

Congressman

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## Welcomes 16th District Visitors to our Nation's Capital



I would like to welcome you to Washington and wish you a great visit to our nation's capital. I assure you that my staff and I are available to help you in every way we can to make your stay an enjoyable one. With its great wealth of monuments, museums, landmarks, history, and culture, Washington is one of the most interesting, beautiful, and exciting cities in the world. With so much to do and see, I hope that this guide will help you use your time in Washington wisely.

All information provided shows public tour times and availability. Please note that with enough advance notice, my office can request special tours of some sights. Please contact my office at the addresses below to make your request or for more information. My website is also a wealth of information on sights to see in the capital city. Be sure to stop by my office while you are in town. And always feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you and your family. Have a memorable visit!



## *The U.S. Capitol*

The Capitol Tour is arranged through our office. Tours of the Capitol are available Monday-Friday from 10 am until 3 pm. For groups of up to 15 people, my staff will lead your tour. Please contact the office as early as possible to arrange a Capitol Tour. The tour may last 1-2.5 hours depending on the lines.



**Parking:** Parking is limited. You may be able to park at Union Station and then walk or take a cab to our office. If you are using the Metro, the nearest stop is Capitol South on the Blue and Orange Lines.

**Saturdays:** Tours are available on Saturday on a first-come, first-served basis. You can obtain tickets through the Capitol Visitor Center, located on the East front of the Capitol. The Visitor Center provides visitors with a variety of amenities, including an exhibition gallery, orientation theaters, a 550-seat cafeteria, gift shops, and restrooms all within a secure public environment that will provide visitors shelter from the unpredictable D.C. weather.

The Congressional Special Services Office provides information about tours for the disabled by telephone at (202)224-4048 (voice) or 202-224-4049 (TDD). Additional accessibility information is available.

**How to  
Contact Joe**

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699 Unionville Rd.  
Unionville, PA 19348  
610-444-4581

## *Near the Capitol...*

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Note: Tours are subject to cancellations or time changes. Please call the institution in question to verify posted tour information before planning your trip.



### **U.S. SUPREME COURT**

First Street & Maryland Avenue, NE. Open Monday through Friday except on Federal holidays. Tours & public lectures are conducted in the courtroom from 9:00 am to 4:30pm every hour on the half hour, except when court is in session. No tours are given during August. Reservations can be made through our office. Please call at least a month in advance. When the Court is in session, tours are only given on Thursdays and Fridays. To see the Court in session, wait in two lines outside the building. The lines start forming around 8:30 a.m. so get there early! Public lectures are conducted in the courtroom from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. when the Court is not in session. Telephone: (202) 479-3000. Metro: Capitol South or Union Station.

### **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

Located on First Street SE between Independence Avenue and East Capitol Street, the Library of Congress houses more than 119 million items, including the papers of 23 presidents of the United States, Thomas Jefferson's rough draft of the Declaration of Independence and the earliest motion picture print. The Thomas Jefferson Building was completed in 1897 and restored to its original splendor in 1997. Visitors can view the Main Reading Room with its magnificent domed ceiling from the Visitors' Gallery.



Adults over the age of 18 can utilize the Library's collections once they register as readers in room LM 140 of the Madison Building. Please note that the stacks are closed and that books are requested for use in the appropriate reading rooms.

There are guided tours daily, Monday through Saturday, at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm except on Saturdays. Spanish language tours are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 pm. All tours start in the Visitors' Center in the Jefferson Building. Researcher hours are not the same for all reading rooms. Be sure to call (202) 707-6400 or visit our web site at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) for complete information.



### **UNION STATION**

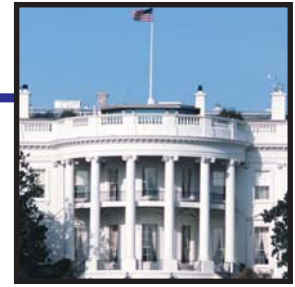
For over 90 years, Union Station has welcomed people to the most important city in the world. This magnificent building has even played host to 17 Presidents and countless foreign dignitaries. However, what may be most impressive is the fact that Union Station's marble floors echo with the footsteps of over 25 million people each year, making it the most visited site in the city.

Massachusetts Ave and North Capitol St NE. Store Hours: Monday –Saturday 10am-9 pm; Sunday Noon-6 pm; (202) 289-1908.

# *The White House*

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White House tours are arranged through our office no more than 6 months before the date of the requested tour. White House tours are available Tuesday-Saturday from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm.



Once you submit a request to our office, the White House Visitors Center will notify us approximately one month before the date of the tour whether or not the tour is approved. If the tour is approved, we will need the date of birth, Social Security number, country of origin and citizenship for each visitor. We do not need the Social Security numbers for children under 15 years old. I highly recommend you call our office to make a request 4-6 months before the desired date of the tour.

The tour is self-guided and lasts 45 minutes to an hour. For the most current tour information, please call the 24-hour line at 202-456-7041 or visit the White House Tour web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/tours/>.

**Parking.** The closest Metrorail stations to the White House are Federal Triangle (blue and orange lines), Metro Center (blue, orange, and red lines) and McPherson Square (blue and orange lines). On-street parking is not available near the White House, and use of public transportation is strongly encouraged.

**Note:** We cannot guarantee your tour will be approved due to the amount of tour requests the White House receives each day. The busiest times of the year are the end of March through May and December.

## *Near the White House*

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### **Memorial Continental Hall, Daughters of the American Revolution Museum**

Its 50,000 item collection includes examples for Colonial and federal silver, china, porcelain, stoneware, earthenware and glass.

Weekdays 8:30am-4:00 pm, Saturday 8:30-5:00 pm, Closed Sundays  
1776 D Street, NW Washington, DC 20006-5303 (202) 628-1776

### **The Ellipse**

Located between Constitution and E Streets, NW, the park offers great views of the White House, Washington Monument, and Jefferson Memorial. The National Christmas Tree grows on the north edge. The Boy Scouts Memorial stands on the east side of the Ellipse.

### **Lafayette Square**

North of the White House. This charming park is the perfect spot for a picnic lunch. The grounds contain statues of foreign soldiers who helped win American independence.

### **American Red Cross**

430 17th St NW The National Headquarters of the ARC is dedicated to the service and devotion of the women who cared for the wounded during the Civil War. (202) 737-8300

# *Across the Potomac.....*

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## **The Pentagon**

Tours of the Pentagon are available to groups by reservation only. Groups interested in a tour should contact Rep. Pitts' Washington D.C. office at 202-225-2411.

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

Ample paid parking is available to visitors, accessible from Memorial Drive. The cost is \$1.75/hour for the first three hours, and \$2.00/hour thereafter. During all hours the cemetery is open the Arlington National Cemetery Metro stop is regularly served by high-speed subway trains. The cemetery is also a stop on most tour guides' itineraries, and is serviced by Tour mobile, the popular tour buses that allow patrons unlimited reboarding for a single daily rate. Arlington National Cemetery is open to the public at 8 a.m. 365 days a year. From April 1 to Sept. 30 the cemetery closes at 7 p.m.; the other six months it closes at 5 p.m. Phone: (703) 607-8000. Web: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/index.htm>



## **United States Marine Corps Memorial**

Better known as the Iwo Jima Memorial, it is located at the northern edge of Arlington National Cemetery. The statue was erected to honor marines who have lost their lives in service to the United States since the founding of the Marine Corps in 1175. The Marine Corps performs an evening parade on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm on the grounds from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

## **Mount Vernon**

Located 10 miles south of Washington is the estate of our first President. Tour his lovely home and plantation and see some breathtaking views of the Potomac River. The home of George Washington is open daily 8:00 am – 5:00 pm April-August, 9:00 am- 5:00 pm March, September, and October. November through February 9 am-4 pm. Adults \$13, Senior Citizens \$12.00, Youth ages 6-11 \$6.00 and children under age 5 are free. <http://www.mountvernon.org/index.cfm>



## *Monuments*

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### **Washington Monument**

Free tickets to tour the Washington Monument are distributed for same day visits at the kiosk on the Washington Monument grounds at 15th St. and Madison Dr. on a first-come, first-served basis. Hours for the ticket kiosk are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but tickets run out early. For advance reservations (service fee of

\$1.50), call 1-800-967-2283 or go to [reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov)

### **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

The names of more than 58,000 Americans who were killed or missing in action are inscribed in chronological order along the Wall, a black granite monument honoring all Americans who served in the Vietnam War. Visitors to the memorial, located near the Lincoln Memorial along Constitution Ave, NW, are welcome all hours everyday.



### **World War II Memorial**

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. The memorial opened to the public on April 29, 2004, and is opened to visitors 24 hours a day, year-round. It is located on 17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues.

### **Korean Veterans Memorial**

Dedicated on July 27, 1995 this memorial consists of a column of soldiers marching toward an American flag, along with a reflecting pool and a granite wall etched with war scenes. Visitors are welcome 24 hours a day, year round. It is located between Independence Avenue and the Lincoln Memorial.

### **Tidal Basin**

The walk around the Tidal Basin is one of the most popular areas in Washington, especially when the cherry blossoms are in bloom. Paddleboats are available to rent on the east side of the Basin (seasonal).

### **Lincoln Memorial**

One of the most memorable stops on any Washington tour is this stirring building honoring our 16th President. The memorial is located in West Potomac Park at the foot of 23rd Street, NW, and is open 24 hours a day year round. Phone (202) 426-6895

### **Jefferson Memorial**

The memorial to our third President is located on the south bank of the Tidal Basin. It can be reached via U.S. Route 1 and is open 24 hours a day, year round. Also along the Tidal Basin are hundreds of Yoshino and Akebono cherry trees, a gift from Japan in 1912, which bloom gloriously each spring-usually in late March or early April.

## ***Around Town....***

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### **Bureau of Engraving and Printing (U.S. Mint)**

See how US currency is printed. 14th & C Streets, SW. Provides public tours Monday through Friday continually from 9:00 am until 2:00 p.m., leaving every 15 minutes. You should enter at the Visitor Entrance on 14th Street. Group tours not available. Telephone: (202) 874-3188. Metro: Smithsonian

### **The International Spy Museum**

Intrigue and deception, heroes and villains, history and technology. At the International Spy Museum, there's something for the spy in all of us. The Museum is located at 8th and F St NW. There is a cost to enter so call ahead, 1-866-SPYMUSEUM or visit the website: [www.spymuseum.org](http://www.spymuseum.org)

### **U.S. Naval Observatory**

The official residence of the Vice-President is located at 34th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NW. The U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. conducts a free 90 minute tour of its facilities every Monday night at 8:30 pm, except on Federal holidays. Reservations are not necessary for individuals or for small groups, but groups of 15 to 30 should call or e-mail to make reservations. The tour includes presentations about the Master Clock, observations through telescopes (weather permitting), a video presentation on the mission and history of the Observatory, and discussions with staff astronomers. The Observatory is not open to the public at any other time. For tour reservations or for further information, please call (202) 762-1467.

### **U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**

Admission to the permanent exhibit is free. 110 Raoul Wallenburg Place, SW. T Open daily 10 am to 5:30 pm. Phone (202) 488-0400

### **Georgetown**

The oldest section of Washington is home to many attractions, fine dining, excellent shopping and the C&O Canal National Historic Park.

### **Ford's Theatre**

Near the FBI on Tenth Street between E and F Streets, NW. The theatre where President Lincoln was assassinated is open daily, except Christmas, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone (202) 426-6924. The closest metro stop is "Metro Center." The theatre is currently closed for renovations and will reopen Winter 2009.

### **Zoological Park (National Zoo)**

3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. 15: 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., animal rooms open 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; September 16 to April 30: 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., animal rooms open 10:00 - 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Phone (202) 673-4800 or 673-4717  
Metro stop: Woodley Park

### **The Smithsonian Institution**

No Washington tour is complete without visiting the Smithsonian Complex. Most museums are open daily, except Christmas, from 10 am to 5:30 pm. The information center, located in the castle is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:30 p.m. Phone (202) 357-2700

## **Metro**

Opened in 1976, the Metro (operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority) is one of the country's safest and cleanest subway systems.

Opens: 5 a.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. weekends

Closes\*: midnight Sunday-Thursday, 3 a.m. Friday-Saturday nights

\*When traveling at night, please check the last train departure times posted in the stations. Last trains leave many stations before midnight (between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday). Holiday hours vary. Buy your ticket at the Farecard machines at each station. Make sure you hang on to the card-you will need it to exit at your destination.

More information: [http://www.wmata.com/riding/riding\\_metro.cfm](http://www.wmata.com/riding/riding_metro.cfm)