

We'd like to make your visit to Washington, D.C. as enjoyable as possible. Enclosed you will find a list of area attractions that may be of interest to you during your visit. Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have questions. Enjoy your stay!

# National Buildings

## The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 456-7041 <u>www.whitehouse.gov</u> Metro: McPherson Square

The White House has been the home of every President except George Washington. Requests for tours must be submitted to the White House through Congresswoman Esty's office at least thirty days in advance, and are accepted up to 6 months in advance. These self-guided tours are scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Fridays, and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are encouraged to call the 24-hour recorded information line at (202) 456-7041 for the most up-to-date information. The nearby White House Visitor Center (located at the Southeast corner of 15th and E Streets) significantly enhances White House tours by showcasing White House architecture, furnishings, first families, social events, and relations with the press and world leaders. A 30-minute video is also shown. The Visitor Center is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Supreme Court of the United States

Ist Street & Maryland Avenue, NE Washington, D.C. (202) 479-3211 <u>www.supremecourtus.gov</u> Metro: Capitol South or Union Station

The Supreme Court is the highest tribunal in the Nation for all cases and controversies arising under the Constitution or the laws of the United States. Open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with walk-up lectures every hour on the half hour from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. when not in session. Contact Congresswoman Esty for lecture reservations. Admission is free.

#### United States Capitol

Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. (202) 225-2301 <u>www.visitthecapitol.gov</u> Metro: Capitol South

Under the magnificent white dome, Senators and Representatives meet to shape U.S. legislative policy. The Capitol is open to the public for guided tours only. Open Monday through Saturday 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. Admission is free. Contact Congresswoman Esty's office for a reservation.

### Pentagon

1400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. (703) 697-1776 <u>http://pentagon.afis.osd.mil</u> Metro: Pentagon

The Pentagon is one of the world's largest office buildings and headquarters of the Defense Department. Contact Congresswoman Esty's office at least two weeks in advance to arrange for a tour.

## National Buildings, continued

### National Archives

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 1-866-272-6272 <u>www.archives.gov</u> Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial

The National Archives houses the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and many more documents of national significance. The National Archives is a convenient stop when visiting the Smithsonian museums. Open March 15 until Labor Day 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the day after Labor Day until March 14 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Contact Congresswoman Esty to set up a tour.

## Library of Congress

101 Independence Avenue, SE Washington D.C. (202) 707-8000 <u>www.loc.gov/visit</u> Metro: Capitol South

The world's largest library, the Library of Congress contains over 111 million items in three buildings. The 1897 Thomas Jefferson Building houses one of the world's three perfect copies of the Gutenberg Bible and a permanent rotating exhibit of "American Treasures of the Library of Congress." The Main Reading Room can be viewed from the Visitors' Gallery. Open Monday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed all federal holidays and on Sundays. Admission is free. Contact Congresswoman Esty to set up reserved, guided tours. First come-first serve public tours are offered at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. with no 3:30 tours p.m. on Saturday.

### Bureau of Engraving and Printing

14th and C Streets, SW Washington, D.C. (202) 874-2330 www.bep.treas.gov Metro: Smithsonian

Tour the largest producer of security documents in the U.S. where over 9 billion Federal Reserve notes and 20 billion postage stamps are produced each year. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (door closes at 3:00) in March, and 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (door closes at 7:00), April through August. Tours run every 15 minutes from 9 to 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. in March. April through August tours run every 15 minutes from 9 to 10:45 a.m. and 5 to 7:00 p.m. From September - February no tickets are required, and from March - August free tickets are distributed from 8am on a first-come, first served basis. Contact Congresswoman Esty's office to reserve tickets at least 3 months in advance.

## The Smithsonian

Please note that unless otherwise specified, entry to the Smithsonian museums is free, and opening hours are 10:00am - 5:30pm daily. The nearest Metro stop is the Smithsonian

## Smithsonian Visitor Information Centre- "The Castle"

www.si.edu The oldest Smithsonian museum houses the crypt of founder James Smithson, theaters, models of Washington, interactive touch-screen programs, electronic wall maps, and multilingual information and assistance. *Walk-in tours are available from Friday through Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.* 

#### \*National Air and Space Museum

www.nasm.si.edu The world's most visited museum highlights the history, science, and technology of aviation and space flight. See the Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer, Lindberg's "Spirit of St. Louis," the Apollo 11 lunar command module, and an incredible collection of aviation and space treasures. Einstein Planetarium presents a free constellations program daily at 3 p.m. Additionally, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia displays more than 150 aircraft and 148 large space artifacts that are too big to be displayed at the National Mall location.

### National Museum of African Art

www.africa.si.edu The National Museum of African Art presents and celebrates the rich visual traditions and extraordinarily diverse cultures of Africa. Visit the museum and experience the beauty and splendor of Africa's sculptures, masks, textiles, furniture, pottery, paintings and much more.

#### \*National Museum of American History

www.americanhistory.si.edu Explore the history of science, technology, and culture in America. Highlights include flags that inspired The Star-Spangled Banner and the inaugural gowns of a range of First Ladies including Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, and Michelle Obama. Popular exhibitions include *The Price of Freedom: Americans at War, America on the Move*, and *Invention at Play*.

### National Museum of the American Indian

www.nmai.si.edu This Museum is the newest Smithsonian and celebrates the rich history of the American Indian. Popular exhibits include *Our Universes, Our Peoples, and Our Lives*. In addition, there is a main theatre which displays storytellers as well as Native dancers.

### \*National Museum of Natural History

www.mnh.si.edu This museum is dedicated to the natural world and our place in it. View the 45.5-carat Hope Diamond, dinosaur fossils, Insect Zoo, and the world's largest elephant, among 120 million other objects. Children will enjoy exploring the *Dinosaurs in our Backyard* exhibit.

## \*Activities recommended for children and families.

## Other Museums

#### Newseum

555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 888-639-7386 , <u>www.newseum.org</u> Metro: Archives, Navy Memorial

The interactive "Tourmuseum" of news offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. It offers a unique environment that takes museum-goers behind the scenes to experience how and why news is made. Tickets are \$21.95 for adults 19-64, \$17.95 for seniors 65 and older, military, and students with an ID, \$12.95 for youth 7-13 and free for those 6 and under. Purchase in advance online and receive 10% discount, or purchase same-day tickets at the museum.

#### Holocaust Memorial Museum www.ushmm.org

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW Washington, D.C. (202) 488-0400 Metro: Smithsonian

This somber and moving museum tells the story of the Holocaust through artifacts, films, photographs, and oral histories. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Admission is free, but timed tickets are required to view the permanent collection. From March through August 2,000 same-day tickets are given out, usually being depleted at the latest by noon . One person may ask for up to 20 passes. Advance tickets are available through Extremetix on the website for the permanent exhibit, *The Holocaust* for \$1.00 each. The permanent exhibit is not recommended for children under age 11. Tickets are not required to enter the museum or to visit the Wexner Learning Center, Hall of Remembrance, or the special exhibits.

### International Spy Museum

800 F Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 393-7798, <u>www.spymuseum.org</u> Metro: Chinatown-Verizon Center

The International Spy Museum explores the craft, history, and contemporary job of espionage. Gain access to the world's largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display. Check their website for museum hours. Cost is \$19.95 for adults, \$14.95 for seniors, and \$13.95 for children over the age of five. There is a special on Tuesdays for \$10.00

### National Museum of Crime & Punishment

575 7th Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 621-5550 <u>www.crimemuseum.org</u> Metro: Gallery Place Chinatown

Explore the technology and science behind fighting and solving crimes, discover the heroes of law enforcement, and venture into the dark side of the criminal mind through this intensely interactive experience. The museum is open from 10:00a.m- 7:00p.m Sun through Th, and 10:00a.m- 8:00p.m Fri and Saty. Extended hours are offered in peak season. Advanced tickets are availableonline for \$17.95 for adults, 12+, and \$14.95 ages 5-11, seniors, members of the military and law enforcement officers. Ticket prices are higher for walk-up tours.

### Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Museum

1776 D Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 628-1776 <u>www.dar.org</u> Metro: Farragut West

The museum of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution features 33 period rooms with a superb collection of American furnishings and galleries with changing exhibits. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 - 5 p.m., except for National holidays. Period room tours are conducted Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and closed on Sunday. Admission is free.

## Presidential Memorials

### Washington Monument

15th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841 <u>http://www.nps.gov/wamo/</u> Metro: Smithsonian

One of the tallest masonry structures in the world, this majestic obelisk was dedicated in 1885 to the memory of the first U.S. President. An elevator ride takes you to the top of the spectator view. The National Park Service has temporarily closed the Washington Monument due to damage from the August 23rd earthquake.

## Lincoln Memorial

West Potomac Park at 23rd Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841 <u>www.nps.gov/linc</u> Metro: Smithsonian

A 19-foot marble statue of President Abraham Lincoln is flanked by inscriptions from his Second Inaugural Address and the famous Gettysburg Address. The Admission is free. A park ranger is present from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m; however, there is access to the memorial 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## \*Jefferson Memorial

Tidal Basin, south end of 15th Street, SW Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841 <u>www.nps.gov/nr/travel/presidents/thomas jefferson memorial.htm</u> Metro: Smithsonian (just under a mile walk from the Metro)

The 19-foot bronze statue of the President stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from the Declaration of Independence and Jefferson's other famous writings. The memorial is open daily except Christmas, and admission is free. A park ranger is present from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. From March 15 to Labor Day, Paddle boats are available to rent near the Jefferson memorial. Boat rental is available March 15- Labor Day 10 a.m. – 5p.m. daily. From Labor Day to Columbus Day they are open Wednesday – Sunday 10a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost is \$12 an hour for a two person boat and \$19 an hour for a four person boat.

## FDR Memorial

1850 West Basin Drive, SW Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841 <u>http://www.nps.gov/frde/index.htm</u> Metro: Smithsonian (3/4 of a mile walk from the Metro)

This 7.5 acre memorial consists of four outdoor "gallery" rooms featuring ten bronze sculptures depicting President and Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and events from the Great Depression and WWII. The park-like setting includes waterfalls and granite carvings with FDR's inspiring words. Open for questions from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. except on Christmas; however, you can visit it 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## War Memorials

### Arlington National Cemetery

l Memorial Drive, Arlington, VA (703) 607-8000 <u>www.arlingtoncemetery.mil</u> Metro: Arlington Cemetery

View the graves of William Howard Taft, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis, Earl Warren, and William Rehnquist, among others. The Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs every hour on the hour during winter months and every half hour during the summer months. Visitors can also see Arlington House/Custis-Lee Mansion restored to its pre-Civil War appearance when Robert E. Lee lived there. The Cemetery is open daily, October through March from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and April through September from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. The Arlington House is open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

#### Vietnam Veterans Memorial

21st & Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841 <u>http://thewall-usa.com</u> Metro: Smithsonian

This modern V-shaped memorial of black granite is inscribed with the names of soldiers missing or killed in the Vietnam War. Directories help locate names on the walls; name rubbings are available upon request. Frederick Harts' life-size bronze sculpture depicts 3 young servicemen. Open 24 hours; a park ranger is on site from 8: 30a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

### World War II Memorial

Located on 17th Street between Constitution and Independence Avenues, Washington, D.C. (202) 462-6841 <u>www.nps.gov/nwwm</u> Metro: Smithsonian

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the over 400,000 who died in service, and the countless number of men, women, and children who supported the war effort from home. The memorial is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please note that there is no on-site parking available.

### Korean War Veterans Memorial

Adjacent to the Reflecting Pool, Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841 <u>www.nps.gov/kwvm</u> Metro: Smithsonian

Built by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board at a cost of \$18 billion in donated funds, this powerful memorial, located on a 2.2 acre site adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, features a sculptured column of 19 foot soldiers arrayed for combat, with the American flag as their symbolic objective. The memorial may be visited 24 hours a day. Park Rangers are on sight from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

### United States Navy Memorial

701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW #123, Washington, D.C. (202)737-2300 <u>www.navymemorial.org</u> Metro: Archive-Navy Memorial

View towering masts, waving flags, tiered waterfalls and the Lone Sailor statue. Inside, see nautical interactive videos, the Ships Store, and the spectacular *At Sea* film shown hourly. Open Monday -Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission and movies are free, call 202-380-0733 to schedule your tour.

## Art Galleries

## National Gallery of Art

4th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 737-4215 <u>www.nga.gov</u> Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial or Judiciary Square

Permanent collection of European and American paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, plus changing exhibitions from around the world. Current exhibitions include: *From Impressionism to Modernism*, and *Frozen in Time: Selections from the National Gallery of Art Library*. The gallery is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. except for New Year's Day and Christmas. Admission is free.

## National Portrait Gallery

F Street NW & 8th Street NW Washington, D.C. (202) 633-8300 <u>www.npg.si.edu</u> Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown

Museum is open from 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. daily. Closed on December 25th. It houses thousands of pieces of art from portraits of George Washington to portraits of famous pop culture. Admission is free.

## **Phillips** Collection

1600 21st Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 387-2151 <u>www.phillipscollection.org</u> Metro: Dupont Circle

America's first museum of modern art features works by Renoir, Cezanne, Bonnard, Braque, Dove, El Greco, Manet, Matisse, Miro, Monet, O'Keeffe, and Picasso. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students, while children ages 18 and under are admitted for free. Admission is free Tuesday through Friday, but certain exhibits still require a fee.

### Corcoran Gallery of Art

500 17th Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 639-1700 <u>www.corcoran.org</u> Metro: Farragut North or Farragut West

Washington's first art museum is known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art, as well as European paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts. The Gallery is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Admission to the Corcoran is \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for senior citizens, military, and students with a current student ID. Children under 12 receive free admission.

### Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Independence Avenue and 7th Street, SW Washington D.C. (202) 633-4674 <u>http://hirshhorn.si.edu/</u> Metro: Smithsonian

Collection of 19th and 20th century painting and sculpture in a striking cylindrical structure and adjoining garden. It is open daily 10a.m.- 5:30p.m. Admission is free.

## Estates & Gardens

### United States Botanic Garden

100 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. (202) 225-8333 <u>www.usbg.gov</u> Metro: Federal Center SW

This living museum houses permanent collections of tropical, subtropical, and desert plants. Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except New Years Day, Yom Kippur, and Christmas Day. Admission is free.

### National Arboretum

3501 New York Avenue, NE Washington, D.C. (202) 245-2726 <u>www.usna.usda.gov</u> Metro: Stadium-Armory

The Arboretum contains 444 acres of trees, shrubs, flowering plants, picnic grounds, herb gardens, and a famous Bonsai collection. Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Federal Holidays and Christmas. Admission is free.

## Hillwood Museum & Gardens

4155 Linnean Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 686-5807 <u>www.hillwoodmuseum.org</u> Metro: Van Ness (then take a cab or 15 minute walk)

Opened in 1977 as a public museum, Hillwood features the most comprehensive collection of 18th and 19th century Russian imperial art outside of Russia, as well as one of the world's most important collections of 18th-century French decorative arts. They have been beautifully displayed in a grand setting as they were used by Hillwood's founder, Marjorie Merriweather Post, heir to the Post cereal empire and one of America's first businesswomen. Hillwood is open by appointment for 250 guests a day, Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed the month of January and Federal Holidays). Suggested donation is \$15 for Adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for full-time college students, and \$5 for children 6-18 \*\*Children under 6 are not permitted inside the Mansion. For tickets call (202) 686-5807

### Mount Vernon Estate & Garden

George Washington Parkway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121 (703) 780-2000 <u>www.mountvernon.org</u> Metro: Huntington (then take a cab or bus)

Stretching over 500 acres overlooking the Potomac River and 16 miles from Washington, D.C., the Estate was home to our first president. Visitors can tour the mansion, Washington's tomb, museums, 12 outbuildings, and gardens. Special tours are available seasonally. The Estate is open daily April to August from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; in November to February from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and in March, September, and October from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$7 for kids ages 6-11, and free for those under 5.

## Arts & Entertainment Venues

## John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

2700 F Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 467-4600 <u>www.kennedy-center.org</u> Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (Take the free Show Shuttle to and from the Center)

The independent, privately supported national performing arts center houses six magnificent theaters for drama, dance, ballet, music, comedy, films, and commissioned works. It is also the home of the National Symphony Orchestra, Washington Opera, and American Film Institute. Congresswoman Esty can arrange for free guided tours or they are offered daily Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Center also offers free performances everyday at 6 p.m. on the Millennium Stage; no tickets are required. Tours begin every 10 minutes. Information on upcoming performance may be found on the Center's website, and tickets may purchased on the website, over the phone on (800) 444-1324, or at the Box Office from 10:00a.m.- 9:00p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon- 9:00p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

### Verizon Center

601 F Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 661-5000 <u>http://www.verizoncenter.com/</u> Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown

Arguably Washington DC's best-known sports and entertainment venue, the Center plays host to professional basketball and ice hockey games, as well as ice skating showcases and music concerts. Information on upcoming events is available on the website. Tickets may be booked on the website by calling (202) 397-SEAT, or at the Box Office, which is open from 10:00a.m.- 5:30p.m. Monday through Saturday.

### Ford's Theatre & Lincoln Museum

511 10th Street, NW Washington, D.C. (202) 426-6841 <u>www.nps.gov/foth; www.fords.org</u> Metro: Metro Center

This beautifully restored 19th-century showplace features theater's best. The Lincoln Museum has over 400 historic objects that tell the story of Lincoln's assassination. Each visitor age 2 and older must have a timed entry ticket. Petersen's Boarding House (9:30-5:00) where Lincoln died is across the street. Box office opens at 8:30 a.m. for distribution of same-day tickets. Please call (202) 638-2367 or visit www.fords.org. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except during performances, practices, and Christmas. Admission is free. Tickets to performances at the Theatre may be purchased over the phone through the Box Office (202) 347-4833 or Ticketmaster (202) 397-SEAT. Alternatively, tickets may be purchased from the Box Office from 8:30p.m.- 5:00p.m. daily.

### Shakespeare Theatre Company

516 8th Street, SE Washington, D.C. (202) 547-3230 <u>http://www.shakespearetheatre.org</u> Metro: Eastern Market

The Shakespeare Theatre Company enjoys national and international renown as one of the world's three great Shakespearean theatres. While majority of the Company's season is focused on Shakespearean plays, the works of other notable playwrights including Oscar Wilde and Leonard Bernstein are also staged here. Tickets range from around \$37 to \$90 depending on show date and time, and proximity to the stage. Further ticket enquiries can be made at the Box Office (phone 202-547-1122). Tickets may also be purchased from the Box Office, which is open from Monday through Saturday from 10:00a.m.-6:00p.m., and on Sunday from noon- 6:00p.m.

# Additional Options for Families

## National Zoological Park

3000 block of Connecticut Avenue, NE Washington D.C. (202) 633-4888 <u>www.nationalzoo.si.edu</u> Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo

See over 3,000 exotic animals, birds, reptiles, and two giant pandas. Explore Amazonia, a re-creation of the world's largest rain forest. Open April- October 10:00a.m - 6 p.m. daily, November-March 10:00 a.m.-4:30p.m. Admission is free. Guided and group tours are available by appointment.

### Madame Tussauds Wax Museum

1001 F Street, NW Washington, D.C. 888-929-4632http://<u>www.madametussauds.com/washington</u> Metro: Metro Center

The premier wax attraction will give visitors an interactive, full-sensory experience; they will be able to touch, see and hear major historical events and celebrities in a way unlike any other Washington D.C. attraction. Located within walking distance of the National Mall and the White House, the attraction is housed in the historic Woodies building. The wax museum is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Entrance is \$21 for adults, and \$16 for children ages 3-12. Tickets can be purchased online for discounts.

## National Aquarium

Dept. of Commerce Building at 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Room B-077 Washington, D.C. (202) 482-2825 <u>www.nationalaquarium.com</u> Metro: Federal Triangle

The nation's first public aquarium has 70 tanks housing rare sea turtles, alligators, sharks, piranha, and 1200 other specimens of marine life. The Aquarium is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Animal feedings are at 2 p.m. Admission is \$9.95 for adults, \$8.95 for seniors and military personnel and \$4.95 for children ages 2-10, children under 2 years of age are free.

## Washington Doll's House & Toy Museum

5236 44th Street, NW Washington D.C. (202) 244-0024 Metro: Friendship Heights

Carefully researched collection of antique dolls' houses, dolls, toys, and games. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon - 5 p.m. Closed Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for children. Group tours are available by appointment.

# General Sightseeing Tours

### **Bus Tours**

See the sights of Washington, D.C. aboard an open-top double-decker bus. These tours operate as a hop-on, hop-off tour that encompasses a range of Sightseeing Stops throughout the nation's Capital.

- Gray Line Open-Top Sightseeing Tours: https://www.graylinedc.com/tours/
- DC Tours Double-Decker Bus Tours: http://www.dctours.us/?event=offer.detail&offerId=11681

## Walking Tours

Walking tours are a great way to explore the DC area. Listed below are some companies which offer walking tours. A variety of different locations are available for walking tours, including Georgetown, the Capitol and Arlington Cemetery. Bookings can be made on their website. Please note that not all tours are free of charge.

- DC by Foot: http://www.dcbyfoot.com/
- Washington Walks: http://www.washingtonwalks.com/index.shtml

## Night Tours

Take a unique look at Washington D.C.'s most famous monuments with these nighttime bus tour. The buses stop at a range of D.C. monuments, including the Capitol Building, the Lincoln Memorial and the White House. Bookings can be made on the companies' websites.

- Monuments by Moonlight Tour: http://www.trolleytours.com/washington-dc/night-tours.asp
- DC the Lights! Tour: http://www.onboarddctours.com/dc-the-lights-tour/

## Old Town Trolley Tours

http://www.historictours.com/washington/

The trolley tour allows visitors to opportunity to stop off at many of Washington D.C.'s most famous landmarks, including the Capitol building, the Smithsonian, and the Vietnam Veterans and World War II War Memorials. The hop-on, hop-off service means that patrons can pick and choose which attractions to spend the most time at, and for a limited time, a second day's riding on the trolley is included for free. Tickets are offered at a reduced price on the website (\$31.50 for adults and \$16.20 for children aged 4-12, children under 4 ride free). Tickets may also be purchased from the Union Station Trolley tour sales desk, from 8:00a.m.-9:00p.m. daily.

## DC Ducks

http://www.dcducks.com/

#### Metro: Union Station

Traveling in original WW II DUKW amphibious vehicles, this 90 minute tour will take you through the city of Washington D.C. before splashing down into the Potomac River. It provides a unique opportunity to view many national landmarks and monuments from a different perspective. The Ducks return to land at Ronald Regan Washington National Airport under the approach pattern, and then make their way back to Union Station, the pick-up and drop-off point for these tours. Tickets are available on the website, and cost \$31.50 for adults, and \$29.70 for children up to 11 years.