, SW. All ages can appreciate this fascinating living plant museum!

Visit the Botanical Gardens website: <http://www.usbg.gov/>

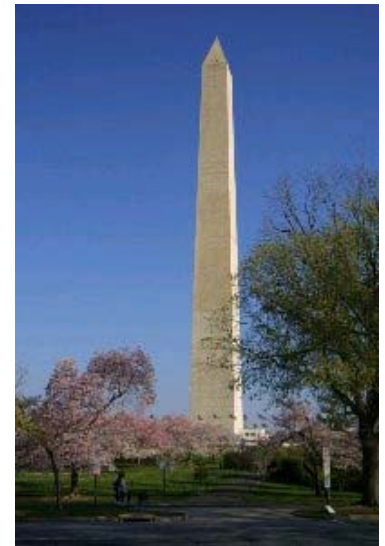
# National Mall

The National Mall is open Monday through Sunday 12:00 a.m. through 11:59 p.m. 365 days a year!

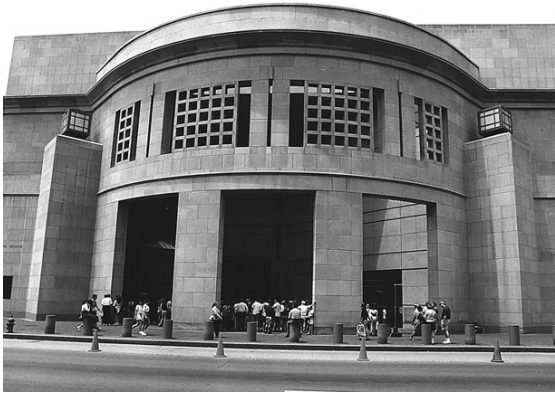
Admission, of course, is free of charge.

Attractions located on or along the National Mall include the Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and the District of Columbia War Memorial.

Visit the National Park Service website: <http://www.nps.gov/nama/>



# U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum



General Information: (202) 488-0400 or (202) 488-0406, TTY

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. through 5:20 p.m.

The main exhibit—The Holocaust—spans 3 floors of the museum. On average, the self-guided tourist would spend 3 hours visiting over nine hundred artifacts and numerous video monitors displaying historical footage. Timed passes must be acquired to enter the main exhibit; passes are free. To reserve passes in advance of your visit, please call (800) 400-9373.

The Museum Café is open daily from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. It offers a variety of sandwiches, soups and kosher meals.

Visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum website: <http://www.ushmm.org/>

# The Smithsonian

General Information: (202) 633-1000 or (202) 633-5285, TTY

## **Anacostia Community Museum:**

1901 Fort Place, SE  
Washington, DC 20020

## **Arts and Industries Building:**

900 Jefferson Drive, SW

## **Freer Gallery of Art & Arthur M. Sackler Gallery:**

Freer; Jefferson Drive, SW at 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Sackler; 1050 Independence Avenue, SW

## **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden:**

Independence Avenue, SW and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW

## **National Air and Space Museum:**

Independence Avenue, SW at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SW



**National Museum of African Art:**

950 Independence Avenue, SW

**National Museum of American History, Behring Center:**

14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and Constitution Avenue, NW

**National Museum of Natural History:**

10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and Constitution Avenue, NW

**National Museum of the American Indian:**

4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW and Independence Avenue, SW

**National Portrait Gallery:**

8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and F Street, NW

**National Postal Museum:**

2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE

**National Zoological Park:**

3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW

**Smithsonian American Art Museum and its Renwick Gallery:**

8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and F Street, NW

Renwick; Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

**Smithsonian Institution Building, The Castle:**

1000 Jefferson Drive, SW

Visit the Smithsonian website: <http://www.si.edu/museums/>