

Visitor's Guide: State Department



The Department of State is responsible for all international relations, and its headquarters in the Harry S. Truman Building is the center of American diplomacy. Please note that while children are welcome on the tour, the Department of State recommends that children under the age of 12 do not attend.



What to Bring: Valid government IDs and printed copies of any confirmation documents emailed to you from our office. All participants (16 years and older) must present valid photo identification.



Location: 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

Arrival: Enter the Truman Building through the entrance on 23rd Street NW, located between C & D Streets NW, thirty minutes prior to your scheduled tour time. Upon entering the building, go to the reception desk, give them your name, and let them know you have a reservation for a tour.



Nearest Metro

Foggy Bottom/George Washington University—Blue/Orange Line, 23rd and I (Pronounced: “Eye”) Streets NW



Duration: One hour



Security screening will be conducted upon entry. Prohibited items will be confiscated.

Prohibited Items:

- Strollers
- Briefcases
- Backpacks
- Packages
- Weapons of any kind including knives, guns, explosives, etc.

*There are no facilities for the storage of personal belongings, so please do not bring any

prohibited items with you.

Accepted Items:

- Cameras (photography only allowed in the Diplomatic Reception Rooms)
- Cell phones
- Water
- Purses
- Wallets
- Jackets
- Keys
- Umbrellas



Dining Options: None at the State Department building, but there are several restaurants near the Foggy Bottom Metro stop.



Gift Shop: The Department of State gift shop is located in the basement of the Truman Building, and its hours are from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Accessibility: This tour is accessible to individuals with mobility impairments. Accommodations can be made for hearing-impaired individuals with two weeks advance notice.

If you have any further questions, please call our office at (202) 224-2651 and ask for the Tour Coordinator.