



Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting my office in regards to your upcoming visit to Washington, D.C. I would encourage you to explore the many educational and historical sites that our nation's capital offers.

In this packet you will find a wealth of information concerning many of the places of interest throughout Washington, D.C. It is my hope that these details will help you make the most of your visit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Asa Lopatin of my staff at (202) 225-3661 or asa.lopatin@mail.house.gov.

Enjoy your visit,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rosa L. DeLauro'.

ROSA L. DeLAURO
Member of Congress

[TOUR REQUEST FORM](#)

(please click to access form)

Please complete and submit the tour request form if you wish to request a tour reservation for any of the six places of interest listed below. Only one tour request form need be submitted for any or all of the places you wish to visit. Descriptions can be found by scrolling down.

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My office will do our best to honor these requests.



[White House](#)

The White House has stood as the symbol of the Presidency, the United States government, and the American people for over two hundred years. The White House offers tours Tuesday-Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

While my staff will do their best to accommodate White House tours for you and your family, please know that availability is limited due to the high demand and increased security precautions. It is helpful if you plan your trip early and contact my office with your ticket request at least **FOUR TO SIX MONTHS** in advance, especially during the spring and summer months. [Metro](#): McPherson Square, orange or blue line.

[Map of the White House](#)

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[U.S. Capitol](#)

Staff led tours of the U.S. Capitol are available Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tour groups will have the opportunity to visit the House Chamber, Rotunda, Old Supreme Court, Hall of Columns and Statuary Hall. Please know that when visiting the Capitol Building, [certain items will be prohibited](#). All scheduled Capitol tours will leave from my office, which is located at 2262 Rayburn House Office Building. The Rayburn visitor's entrance is located on Independence Avenue.

Public tours of the Capitol are also given on Saturday by the Capitol Guide Service from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 9:00 a.m., outside the Visitor Center on the southwest side of the Capitol (near the intersection of First Street, SW, and Independence Avenue). [Metro](#): Capitol South, orange or blue line.

[Map of the Capitol](#)



[Supreme Court](#)

The site of the United States Judicial Branch, the Supreme Court is located on First Street and Maryland Avenue NE. On days the Court is not sitting, reservations can be made for the 2:00 p.m. tour. Public lectures are also available Monday-Friday every hour on the half hour starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. [Metro](#): Capitol South, orange or blue line.

[Map of the Supreme Court](#)

Kennedy Center

The Center for the Performing Arts, established by Jacqueline Kennedy in her late husband's honor, is located on 2700 F Street NW off New Hampshire Avenue. Free tours are available seven days a week at 9:30 a.m. (please use Hall of States entrance) and an additional tour is given Monday-Friday at 4:30 p.m. (please meet at tour desk at Parking Level A). Free performances on the Millennium Stage are offered seven days a week at 6:00 p.m. [Metro](#): Foggy Bottom, orange or blue line. A red Kennedy Center van transports visitors, for free, between the theater and the Foggy Bottom metro stop.

Library of Congress

Featuring a vast collection of books and research materials, the Library of Congress is known for its Italian Renaissance architecture and beautiful reading rooms. Reserved tour times for the Thomas Jefferson Building, located at 101 Independence Avenue SE, are at 8:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 3:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. Unreserved public tours are also available at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday- Saturday. For more information [click here](#) or call visitor services at (202) 707-8000. [Metro](#): Capitol South, orange or blue line.

U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing

The Washington, D.C. branch serves as our nation's currency printing center. The visitor's entrance is located on 14th and C Street SW. Scheduled tours are given weekdays at 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Additional tours are offered from May-August at 4:00 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 4:45 p.m.

Tours are also given weekdays on a first-come, first-served basis. The ticket booth opens at 8:00 a.m. and all tickets are usually given out by 9:00 a.m. Phone: (202) 874-2330. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.

SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS

Map of Smithsonian Museums on and Near the National Mall

National Air and Space Museum

The National Air and Space Museum maintains the largest collection of aeronautics and space travel artifacts in the United States. Open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free of charge. Phone: (202) 357-2700. Located on the National Mall. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.

National Museum of African Art

A collection of eclectic visual arts from the diverse cultures of Africa is displayed at the African Art Museum. Open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free of charge. Phone: (202) 633-4600. Located on the National Mall. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.

National Museum of American History

The Museum closed on September 5, 2006 for [major architectural renovations](#) and is scheduled to reopen by summer 2008.

National Museum of the American Indian

The newest Smithsonian, the American Indian Museum celebrates the role of the American Indian as founders of our nation. Open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free of charge. Phone: (202) 633-1000. Located on the National Mall. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.

National Museum of Natural History

The home of the Hope Diamond (the world's largest deep blue diamond, weighing 45.52 carats), the Natural History Museum allows visitors to discover America's natural beginning. Open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free of charge, with some extended hours in March, April, and May. Phone: (202) 633-1000. Located on the National Mall. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.

Freer and Sackler Galleries of Art

Ancient Asian and Islamic art are featured at the Freer and Sackler Galleries. Open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free of charge. Phone: (202) 257-4880. Located on the National Mall. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.

United States Botanic Gardens

Lush foliage, vibrant flowers, and plants from around the world compose the beautiful Botanic Gardens. The conservatory uses natural elements to recreate gardens and a tropical rainforest atmosphere. Open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., free of charge. Phone: (202) 225-8333. [Metro](#): Capitol South, orange or blue line.

National Postal Museum

Interactive exhibits, postal history, and the Pony Express make this a must for avid stamp collectors. The Postal Museum is conveniently located next to Union Station and open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free of charge. Phone: (202) 633-5555. [Metro](#): Union Station, red line.

National Zoological Park

The National Zoo features a very popular Giant Panda habitat. Tai Shan, the zoo's newborn panda cub, was born in July 2005. The zoo is located on 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW. The zoo grounds are open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. November 1st- March 31st and 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. April 1st- October 31st, with the buildings being open more limited hours. The zoo does not charge for admission and Parking at the Zoo costs \$4 for the first hour, \$12 for two to three hours, and \$16 for more than three hours, but the lot usually fills early. Phone: (202) 633-4800. [Metro](#): Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan, red line.

[American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery](#)

The American Art Museum, now part of the [Donald W. Reynolds Center](#), presents an exciting array of special exhibitions and free public programs. The museum is located at 8th and F Streets NW and is open daily 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., free of charge. [Metro](#): Gallery Place, red line, yellow line, or green line.

America's first Federal Art Collection, the Renwick Gallery is located on 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free of charge. Phone: (202) 272-2448. [Metro](#): Farragut North, red line.

[National Building Museum](#)

Dedicated to exploring and celebrating architecture, design, engineering, construction, and urban planning, the Building Museum is located on 401 F St. NW. The museum is free of charge and is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (202) 272-2448. [Metro](#): Judiciary Square, red line.

[National Archives of the United States of America](#)

The home of the Charters of Freedom (our nation's founding documents): the original Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights. The Archives is located between 7th and 9th St. NW on Constitution Avenue and is open seven days a week, free of charge, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 15th- Labor Day and 10:00 a.m. - 5:30pm, the day after Labor Day- March 14th. [Metro](#): Archives-Navy Memorial, orange, blue, yellow or green line.

[National Portrait Gallery](#)

After an extensive renovation, the National Portrait Gallery is now home to nearly 20,000 paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, and photographs designed by artists that have left their mark on history. The gallery is located at 8th and F St. NW. Open daily 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. free of charge. Phone: (202) 633-1000. [Metro](#): Gallery Place-Chinatown, red, yellow, or green line.

MUSEUMS AND MEMORIALS

[United States Holocaust Museum](#)

A history of the tragic events of the Holocaust and a tribute to those who lost their lives. The museum is located between the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Washington Monument, and is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. , free of charge. **Timed passes for the permanent exhibition can be obtained** by calling (800) 400-9373 or on a first-come, first-served basis the day of your visit. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.



[Washington Monument](#)

Located on the National Mall between the U.S. Capitol building and World War II memorial, the Washington Monument is one of the District of Columbia's most visible landmarks. Tours, including an elevator ride to the top of the monument, are offered seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. **Tickets can be reserved ahead of time** by calling (800) 967-2283, or a limited number are distributed daily on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the 15th Street kiosk. Reserved tickets cost \$1.50 and tickets distributed daily are free. Phone: (202) 426-6841. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.



[Thomas Jefferson Memorial](#)

Honoring the third President of the United States, the memorial uses a Roman architectural style similar to that of Jefferson's home, Monticello. The area around the memorial is widely known for its beautiful spring cherry blossoms and summer paddle boating. It is located on the South Bank of the Tidal Basin, SW. The Memorial is open daily. Phone: (202) 426-6841. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.



Lincoln Memorial

Built to resemble a Greek Temple, the Lincoln Memorial is dedicated to the 16th President of the United States who led our country through the Civil War. A towering marble statue commemorates the great leader. The Gettysburg Address and Lincoln's Second Inaugural speech are inscribed on the monument's walls. The Memorial is open daily. Phone: (202) 426-6841.

[Metro](#): Foggy Bottom, orange or blue line.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

Designed by Maya Lin, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial inspires all who walk along the black granite wall and read thousands of engraved names. The Memorial is open daily. Phone: (202) 426-6841. [Metro](#): Foggy Bottom, orange or blue line.



National World War II Memorial

Dedicated on May 29, 2004, the World War II Memorial is the newest war memorial in Washington D.C. A rectangular reflecting pool separates the World War II Memorial from the Lincoln Memorial. The Memorial is open daily. Phone: (202) 426-6841. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.



Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Located along the famous Cherry Tree Walk on the Western edge of the Tidal Basin near the National Mall, this is a memorial not only to FDR, but also to the era he represents. The Memorial is open daily. Phone: (202) 426-6841. [Metro](#): Smithsonian, orange or blue line.

International Spy Museum

This museum documents the history of espionage in our country and is conveniently located Downtown on 800 F Street NW. Ticket prices and hours of operation vary. [Metro](#): Gallery Place-Chinatown, red, yellow or green line.

Phillips Collection

The first museum of modern art in America, the Phillips Collection opened in 1921. The museum is located on 1600 21st St. NW and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. , and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The permanent collection is free, donations are accepted. Admission prices vary with each exhibition. [Metro](#): Dupont Circle, red line.

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Ford's Theatre

This historic theatre where President Lincoln was assassinated is open for self-guided tours seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fifteen minute historical talks are presented at the theatre at fifteen past the hour except between noon and 2:00 p.m. Located on 10th Street between E & F Street NW. Phone: (202) 426-6841. [Metro](#): Gallery Place-Chinatown, yellow or green line or Metro Center, red, orange, or blue line.

Arlington National Cemetery

The tombs of JFK and the Unknown Soldier are two of the many gravesites that bring people to Arlington National Cemetery. Located on Memorial Drive in Arlington, VA, the Cemetery is open seven days a week (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from October 1st to March 31st and 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from April 1st to September 30th). There is a parking fee of \$1.25 an hour for the first three hours and \$2.00 an hour thereafter. Phone: (703) 607-8000. [Metro](#): Arlington Cemetery, blue line.

[Folger Shakespeare Library](#)

Featuring the first folio of Shakespeare's plays, the Folger is the premier U.S. research library for scholars of Shakespeare. A free tour of the museum and library is given Monday-Friday at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The museum is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday- Saturday. Phone: (202) 544-4600. Located on 201 East Capitol Street SE. [Metro](#): Capitol South, orange or blue line.

[National Aquarium](#)

Located one block from the Washington Monument on 14th Street NW, the National Aquarium is the oldest aquarium in the United States. Open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (last admission is 4:30 p.m.). Ticket prices vary. [Metro](#): Smithsonian: orange or blue line.

[U. S. Department of State](#)

Located at 2201 C Street NW, the State Department is the head U.S. foreign affairs bureau. Tours are given Monday-Friday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. , and 2:45 p.m. **Tour reservations can be made up to 90 days in advance and should be made at least 4 weeks in advance.** Phone: (202) 647-3241. [Metro](#): Foggy Bottom, orange or blue line.

[Washington National Cathedral](#)

A house of prayer open to people of all faiths, the Washington National Cathedral is located on Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenue NW. The Cathedral is open Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. , Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tours are offered Sunday from 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and organ demonstrations are offered Monday-Friday from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tours are free of charge; donations are accepted. [Metro](#): Woodley Park-Zoo or Cleveland Park, red line.

[Eastern Market on Capitol Hill](#)

Built in 1873, this is the last of Washington's 19th century markets. The market offers a plethora of food, furniture and wares from all over the world and is located on 7th Street SE between Pennsylvania and North Carolina Avenue SE. The Open Air Farmers' Market is open Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Flea Market and Arts and Crafts Fair is open every Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Metro](#): Eastern Market, orange or blue line.

[Mount Vernon](#)

The historic home of President George Washington, Mount Vernon offers a glimpse into early American life. Located on 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in Mount Vernon, Virginia , the home is open seven days a week 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. April-August, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. March, September, October, and 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. November- February. Ticket prices vary. Phone: (703) 780-2000. [Metro](#): Huntington, yellow line, then exit to lower platform and take Fairfax Connector Bus 101 to Mount Vernon.