

VISITORS GUIDE TO WASHINGTON DC

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY:

Open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1 through September 30 until 7 p.m., the other six months it closes at 5pm. Spend the day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (changing of the guard every hour on the hour and every half hour during the summer months), the Amphitheater, the Curtis-Lee Mansion, and the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft. For more information call (703) 607-8000 or visit their website at www.arlingtoncemetery.org

U.S. BOTANIC GARDENS:

Located on the National Mall across from the U.S. Capitol along First Street, S.W., between Maryland Avenue and C Street. Admission to all public areas of the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) is free. The Conservatory is open 10 AM - 5 PM daily. The Conservatory main entrance is located at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW. Visitors are welcome in Bartholdi Park from dawn until dusk and can access it from any of the three bordering streets - Independence Avenue, Washington Avenue or First Street. For General Information call 202-225-8333, for Program and Tour Reservations call 202-226-4082 or visit their website at www.usbg.gov

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING:

PUBLIC TOURS - PEAK SEASON - MARCH THROUGH AUGUST - FREE TICKETS ARE REQUIRED-Free tickets are required for all tours from the first Monday in March through the last Friday in August, on a first-come, first-served basis. The ticket booth is located on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street). We offer same day tickets only. The Ticket Booth opens at 8:00 a.m. - Monday through Friday, and closes when all tickets have been distributed. Lines form early and tickets go quickly, most days' tickets are gone by 9:00 a.m. Please plan accordingly.

PUBLIC TOURS - NON-PEAK SEASON - SEPTEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY - NO TICKETS REQUIRED- You may line up at the Visitors' Entrance on 14th Street. Please allow 45 – 50 minutes from the time you enter the building until the end of your tour.

Public Tour: 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.(every 15 minutes)

Extended Summer Hours (MAY-AUG): 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (every 15 minutes)

All tour visitors must present a valid photo ID (drivers license, passport or Military ID) at the Tour Entrance located on 14th and C. Streets, S.W. There are no tours on weekends or federal holidays. The BEP is also closed the week between Christmas and New Years.

Congressional VIP tours are also arranged through your Congressional representative. For general information call 1-866-874-2330 (toll-free), 202-874-2330 (local) or visit their website at www.moneyfactory.gov

CAPITOL:

The Capitol is open to the public for guided tours only. Tours will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday (the Capitol is not available for tours on Sundays). The Capitol will be open on all federal holidays except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Visitors must obtain free tickets for tours on a first-come, first-served basis, at the Capitol Guide Service kiosk located along the curving sidewalk southwest of the Capitol (near the intersection of First Street, S.W., and Independence Avenue; Ticket distribution begins at 8:15 a.m. daily. Ticket holders will be directed to the South Visitor Receiving Facility, which is located south of the Capitol; from there they will proceed to the Capitol to begin their tour. Maximum tour size is 40 people. Because of increased security please contact the U.S. Capitol Guide Service if you have any questions before your visit. Recorded information is available at 202-225-6827 or visit their website at www.aoc.gov

CAPITOL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:

The Capital Children's Museum closed permanently on August 22, 2004 so that we could begin full-time development of the National Children's Museum. For more information call (202) 675-4120 or visit their website at www.ncm.museum

DECATUR HOUSE:

Decatur House is located one block north of the White House on Lafayette Square. The Museum entrance is located at 1610 H Street, NW. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm, and Sunday 12:00pm - 4:00pm. Docent-led tours depart every hour, fifteen minutes past the hour and generally last 30 to 45 minutes. The exhibit galleries are self guided. Admission is by donation only. Tours of ten or more must make advanced reservations by calling (202) 842-0920 ext. 223. Visit their website at www.decatourhouse.org

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

As of August 30, 2002, tours will be closed until further notice for extensive renovations. For more information call (202) 324-3447 or visit their website at www.fbi.gov

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD:

Public visits to the Board are limited to pre-arranged group tours of the Eccles Building. The group tours, which feature architectural highlights of the building, a visit to the Board Room, and the showing of the movie "The Fed Today," are recommended only for persons of college age or above. The visitors' entrance to the Eccles Building is on 20th Street NW, between C Street and Constitution Avenue. Visitors should enter through the East Courtyard. Please call the Board's Office of Visitor Services, at (202) 452-3324, for further information.

In addition to these general tours, the public may visit the Board to view art exhibitions. The next exhibit, *The Face of Contemporary Art in China*, will be open from April 3 through August 18, 2006. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Please call the Board's Fine Arts Program, at (202) 452-3778, for reservations or additional information.

Visit their website at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/virtualtour/visit.cfm>

FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY:

201 East Capitol Street.....The Folger is located one block from the US Capitol, between Second and Third Streets on East Capitol Street, SE. They are opened Monday through Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm, closed all Federal holidays. Free admission. Tours are regularly scheduled no prior arrangement necessary. Docent tours of current *Exhibition* are available Monday – Friday at 11:00am and Saturdays at 11:00am and 1:00pm. *Garden* Tours are April through October, every third Saturday, 10:00am and 11:00am. For more information please call (202) 544-4600 or visit their website at www.folger.edu

FORD'S THEATRE/LINCOLN MUSEUM:

511 10th St. NW Washington, DC 20004. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for matinees/rehearsals an Christmas. Admission free. The site of the 1865 assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the restored 19th-century theater features fine musical and dramatic theater. The renovated museum tells the story of Lincoln's assassination through more than 400 historic objects. For more information please call (202) 426-6924 or visit their website at <http://www.nps.gov/foth/index.htm>

FREDERICK DOUGLAS HOME:

14th and W streets, S.E. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The home of the noted black orator, writer and editor of the mid 19th century. For more info call (202) 426-5961.

GEORGETOWN:

West of Rock Creek Park. See one of Washington's oldest buildings: the Old Stone house on M Street. This is one of Washington's most fashionable areas. Visit Georgetown University, one of the oldest colleges in the country. Shop and dine on these quaint brick Georgian-style streets.

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL:

South shore of Tidal Basin, West Potomac Park. Open 8:00 AM to Midnight daily. Closed on December 25th. This beautiful circular building with a low graceful dome is surrounded by a colonnade. It centers a five-ton, 19 foot high statue of Jefferson. For more info call (202) 426-6841 or visit their website at <http://www.nps.gov/thje/index.htm>

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS:

Free Tours of the Kennedy Center are given by the Friends of the Kennedy Center Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They depart from the parking plaza on Level A, and feature the Hall of States and Hall of Nations, the Center's main theaters, and dozens of paintings, sculptures, and other artworks given to the Center by foreign countries. For more information, call (202) 416-8340 or visit their website at www.kennedy-center.org

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:

Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building, 1st Street Entrance/ Ground Level. Thomas Jefferson laid the foundation for this Library when he sold his own collection (of some 6, 487 books) to Congress for use by legislators. After this beginning, the library continued to increase its holdings. It now contains 45,000 reference books alone. There are over 23 million catalog cards, and 212 desks for visiting readers. Free 45 min Docent-led scheduled public tours are offered Monday-Friday 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm. Saturdays 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 2:30pm. Constituents may also arrange special tours by contacting their congressional representative. Congressional tours include: a special greeting by a member of the Visitor Services Office Staff, A tour of the Jefferson Building led by an L.C. docent, and An introduction to the "American Treasures" exhibition. These tours are conducted Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For more info call (202) 707-8000 or visit their website at www.loc.gov

LINCOLN MEMORIAL:

On the Mall at 23rd Street, N.W. Open daily 8 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. The marble statue is 19 feet high and 19 feet wide. It took four years to construct and cost over \$2 million. For more please visit their website at <http://www.nps.gov/linc/home.htm>

MOUNT VERNON:

The home of George Washington. Sixteen miles south of Washington on the Potomac River. Open daily all year..... April through August from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March, September, and October from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and November through February from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults - \$13.00, Senior Citizens age 62 and above (with identification) - \$12.00, Children age 6 through 11 (accompanied by an adult) - \$6.00, Children age 5 and under FREE (accompanied by an adult). For more info please call (703) 780-2000 or visit their website at www.mountvernon.org

NATIONAL ARCHIVES:

700 Pennsylvania Avenue (between Seventh and Ninth Streets, NW.) The research entrance to the building is on Pennsylvania Avenue. The Rotunda entrance, which includes the Exhibit Hall, is on Constitution Avenue. **Fall & Winter Seasons** (Day after Labor Day through March 31) Daily 10:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Closed Dec. 25 **Spring Season** (April 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend) Daily 10:00 A.M. **Summer Season** (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day) daily 10:00am-9:00pm Admission Free. Houses American Historical documents including the Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution. For more info please call (202) 501-5205 or visit their website at <http://www.archives.gov>

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART:

Located on the National Mall between Third and Seventh Streets at Constitution Avenue, NW. Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. Admission is always free. Collection of paintings, sculptures, and graphic art ranks among the world's greatest. For more info please call (202) 737-4215 or visit their website at www.nga.gov

NAVAL OBSERVATORY:

34th Street and Massachusetts Ave., NW. All visitors must enter the grounds via the Observatory's South Gate, located at the end of the Observatory Circle near the Embassy of New Zealand. Public tours of the USNO are now offered on alternating Monday evenings from 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Tours will include a presentation of the Mission and History of the Naval Observatory, a view of the development of USNO's timekeeping responsibilities with a member of the Observatory's Time Service Department staff, and (weather permitting) viewing of celestial objects with the 12 inch Alvan Clark refractor with an Astronomer. Individual tour passes must be reserved in advance for every Monday night tour. You may use their online request form from their website www.usno.navy.mil or call them at (202) 762-1438 to secure a reservation. Requests should be submitted at least 4-6 weeks before a scheduled tour. *All adult visitors will be required to present a photo ID that matches their name and date-of birth before they are admitted to the grounds.*

Visitors who do not have a reservation will not be admitted under any circumstances.

OCTAGON HOUSE:

The Octagon House is located at 18th St. and New York Ave. NW. It is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, except on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Guided, group, and multilingual tours are available by phone at (202) 638-3221 or visit the following website <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/wash/dc22.htm>

PENTAGON:

Across the 14th Street bridge in Arlington, Virginia. Take the Blue Line on the Metro System. Serves as the Headquarter for the Department of Defense. It is the world's largest office building, with 3.7 million square feet of floor space. Tours start from the concourse and run every half hour. *Tours of the Pentagon are available to schools, educational organizations and other select groups by reservation only. Groups interested in touring the pentagon should contact the Pentagon Tour office at (202) 695-1776 or visit their website at <http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pentagon/cancel.html>*

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE:

THE AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM: 7th St. and Independence Ave., S.W. Experience the sights and sounds of America's pioneers in aviation and space exploration.

ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BLDG.: 9th St. and Jefferson Dr., S.W. The finest historical collection of America's technological development.

FREER GALLERY: 12th St. and Jefferson Dr., S.W. Oriental Art and the Whistler Collection.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: 10th St. and Constitution Ave. N.W.

MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART: 8th St. and G St., N.W.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY: 8th St. and F St., N.W.

RENWICK GALLERY: 17th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

SMITHSONIAN BLDG.: 10th St. and Jefferson Dr., S.W.

**Most museums are open daily, 10am-5:30pm, except December 25. Admission is free for all Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C. For more information call (202) 357-2700 or (202) 357-2020 or visit their website at www.si.edu*

STATE DEPARTMENT:

2201 C Street, N.W. The Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the Department of State, which are used for official functions hosted by the Secretary of State and other high level government officials, are open for pre-arranged tours at no charge. These rooms hold a premier collection of 18th Century American Furniture, paintings and decorative arts. Guided tours are conducted Monday through Friday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Tours are 45 minutes in duration. Reservations are required and should be made approximately 90 days in advance, due to the large volume of requests. This is a Fine Arts tour. We do not recommend the tour for children under the age of 12. Reservations for tours may be requested by calling: (202)-647-3241 [voice mail] or contacting your congressional representative. Or you may visit their website at http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/diprooms/tour.html

SUPREME COURT:

Located at One First Street, NE, across First Street from the US Capitol and across East Capitol Street from the Library of Congress. The Supreme Court offers a variety of educational programs. Exhibits, which are changed periodically, and a theater, where a film on the Supreme Court is shown, are located on the ground floor. Public Lectures are available in the Courtroom every hour on the half hour from 9:30am-3:30pm on the days the court is not sitting. Courtroom seating is limited and available on a first-come first-seated basis. The building is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays. You can also get reservations through your congressional representative. For more information please call (202) 479-3000 or visit their website at <http://www.supremecourtus.gov>

THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND:

South of Key Bridge in the Potomac River. 8 a.m. to dark. Dedicated to the conservationist President, the island is an unspoiled sanctuary with 2 ½ miles of foot trails. For more info please call (202) 285-2601, National Park Service for tour information. Or visit their website at <http://www.nps.gov/this/>

TREASURY DEPARTMENT:

All tours of the Main Treasury Building have been suspended until further notice.

Guided tours of the Main Treasury Building, located at Fifteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, DC, are conducted on Saturday mornings, excluding some holiday weekends. Tours are conducted on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 10:40 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling (202)622-0896 for more info please visit their website at www.ustreas.gov

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL:

Massachusetts and Wisconsin Aves., N.W. Guided Highlights tours focus on those things “not to be missed’ by any Cathedral visitor. On this tour you will be introduced to the Cathedral and its artisanship and history. Glorious stained glass windows (including the Space Window and three ““rose”” windows), wrought iron, the wonders of Gothic architecture, stone carving and needlepoint will all be interpreted. Due to heavy tourist demand March through June, tours may be slightly shorter. Sometimes tours are not available due to special events or services. Open Sunday 8am-5:30pm (tours offered 12:45-2:30pm), Monday through Friday 10am-5:30pm (tours offered 10-11:30am and 12:45-3:15pm), and Saturday 10am-4:30pm (tours offered 10-11:30am and 12:45-3:15pm.) Donation: \$3 adult, \$2 senior citizen, \$1 child. For more information please call (202) 537-6200 or visit their website at <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/index.shtml>

WHITE HOUSE:

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Public tours of the White House are available for groups of 10 or more people. Requests must be submitted through one's Member of Congress and are accepted up to six months in advance. These self-guided tours are available from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (excluding federal holidays), and are scheduled on a first come, first served basis approximately one month in advance of the requested date. We encourage you to submit your request as early as possible (preferably 6 months) since a limited

number of tours are available. All White House tours are free of charge. For the most current tour information, please call the 24-hour line at 202-456-7041. Please note that White House tours may be subject to last minute cancellation.

ZOOLOGICAL PARK:

3000 Connecticut Ave., NW Grounds open 8am-8pm; buildings open 10am-6pm. For more info call (202) 673-4800.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

1. Bus and Subway information (Metro).....202-637-2437
2. Daily recorded calendar of events.....202-737-8866
3. District Medical Bureau (24 hrs).....202-223-6333
4. Dental Referral Service (8am-4pm).....202-686-0803
5. National Visitor Center.....202-523-5300
6. POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE.....911
7. TIME202-844-2525
8. Travelers Aid Society..... 202-347-0101
9. U.S. Capitol.....202-225-6867
10. Visitors Information Center.....202-789-7000
11. Weather202-936-1212
12. Congressman Berman's office..... 202-225-4695