

Visitor's Guide: Holocaust Memorial Museum



The Holocaust Memorial Museum outlines the history of the Holocaust and honors victims of the atrocities in a compelling and moving way. The museum, which opened its doors in 1993, is dedicated to educating the public about the horrors of the Holocaust and protecting the memory of those who lost their lives. This museum is a must-see for any visitor.

The museum is open from 10:00 a.m.-5:20 p.m. Tours begin at 10:00am, but lines begin to form outside the building before opening. Those who arrive before 10:00 a.m. may be allowed to get in the VIP line, but that line is closed after the museum opens. If you are put in the VIP line, you can bypass the crowds and walk directly to the information desk to gain admissions. Especially in the busy spring and summer seasons, I encourage beating the rush and arriving before 10:00 a.m.



Request Deadline: You must request a tour one or two weeks in advance if you will be visiting between March and August. If you are traveling between September and February, you do not need tickets.



What to Bring: You do not need to bring anything on this tour.



Location: 100 15th St SW Washington, DC 20024

Exact Location: The museum is located near the National Mall, just south of Independence Avenue SW between 14th Street SW and Wallenberg Place. You should see signs directing you to admission lines. If you reserve a tour through my office, you will be able to access the VIP line. After entering the building, you can bypass the public line and walk directly to the information desk to get your passes. The information desk will have a list of all VIPs and will only need to have your name.

**Nearest Metro:**

Smithsonian Station—Blue/Orange Line, using the Independence Avenue exit (12th Street & Independence Avenue SW)



Duration: One to two hours



All visitors must pass through metal detectors, and bags will be scanned. Prohibited items will be confiscated.

Prohibited Items:

- Weapons of any sort including knives, guns, and explosives, etc.

Accepted Items:

- Cameras
- Cell Phones
- Water
- Backpacks
- Strollers
- Purses
- Wallets
- Jackets
- Keys
- Umbrellas



Dining Options: The Museum Café is located on the main level and is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Gift Shop: The Holocaust Memorial Museum Gift Shop is located on the main level by the Café and is open from 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



Accessibility: This tour is accessible to people with mobility and other impairments. Individuals with vision impairments may receive a guided highlights tour and ASL interpreters are provided with two weeks advance notice.

If you have any further questions please visit <http://www.ushmm.org/visit/>, or call our main office at (202) 221-2651 and ask for the Tour Coordinator.

If while in DC you need immediate help with your Holocaust Memorial Museum tour, you can contact the Museum directly at (202) 488-0400.