



Congressional Guide to Planning Your Visit to

Washington, DC

Washington's Attractions & Tours

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Washington, DC Visitors

Are you planning a visit to Washington, DC? Too many things to see?

This is meant to act as your guide to Washington, DC. There are many things to enjoy and see while you visit the area.

While you are in Washington, DC, I encourage you and your family to stop by my office. Whether you're coming on a short business trip, or an extended family vacation, my office can help you make arrangements for some of the more popular Federal attractions in our Nation's Capital. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding your upcoming trip: 202-225-2976.

Tour Requests

We are able to help you reserve tours to the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Kennedy Center, and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. To simplify the process, you're invited to place your [tour request](#) online.

These tours are an excellent way to see all that the nation's capital has to offer and all of these tours are of no charge to you. All reservations are provided to my constituents on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the large number of visitors, please request them as early as possible in order to maximize your chances. The following attractions require advance bookings:

- The White House: 21 days – 6 months
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing: 3 months – 6 months
- Capitol Building: 2 weeks
- The Kennedy Center: 2 weeks

***If you wish to tour the White House, please fill out this form and send it to our [Tour Coordinator](#).

Washington, DC Tourism Information

Washington, DC is a beautiful city to visit. Whether you decide to join us in the summer or winter months, Washington has an extensive list of attractions certain to offer you and your family entertainment.

Outside of the White House and the Capitol Building, please see our list of popular attractions and sights to see while visiting us in Washington.

Major Attractions

Requiring Advance Reservation

The White House



Reserve: 21 days – 6 Months in advance

Tour Summary: A self-guided tour through the Presidential Residence which takes 30-40 minutes

Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Closest Metro Stop:

- Federal Triangle (Blue and Orange Lines)
- Metro Center (Blue, Orange, and Red Lines)
- McPherson Square (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability:

Scheduled self-guided tours are offered Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (excluding federal holidays). Date of tour must be at least 21 days from date of submission. However, 4 months is better, and there is NO GUARANTEE that you will get a tour as unexpected WH events occur without notice.

Website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/tours/>

How to request a tour:

Return security clearance form to [Gina Gregolunas](#). Please provide the following information in the security clearance form.

Please fill out form exactly as instructions specify, including leaving the 0 as the first number in your SSN if it applies. If you or a member of your party were not born in the United States, please include the country of origin in your email to Gina as the White House has unique country codes.

- Please include every possible date available for touring the White House. Often, if one day fills up, the day before or after may be available- however we are only able to request tours for the dates that you have included in your request form.
- Congressional offices are unable to request specific times of day, we are only able to request dates.
- The WH is closed Nov 11, Nov 25-30th, and Dec. 24- January 3 for holiday decoration removal, etc...
- **Note: Tours are subject to cancellations or time changes. For the most up-to-date information about touring and visiting the White House, call the 24-hour Visitors Office Info Line at 202-456-7041.**

Tour instructions:

Groups should enter the White House complex at the corner of **15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place**. Uniformed National Park Service Rangers are posted to assist groups as they arrive. Groups should arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled tour time. Late arrivals may not be accommodated.

Groups who arrive for a tour should not bring:

- Cameras or Video Recorders
- Handbags, book bags, backpacks or purses
- Food or beverages, tobacco products, personal grooming items (i.e. makeup, lotion, etc.)
- Strollers
- Any pointed objects
- Aerosol containers
- Guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size

There is no place at the White House to check a bag or a prohibited item, really. If it is raining, umbrellas are permitted. Cell phones and cell phones with cameras are allowed, however you will not be permitted to use them inside of the White House. Please note that if you use an EpiPen or medication for allergies or chronic illnesses, then you may bring it in a small zip lock bag. For tips on nearby storage, please visit: <http://www.the-visitor-center.com/storage-lockers-washington-dc.htm>

All guests 18 years of age or older will need to **present photo identification** with information matching the name previously submitted for clearance. Individuals without acceptable identification or whose identification does not exactly match the name or data cleared for entry may be denied entry.

Tours are significantly enhanced with a stop by the **White House Visitor Center** located at the southeast corner of 15th and E Streets. The location is easy to find by looking for three American flags and the blue awnings. Visitors should allow 20 minutes to one hour to see the videos and exhibits. The Visitor Center is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. seven days a week.

The United States Capitol



Reserve: Can be reserved day before, unless busy season

Tour Summary: Take a guided tour through the house of the nation’s two legislative chambers, in addition to the Capitol Rotunda, the Old Supreme Court Chamber, the Old Senate Chamber, Statutory Hall, and the Crypt. The tour lasts 1.5 hr. – 2 hr.

Address: Between Constitution and Independence Avenues.

Closest Metro Stop: Capitol South (Blue and Orange Lines)

Website: <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>

Availability: Open to visitors from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Inauguration Day. Tours of the U.S. Capitol are conducted from 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Visitors with official business appointments may enter the Visitor Center as early as 7:15 a.m.

How to request a tour:

Public tours can be booked at http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/visit/book_a_tour/index.html

Congressional tours can be arranged by contacting Gina Gregolunas at our Washington, D.C. office. These tours are led by a Hultgren intern. Note: Tour schedules can fill up quickly (particularly in spring), so it is advisable to book your tour well in advance of your visit.

Tour instructions:

For Congressional Tours, groups should go to 332 Cannon House Office Building located on the west side of the Capitol Building. Security checks will occur prior to entering the Capitol.

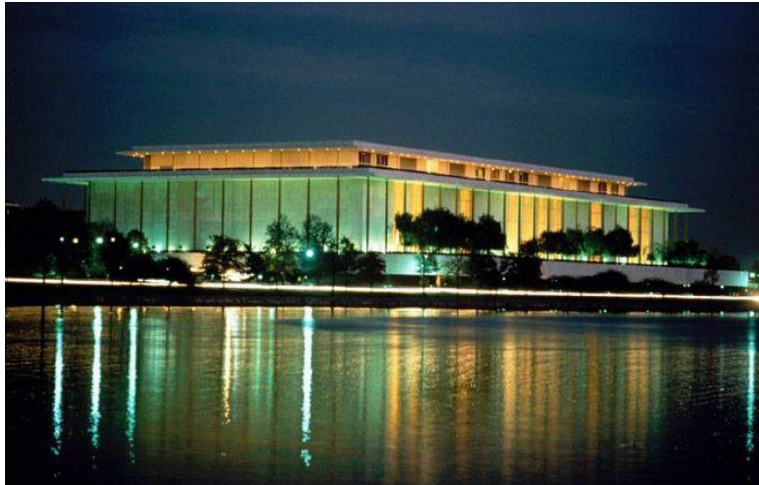
Groups who arrive for a tour should not bring:

- Liquid, including water
- Food or beverage of any kind, including fruit and unopened packaged food
- Aerosol containers
- Non-aerosol sprays (Prescriptions for medical needs are permitted.)
- Any pointed object, e.g., knitting needles and letter openers (Pens and pencils are permitted.)
- Any bag larger than 18" wide x 14" high x 8.5" deep
- Electric stun guns, martial arts weapons or devices
- Guns, replica guns, ammunition and fireworks
- Knives of any size
- Mace and pepper spray
- Razors and box cutters

Please note that the U.S. Capitol Police are authorized to make exceptions if a prohibited item is determined to be necessary and required to serve child care, medical or other special needs.

Before entering the Galleries for both House and Senate, groups will have to give up electronic devices before proceeding further. Electronics will be checked in and stored safely until their owners claim them. A second security check will occur prior to entering the respective galleries.

The Kennedy Center



Reserve: Can be reserved day before, unless busy season

Tour Summary: Take a guided tour that highlights the historic events that led up to the establishment of a national cultural center, as well as an interactive exhibit on the life and presidency of John F. Kennedy. Tours of the Kennedy Center are offered daily, free of charge, and given by the Friends of the Kennedy Center volunteers.

Address: 2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20566

Closest Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom/George Washington University Station (on the Orange and Blue lines, at 23rd and I streets, NW), is the stop closest to the Kennedy Center. From there it is a short walk via New Hampshire Avenue OR use the FREE Kennedy Center Shuttle.

Website: <http://www.kennedy-center.org/visitor/tours.html>

Availability: Public tours are available every 10 minutes Monday through Friday. 10 AM- 5 PM and private tours are scheduled through the tour coordinator and only offered twice a day at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

How to request a tour:

Public tours don't need a reservation. Groups should simply wait until the next tour guide is available. Approximate waits are about 10 minutes. Private tours can be arranged by contacting Gina Gregolunas at our Washington, D.C. office.

Tour Specifics:

- The majestic Hall of States, and the Hall of Nations
- Five of the Center's main theaters, including its three grand performance halls (the Concert Hall, Opera House, and Eisenhower Theater). From

- The magnificent Opera House chandelier, a gift from Austria that measures 50 feet across, to the 3
- The gorgeous Israeli Lounge,
- Works of art by renowned 20th century artists, including Lucien Wercollier's Ascension and Dame Barbara Hepworth's Figure.
- The tour concludes with a breathtaking 360-degree view of the nation's capital from the Center's Roof Terrace.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing



Tour Summary: You'll see millions of dollars being printed during a tour of the BEP. The tour features the various steps of currency production, beginning with large, blank sheets of paper, and ending with wallet-ready bills. As the U.S. Government's security printer, the BEP is responsible for the design, engraving and printing of all U.S. paper currency. A world leader in printing technology, the Bureau also produces portions of U.S. passports, materials for Homeland Security, military identification cards, Immigration and White House invitations, and other U.S. securities.

Address: 14th & C Streets, SW

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

Website: <http://www.moneyfactory.gov/locations/section.cfm/20/21>

Availability: Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, you can obtain public tickets by waiting in line at 8:45 a.m.

How to request a Congressional tour: Contact Gina Gregolunas at Gina.Gregolunas@mail.house.gov or call 202-225-2976 to set up a Congressional tour of the BEP

Additional Specifics:

- Cameras are allowed in the facility, but their use in the tour gallery is prohibited.
- Visitors must pass through a metal detector and belongings will be screened before entering the building.
- Strollers are allowed in the facility, but may not be taken on the tour.
- Anyone found in violation of BEP policies as written or explained by the tour guides, will be escorted off the premises by a police officer. Visitors must follow the direction of the BEP Police while on BEP property.
- Tours for groups of 10 or more people run every 15 minutes from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. There is a 50-person maximum. Group tours **MUST** be scheduled in advance with the tour office. Please call the Tour Scheduler at (202) 874-2330 or 1 (866) 874-2330. Group reservations are free and must be submitted by emailing the BEP's group reservation request form to tourscheduler@bep.gov

Major Attractions

NOT Requiring Advance Reservation

The Supreme Court



Tour Summary: Enjoy a self-guided tour through the Supreme Court. A suggested visit would last approximately 1 1/2 - 2 hours: 30 minutes for the Courtroom Lecture, 30 minutes for the Visitors' Film, and 30-60 minutes to view the Exhibitions and public areas of the building.

Address: First and East Capitol Streets, NE

Closest Metro Stop: Union Station (Red Line)

Availability: The Supreme Court is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Courtroom is located on the First Floor. Court sessions are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Numerous exhibitions can be found on the ground and first floor.

Website: <http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/touringthebuilding.aspx>

Additional Notes: Visitors should be aware that cases may attract large crowds, with lines forming well before the building opens. Seating in the Courtroom is limited and depending on the case, crowd sizes may vary. Visitors may begin lining up on the Front Plaza as early as they feel comfortable.

The Library of Congress



Tour Summary: Take an hour long tour of the Jefferson Building. The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution, which also serves as the research arm for Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

Address: Jefferson Building, 101 Independence Avenue, SE

Closest Metro Stop: Capitol South Metro (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability: Public Tours are available Monday – Friday at 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM and Saturday 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM. Closed on Holidays and Sundays.

Website: <http://www.loc.gov/visit/tours/group-and-student-tours/>

Additional Notes: All tours begin in the Ground Floor Visitors Center of the Thomas Jefferson Building. For a congressional tour, please contact Gina in the Washington, DC office and include your availability Monday- Friday, as private tours are not available on the weekends. Please arrive approximately 20 minutes before the start of your desired congressional tour.

The Smithsonian



Tour Summary: The Smithsonian is a collection of 14 museums and sites in the Washington, DC area. Admission to all museums is free. Smithsonian Information Center (Open 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m).

Website: <http://www.si.edu/>

List of Museums and Availability:

- **Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery**
 - Painting, sculpture, graphics, folk art, craft, and photography 18th century to present.



- **Anacostia Community Museum**
 - Features history and culture of African American communities. Open 10 a.m.–5 p.m.



- **Arts and Industries Building – Closed for Renovation**



- **Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and Freer Gallery of Art**

- Features specialized collections of Asian and American art. Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



- **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden**

- Features exhibits of modern and contemporary art. Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



- **National Air and Space Museum**

- Features history, science, and technology of aviation and space flight. Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



- **National Museum of African Art**

- Collection, research, and exhibition of African art. Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



- **National Museum of American History**

- History of science, technology, society, and culture in America. Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



- **National Museum of the American Indian**

- Collection, preservation, study and exhibition of living cultures and history of native peoples of the Americas. Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



- **National Museum of Natural History**

- Features exhibits focusing on nature. Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



- **National Portrait Gallery**

- Features portraits of distinguished Americans. Open 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m.



- **National Postal Museum**

- Interactive museum of postal history. Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.



- **National Zoo**

- Features 3,600 animals from 475 species in a 163-acre biological park. April–October: Open 10 a.m.–6 p.m. November–March: Open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.



Additional Notes: For more information and a complete list of Smithsonian Museums and Sites visit <http://www.si.edu/museums/>

The National Archives



Tour Summary: A free self-guided tour in the National Archives. Notable features include the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and other national treasures including a copy of the Magna Carta signed by King Edward I of England.

Address: 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Closest Metro Stop: Archives-Navy Memorial (Green and Yellow Lines)

Availability: Open daily from 10 AM - 5:30 PM. During the summer months extended hours until 7 PM.

Website: <http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/washington/index.html>

Additional Notes: The Rotunda entrance which includes the Exhibit Hall is on Constitution Avenue.

Major Attractions

Tours Booked by Constituents

Washington Monument



Summary:

The Washington Monument is dedicated to George Washington, our nation's first president. At 555 feet tall, the obelisk is tallest masonry structure in the world.

Address: 215th St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability:

The Washington Monument is open year-round 7 days per week from 9 AM until 5 PM (last available tour ticket at 4 PM except for part of July 3rd, as well as all day July 4th and December 25th. The National Park Service will extend summer operating hours this year. Beginning May 12, the Memorial will open from 9 AM until 10 PM through Labor Day (last available tour ticket at 9 PM).

<http://www.recreation.gov/tourParkDetail.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=77811>

Costs:

While tickets to the Washington Monument are free of charge, online ahead of time reservations will incur a \$1.50 service charge per ticket and a \$2.85 shipping and handling fee. Alternatively, visitors may obtain free same-day tickets at the 15th Street kiosk. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8:30 AM until all tickets for that day are gone.

Additional Notes: Facilities include exhibits, a book store, restrooms and concessions. For more information: www.nps.gov/wamo

Holocaust Memorial Museum



Tour Summary: Explore three floors of history starting with the Nazi's rise to power and ending with the liberation of concentration camps by allied forces. The museum provides documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history.

Address: 14th Street and Raoul Wallenberg Place in Washington, DC

Closest Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom/GWU (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability: Open daily from 10 AM -5:30 PM except Christmas and Yom Kippur (October 2). Tuesdays and Thursdays April through Mid-June there are extended hours until 7:50 PM.

Website: www.nps.gov/vive

Special Restrictions: Eating, drinking and smoking are not permitted. Video/audio recording are not permitted. Photography is not permitted in the exhibitions. Flash photography is not permitted in the Hall of Remembrance.

Additional Notes: No passes are necessary for entering the Museum building. However, timed passes are necessary for visiting the Permanent Exhibition. These can be obtained the morning of your visit outside the museum on the day of your visit, or in advance by calling (800) 400-9373. Each day, the Museum distributes on a first-come first-served basis a large but limited number of timed entry passes for use that same day. For more information call (202) 488-0400

Jefferson Memorial



Tour Summary: The Jefferson Memorial honors America's third president, Thomas Jefferson. The structure, inspired by Roman Architecture, features a 19-foot tall bronze statue of Jefferson, a vaulted dome ceiling, and a pillared portico. The entire monument is open to the elements of West Potomac Park.

Address: 14th Street, SW on the tidal basin

Tour Length: Park rangers give informative

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability: Open 8 AM - 11:45 PM daily. The lower lobby is open daily from 8 AM - 11:30 PM. Closed on Christmas.

Additional Notes:

The lower lobby elevator provides access to the Memorial Chamber, Restrooms, Museum and Bookstore/Gift shop. For more information call (202) 426-6841 or visit www.nps.gov/thje.

International Spy Museum



Tour Summary: The only public museum in the world solely dedicated to the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage. The Museum’s permanent exhibition presents the tradecraft of espionage through the stories of individuals and their missions, tools and techniques. Exhibits feature the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever on public display – many for the first time.

Address: The entire city block between 9th and 8th Streets at 800 F Street, NW

Closest Metro Stop: Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro (Green, Yellow, & Red Lines)

Availability: All tickets are date and time specific. Advance tickets are highly recommended and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com. Adult (ages 12-64): \$15, Seniors (65+) and Active Duty Military & Intel Community: \$14, Children (ages 5-11): \$12, Children age 4 and under are free.

Website: www.spymuseum.org

How to Request a Tour: Groups of 20 or more qualify for Group Admission and require advance reservations which can be made by calling Bill Adams, Group Sales Manager at (202) 654-0944.

Additional Notes: For more information call (202) 634-1568

Major Attractions

Open Without Reservation

National Gallery of Art



Tour Summary: Encompasses all aspects of the visual arts.

Address: National Mall between 3rd and 7th streets at Constitution Ave.

Closest Metro Stop: Archives-Navy Memorial (Green and Yellow Lines)

Availability: Open Monday-Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM and Sundays 11 AM – 6 PM.

Costs: Free

How to request a tour:

- Audio Tours: Reservations are needed for groups larger than 10 and can be made at (202) 842-6592.
- Introductory Tours: Times for the tours range by exhibit from 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

Additional Notes: For more information visit <http://www.nga.gov/>

The Newseum



Tour Summary: This 250,000-square-foot museum of news, offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits.

Address: Intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street, NW.

Closest Metro Stop: Archives-Navy Memorial (Green and Yellow Lines) or Judiciary Square (Red Line)

Availability: Open from 9 AM to 5 PM daily and closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

Costs:

Adults (19 to 64): \$19.95; Seniors (65+), military, and students with valid ID: \$17.95;
Youth (7 to 18): \$12.95; Children (6 and younger): Free.

How to request a tour:

Tickets may be purchased online or at the Newseum's ticketing kiosks and admissions desk.

Additional Notes: For more information visit <http://www.newseum.org>

The Korean War Memorial



Tour Summary: Features 19 soldiers arrayed for combat, with the American flag as their symbolic objective. A 164-foot wall is etched with 2,500 photographic images of the support personnel whose efforts sustained the military operation.

Address: Adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool.

Closest Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom/GWU (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability: Open 8 AM - 12 midnight. Closed on Christmas.

Website: www.nps.gov/kwvm

Additional Notes: Facilities include a book store, touch screen registry, restrooms and concessions. For more information call (202) 619-7222.

The Lincoln Memorial



Tour Summary: Features a 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. The memorial also exhibits inscriptions of Lincoln’s second Inaugural Address and the Gettysburg Address.

Address: West Potomac Park and 23rd Street, NW

Closest Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom/GWU (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability: Open 8 AM - 12 midnight. Closed on Christmas.

Website: www.nps.gov/linc

Additional Notes: The Lincoln Memorial chamber is wheelchair accessible via an elevator in the lower lobby. Wheelchairs are available for loan on a first come first serve basis at the Korean War Veterans memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Kiosks. Restrooms are available at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information call (202) 426-6841

The U.S.M.A. War Memorial



Tour Summary: The 78-foot memorial commemorates all marines who have died in battle since 1775. The statue depicts one of the most famous incidents of World War II symbolizes this nation's esteem for the honored dead of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Address: Route 50 near Arlington National Cemetery.

Closest Metro Stop: Arlington Cemetery (Blue Line).

Availability: Open 8 AM - 12 midnight. Closed on Christmas.

Website: www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm

Additional Notes: For more information call (703) 285-2601

The Vietnam Veterans



Tour Summary: Honors the men and women of the armed forces who served in the Vietnam War. The V-shaped memorial is made of black granite and is inscribed with the names of the 58,209 Americans missing or killed in the Vietnam War.

Address: North of the Lincoln Memorial

Closest Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom/GWU (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability: Open 8 AM - 12 midnight. Closed on Christmas.

Website: www.nps.gov/vive

Additional Notes: For more information call (202) 634-1568

The WWII Memorial



Tour Summary: The National Mall’s newest memorial was dedicated to the men and women of World War II – America’s Greatest Generation – on May 29, 2004. The memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II and the more than 400,000 who died.

Address: 17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues, NW

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines).

Availability: Open 24 hours daily.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/nwwm>

Additional Notes: Includes a World War II Registry of the men and women who served. For more information call (202) 619-7222

The FDR Memorial



Tour Summary: The memorial traces twelve years of American history through a series of four outdoor areas; each focusing on one of FDR's terms in office.

Address: Cherry Tree Walk along Tidal Basin near the Jefferson Memorial.

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines).

Availability: Open 24 hours daily.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/frde/>

Additional Notes: Includes a World War II Registry of the men and women who served. For more information call (202) 376-6704.

Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center



Tour Summary: Honors the men and women of the US Navy. The Memorial features a 100 foot granite map of the world surrounded by depictions of historic Navy events.

Address: Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, between 7th and 9th streets.

Closest Metro Stop: Archives-Navy Memorial (Green and Yellow Lines).

Availability: Memorial Open Daily. Heritage Center Open: March-October 9:30 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Saturday; November-February 9:30 AM – 5 PM, Tuesday-Friday.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/frde/>

Additional Notes: Visits are free; however, movie screenings at the Heritage Center cost \$3.75. Special events run continuously throughout the year. Call (202) 737-2300 ext. 768.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial



Tour Summary: 30 exhibits with mementos left at the memorial, photos from ceremonies, and murals.

Address: E Street NW, between 4th and 5th Streets. The visitor center is located 2 blocks away at 605 E St NW.

Closest Metro Stop: Judiciary Square (Red Line). Take the F Street exit.

Availability: Open 24 hours a day. Visitors Center Hours: Monday-Friday: 9 AM – 5 PM, Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday: 12 Noon – 5 PM.

Additional Notes: Personal tours can be accessed by filling out tour request form at www.nleomf.com/thememorial/tourrequest.htm.

Ford's Theatre and Lincolns Museum



Tour Summary: Take a fifteen minute free tour paying tribute to President Lincoln's love of the arts. Museum includes the clothes Abraham Lincoln wore on the night of his assassination.

Address: Located on 10th Street between E and F streets.

Closest Metro Stop: Metro Center (Blue, Orange, & Red Lines) or Gallery Place (Green, Yellow, & Red Lines).

Availability: The Lincoln Museum and the house where Lincoln died are open from 8 AM - 11:45 PM every day except Christmas Day. Tours at the theatre are self-guided. Talks are presented at fifteen past the hour except between 12 noon and 2 PM.

Website: www.fordstheatre.org.

Additional Notes: Because Ford's Theatre also functions as an active stage with live performances there are times when the theatre will be closed to the public. Matinees usually take place on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, although rehearsals can take place at any time of day. For performance information please visit the Ford Homepage.

National Building Museum



Tour Summary: The National Building Museum is a museum of with exhibits of architecture, design, engineering, construction, and urban planning. These exhibits change yearly and range from Shakespeare for the 21st Century to years of Domestic Architecture to America’s World’s Fairs.

Address: 401 F St, NW, between 4th and 5th Streets.

Closest Metro Stop: Judiciary Square (Red Line).

Availability: The National Building Museum is open to the public Monday - Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM. The Museum is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. On rare occasions, the Museum may close for a special event. Walk-in public tours are offered Monday through Wednesday at 12:30 PM, and Thursday through Sunday at 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, and 1:30 PM. Cost for tickets are \$8 for adults \$5 for youth, students, & \$3 for seniors.

Website: <http://www.nbm.org/>

Additional Notes: Groups of 10 or more must make a reservation by contacting the group coordinator at grouptours@nbm.org. Fees may apply to group tours for 10 or more. Wheelchair access is available through the G Street entrance. For more information call (202) 272-2448

Daughters of the American Revolution



Tour Summary: Take a forty-five minute tour through the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum. The facility is comprised of 31 period rooms and 2 galleries. The collection consists of over 30,000 decorative and fine arts objects spanning the 18th and 19th centuries.

Address: 1776 D Street, NW. Two blocks from the White House.

Closest Metro Stop: Farragut West (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability:

Guided Tours: Groups of 9 or less: Free tours on the hour and half-hour Monday through Friday 10 AM to 2:30 PM and Saturday 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Groups of 10 or more: Reservations are required with a fee of \$3 per person. Tours are on the hour and half-hour Monday through Friday 10 AM to 2:30 PM.

Self-Guided Tours: Anytime Monday through Friday 9:30 AM to 4 PM and Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM. Self-guided groups of 10 or more are asked to notify the museum of their planned visit at 202-879-3341 or email museum@dar.org.

Website: <http://www.dar.org/museum/>.

Additional Notes: For more information call (202) 879-3341.

National Geographic Society Museum at Explorers Hall



Tour Summary: Take a free self-guided tour through Explorers Hall, featuring permanent interactive geography and science exhibits, as well as changing displays to give visitors opportunities to share in recent archaeological finds, the latest in photography, and expositions of exotic cultures.

Address: 17th and M Streets NW

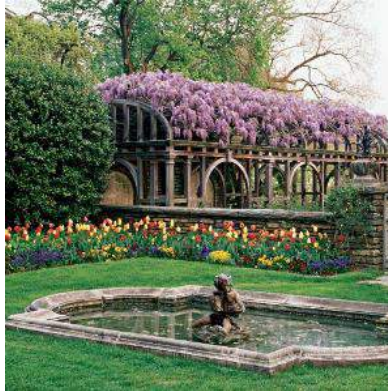
Closest Metro Stop: Farragut North (Red Line).

Availability: Open Monday – Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM; Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Website: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/museum/>

Additional Notes: For more information call (202) 857-7588

Dumbarton Oaks



Tour Summary: Visitors can wander through sixteen acres of beautiful landscape, small formal gardens, a Roman-style amphitheater, and down Lovers' Lane.

Address:

1703 32nd St., NW (One block east of Wisconsin Ave. between R and S Streets in Georgetown). Closest Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom (Blue and Orange Lines).

Availability:

November 1 - March 14: 2 PM – 5 PM March 15 - October 31: 2 PM – 6 PM. Closed on Mondays, federal holidays, during inclement weather and on Christmas Eve.

Cost:

November 1 - March 14: Free admission. March 15 - October 31: Adults: \$7, Children/Seniors: \$5. How to Request a Tour: Guided tours for the gardens are available and must be arranged in advance. Call (202) 339-6409 or contact the Docent Coordinator, Christine Blazina at blazinac@doaks.org. Notes: For more information visit <http://www.doaks.org>.

Federal Bureau of Investigations



FBI Tours is undergoing extensive renovations and is **CLOSED** until further notice. For more information visit www.fbi.gov/aboutus/tour/tour.htm

Botanic Gardens



Tour Summary: Highlights include the Conservatory and two acres of surrounding exterior grounds, the outdoor display gardens in Frederic Auguste Bartholdi Park, and the Administration Building.

Tour Length: 45 minutes

Address: 100 Maryland Ave, SW

Closest Metro Stop: Blue Federal Center SW (Blue Line) or Capital South (Orange and Blue Lines).

Availability: 10 AM -5 PM everyday, including weekends and holidays. Tours of the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory may be available on the day of your visit. Check at the Visitor Information Desk upon your arrival.

Costs: Free

Additional Notes:

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 more information visit www.usbg.gov.

Folger Shakespeare Library



Tour Summary: Home to the world's largest Shakespeare collection.

Address: 201 East Capitol Street, SE

Closest Metro Stops: Union Station (Red Line) or Capitol South (Blue and Orange Lines)

Availability:

The library is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 AM - 4 PM, but is closed on all federal holidays. Docent tours of the building and the current exhibition are available Monday through Friday at 11 AM and on Saturday at 11 AM and 1 PM. Docent tours of the Elizabethan Garden are available every third Saturday of the month, from April through October, at 10 AM and 11 AM.

Costs: Free

How to Request a Tour:

Group tours are available for both school groups and adult groups, and must be arranged in advance. Please call the Education department at (202) 675-0395.

Additional Notes:

If you have any questions call (202) 675-0309 before 8:45 AM and (202)544-4600 from 8:45 AM - 4:45 PM. To learn about a performance or event, call (202) 544-7077.

National Aquarium - CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS



Tour Summary: Tanks of fish, frogs, alligators and sharks.

Tour Length: 45 minutes.

Address: 14th Street, between Constitution Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Directions: Located in the U.S. Department of Commerce Building at the

Closest Metro Stop: Federal Triangle (Blue and Orange Lines).

Availability:

Open daily 9 AM – 5 PM. Last admission is at 4:30 PM. Animal keeper hosted talks and animal feedings occur daily at 2 PM. Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Costs: General \$5, Senior and Military Personnel \$4, Children (2-10) \$2, Children under 2 are free. Credit cards cannot be used for admission.

Additional Notes: For more information call (202) 482-2825 or visit www.nationalaquarium.com.

National Cathedral – CLOSED FOR EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE



Tour Summary: One can see the dramatic art and Gothic architecture of the Cathedral.

Address: Wisconsin Ave

Directions:

Metro directions: Exit on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue. Take any 30 series bus going south. Ride approximately one and one-half miles south on Wisconsin Avenue to the Cathedral. Driving directions: From Downtown DC take Massachusetts Avenue north to Wisconsin Avenue. Turn right onto Wisconsin Avenue. The Cathedral is on your immediate right.

Closest Metro Stop: Tenleytown/AU (Red Line).

Availability:

Monday-Friday 10 AM - 5:30 PM with tours 10 AM - 11:30 AM and 12:45 AM - 3:30 PM. Saturday open 10 AM - 4:30 PM with tours 10 AM – 11:30 AM and 12:45 PM - 3:30 PM. Sunday open 8 AM - 6:30 PM with tours 12:45 AM - 2:30 PM.

Costs:

Guided tour fees: Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Children \$1. Audio tour fees: \$5 per person. Tour and Tea fees: \$22 per person.

How to request a tour: Visit www.cathedral.org to see the options.

Mount Vernon



Tour Summary: A privately owned estate and garden, once the home of George and Martha Washington. In the 18th century the estate, gardens, and farm totaled 8,000 acres. Today, 500 acres have been preserved. Visitors can see 20 structures and 50 acres of gardens as they existed in 1799. In addition, one can see the tombs of George and Martha Washington, Washington’s greenhouse, a memorial to the accomplishments of 18th century slaves and a museum.

Address:

3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121. About 16 miles south of Washington, DC.

Closest Metro Stop: Huntington Station (Yellow Line) to Fairfax Connector Bus.

Availability:

Open every day of the year. April - August 8 AM - 5 PM; March - October 9 AM – 5 PM; November - February 9 AM – 4 PM.

Costs:

Adults \$13, Seniors \$12, Children \$6, Children 5 and under are free. A shuttle to the Pioneer Farm Site is available from March 11 to November.

Restrictions:

No food or drink except for bottled water is allowed. Gum, strollers and motorized scooters are not allowed in the mansion. Dogs are allowed but must be on a leash.

How to Request a Tour:

Contact (703) 780-2000 or www.mountvernon.org

Naval Observatory



Tour Summary: Tours begin with a history and mission of the Observatory. It continues with the viewing of development of USNO's timekeeping responsibilities with a member of the Observatory's Time Services Department staff and a viewing of celestial objects with an Astronomer if the weather permits.

Address: 34th St and Massachusetts Ave, NW

Availability:

Public tours are offered on alternating Monday evenings from 8:30 PM – 10 PM and are available by reservation only.

Costs: Free.

Restrictions:

Backpacks, bags and bulky items are not permitted on the grounds. Photo ID is required for all adults.

How to request a tour:

Fax a request to the Public Affairs Office at (202) 762-1489. You must submit your tour reservation 4 to 6 weeks in advance. You must provide the names and dates-of-birth of all individuals in your party. As a Requestor you must also provide an email address or daytime telephone number so that the USNO may contact you with the status of your request. You will receive an email or telephone confirmation when your order has been processed no later than the Friday before your First Choice tour date.

National Zoo



Tour Summary: Part of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo is a 163-acre zoological park set amid Rock Creek Park in the heart of Washington. It is home to 2,000 individual animals of nearly 400 different species.

Hours:

Open every day of the year, except December 25. April–October:
Animal exhibits are open from 10 AM to 6 PM every day. November–March
Animal exhibits are open from 10 AM to 4:30 PM every day.

Location: The Zoo is located at 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW.

Costs: Free.

Additional Notes: For more information, please visit <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Audiences/Visitors/default.cfm>.

Union Station



Summary: Rail station newly refurbished in turn-of-the-century motif. DC's home to Amtrak, buses, taxis, public parking, and many DC tours such as: Tourmobile, Gray Line and Old Town Trolley Tours. In addition, there are restaurants, a food court, movie theaters, post office, a book store, a flower shop, retail stores, public restrooms, pay phones and an ATM machine.

Address: 50 Massachusetts Ave, NE, on the Senate side of the Capitol
Closest Metro Stop: Union Station (Red Line).

Availability: Open 24 hours. Shops are open Monday-Saturday from 10AM-9PM, and Sunday from 12 noon-6PM.

Washington, DC Transportation



Washington Metro:

From Capitol Hill to the DC suburbs, the Metro is fast, easy, and affordable. All-day passes are can be purchased at any Metro station. Visit www.wmata.com for more information.



Motorized Transport:

Taxis are available throughout the greater DC area, and can be contacted at 202-398-0550.

Segway Tour



Tour Summary: The tour includes training and visits to the National Mall, Smithsonian, US Capitol, and J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building.

Tour Length: 4 hours.

Address: Willard Hotel, 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Directions: Tours depart from the hotel lobby.

Closest Metro Stop: Metro Center (Blue, Orange, and Red Lines).

Availability: Reservations are needed. Tours available April 1-November 30. Day Tours (10AM-2PM) and Night Tours (6PM-10PM).

Costs: \$70 per person.

Restrictions: Only for ages 16 and up.

How to request a tour: Tours can be made via their [website](#).

Frequently Asked Questions for U.S. Capitol and White House

U.S. Capitol FAQs

Q: Can I bring my camera on the tour?

A: Yes, cameras are allowed throughout most of the Capitol. Cameras are not allowed in gallery viewing area of the House or Senate and photographs are not allowed of the documents in Exhibition Hall.

Q: Can I come without a copy of my email confirmation?

A: Yes, your confirmation is electronically saved according to your last name.

Q: Can I watch the House or Senate in session?

A: Passes are required to enter the House and Senate galleries, which can be obtained free of charge through your respective Representative's office. Furthermore, while Congress is in session, public viewing is open to all with a pass.

Q: What is the difference between a Guide-led and Congressional Staff-led tour of the Capitol?

A: Both tours view the Rotunda, Old Senate and House Chambers, the Crypt, and Old Supreme Court Chamber. Furthermore, many Congressional offices offer tours to their constituents. These tours tend to highlight aspects of the Capitol which apply to their state. Congressional Staff-led tours also visit the galleries. Alternatively, Capitol Guide led tours can be subject to larger groups, and do not visit the galleries.

White House FAQs

Q: What security information is needed to apply for a tour?

A: The security roster includes: name, Social Security number, date of birth, and state of residency.

Q: How do I know if my White House tour request has been approved?

A: The Congressional Office which you placed your tour request will contact you within 2-4 weeks, notifying you if you have been accepted.

Q: What forms of identification do I need to bring with me for my tour?

A: All guests ages 16 and older are required to present a valid, government issued photo ID.

Kennedy Center

Q: Do I need to book a tour in advance?

A: No, walk-ins are welcome, and are led on tours every 10 minutes.