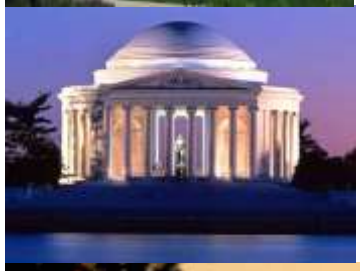
CONGRESSMAN DAVID YOUNG'S *GUIDE TO VISITING* WASHINGTON, DC

As your Representative in Congress, I am pleased to provide you with this comprehensive guide to Washington, DC. In this packet you will find in-depth tour information for many of the major attractions in the Washington, DC area. Please note that some tours require scheduling through Congressional offices, while others can be scheduled privately or do not require reservation. We have made note of which experiences require prior reservation through my office.

Thank you so much for contacting my office to schedule this exciting trip to DC. I hope you have an eventful visit!

David Young



NAVIGATING DC

Washington, DC is divided into four quadrants: NW, NE, SW, and SE. When traveling through the city, note which quadrant your destination is in. Because streets cross over into multiple quadrants, an address can be duplicated in each.

The Metro and Bus Systems

DC has an underground transportation system, the Metro, which can transport you around the city, to just about all the major attractions, and the Washington Reagan National Airport for a reasonable fare. Trains arrive in each Metro station frequently during rush hours (5-9:30am and 3-7pm) and less frequently, approximately every 10-20 minutes, the rest of the day. The bus system is another inexpensive and dependable form of transportation. For information on Metro schedules, routes, or fares, please refer to the Metro Website. Use the Trip Planner feature on the homepage to easiest plan your public transportation adventure.

CONGRESSIONAL TOURS

THE WHITE HOUSE

Tour Summary: This self-guided tour includes visits to the State Dining Room, the Red Room, the Blue Room, the Green Room, and the East Room.

Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

Closest Metro Stop: McPherson Square (Blue and Orange lines)

Tour Length: 30-45 minutes; arrive 15 minutes before scheduled tour

Availability: Sunday-Monday: Closed; Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30am-11:00am; Friday-Saturday: 7:30am-1:30pm. Closed on all Federal holidays. The White House Visitor's Office reserves the right to select the time.

How to Request a Tour: Congressional request is required to tour the White House. It is highly recommended that tours be requested 3- 6 months in advance, and no less than one month in advance. Constituents are encouraged to submit their request as early as possible, as a limited number of tours are available and tours are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. The White House Visitor's Office does not notify Congressional offices of request acceptance or denial status until approximately three weeks before the requested tour date, at which time our office will inform you.

Tour Instructions: Groups should arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled tour time. Late arrivals will not be accommodated. All guests 18 years of age or older will need to present photo identification with information matching the name previously submitted for clearance. Groups should enter the White House complex at the corner of 15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place. Restrooms are not available at the White House. **Please also note that there is no place at the White House to check a bag or prohibited item, including: cameras**, video recorders, **purses**, handbags, backpacks, food or beverages, **strollers**, aerosol containers, umbrellas, and weapons. Cell phones with cameras, EpiPens or other vital medical equipment (if stored in a zip lock bag), and umbrellas (only when raining) are permitted.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
White House Virtual Tours and History
White House Area Map

THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

Tour Summary: The United States Capitol in Washington, DC is among the most architecturally impressive and symbolically important buildings in the world. The tour includes visits to the Crypt, Rotunda, Old Supreme Court Chamber, Statuary Hall, and House Gallery.

Address: East Capitol St NE & First St SE, Washington, DC 20004

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

Tour Length: Approximately 1 ½ hours; arrive 15-45 minutes before scheduled tour

Availability: The Capitol Visitor Center is open to visitors from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday- Saturday except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Inauguration Day. Tour reservations are available every ten minutes from 8:50am- 3:20pm.

How to request a tour: Congressional request is suggested to tour the Capitol. It is recommended that tours be requested through our office at least one month in advance.

Tour Instructions: Due to the required security and screening process and the potential for longer wait times during peak visitation periods, the Capitol Visitors Center recommends that you plan to arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the start of your tour. If you have time to spare prior to your tour, you are encouraged to visit Exhibition Hall on the lower level, where you will find historic documents, artifacts, models, films, and interactive stations that tell the story of the U.S. Capitol and the Congress. Please note the list of prohibited items in the Capitol Building, also linked below.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
U.S. Capitol Map
List of Prohibited Items in the Capitol Building
Architectural Features and Historic Spaces of the U.S. Capitol

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Tour Summary: The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps, and manuscripts in its collections. On this tour, library-trained volunteers and staff show guests the Jefferson Building of the Library.

Address: 101 Independence Avenue, SE

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

Tour Length: One hour

Availability:

- Congressional tours scheduled through our office are offered Monday through Friday at 9:45am, 12:45pm, and 1:45pm. Please request tours through our office at least 2 weeks before the desired tour date, as tours are scheduled on first-come, first-served basis.
- Unreserved Public tours are available on a first-come, first-served basis Monday-Friday at 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm, and Saturdays at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30am, and 2:30am. These tours are available for tour groups of 10 people or less, and require no reservations or tickets.
- Group tours for tour groups of 11 people or more must be reserved in advance. Tours are not provided on weekends or federal holidays. Group tours are available Monday-Friday at 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm. You can schedule group tours through our office or directly through the Library of Congress Visitor Services Office, by phone: 202-707-0919, or by email: congtours@loc.gov.

Tour Instructions: Visitors are asked to enter through the Jefferson Building driveway level entrance facing 1st Street, SE.

Notes: The Library also offers three themed, guided tours: the LOC Box Program for Students, Music and the Performing Arts, and Thomas Jefferson: The Man and His Ideas tours. These tours must be scheduled in advance and are only available for groups of 10-25 people. See the website or call the Visitor Services Office at 202-707-0919 for more information.

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

Tour Summary: The Bureau of Engraving and Printing tours include an introductory film and a gallery tour of the production process, where you can see millions of dollars being printed as you walk along the gallery overlooking the production floor.

Address: 14th and C Streets, SW Washington, DC 20228

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange lines)

Tour Length: One hour

Availability:

- **Congressional request is suggested to tour the BEP. It is recommended that tours be requested through our office 1-2 months in advance during peak seasons. Tours take place Monday-Friday at 8:15am, 8:45am, 4:00pm, 4:15pm, 4:30pm, and 4:45pm.** To increase chances of being able to tour the BEP, our office policy is to submit a request for all available dates and times unless informed of dates/times that do not fit in a group's schedule.
- Groups of 10 or less may also obtain tickets at the onsite ticket booth located on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street). The ticket booth opens at 8:00am and closes when all tickets have been distributed for the day. Please note that during peak seasons, lines form early and tickets go quickly, often before 9:00am. Groups larger than 10 people must schedule tours through our office. Our office suggests groups of all sizes schedule through our office, and only attempt the ticket booth if your Congressional tour request is denied.

Tour Instructions: Visitors late to their tour reservation will not be accommodated. Cameras are allowed in the facility, but their use in the tour gallery is prohibited. Strollers are allowed in the facility, but may not be taken on the tour.

THE SUPREME COURT

Tour Summary: Visitors may explore the public spaces of the building on their own, where they will find exhibitions, a theater showing a 30-minute Supreme Court film, gift shop, and cafeteria. On days when the Court is not sitting, seven thirty-minute Courtroom Lectures are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Address: 1st St and Maryland Ave, NE

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

Tour Length: 1-2 hours (30-minute film, 30-minute Courtroom Lecture, 30-60 minutes to tour exhibitions, etc.)

Public Tour Availability: Open Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm, except on federal holidays. Public lectures are conducted in the courtroom from 9:30am-3:30pm every hour on the half-hour, except when the court is in session. On days that the Court is sitting, lectures begin after the Court adjourns. A rolling 30-day calendar is available showing the daily schedule of the lectures. On days the Court is in session, all oral arguments are open to the public, but seating is limited and on a first-come, first-seated basis. Before a session begins, two lines form on the plaza in front of the building. One is for those who wish to attend an entire argument, and the other, a three-minute line, is for those who wish to observe the Court in session only briefly. Seating for the first argument begins at 9:30am and seating for the three-minute line begins at 10am. The locations for these lines are marked with signs and there is a police officer on duty to answer questions.

How to request a tour: Tours do not need to be scheduled; Congressional Lectures are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visiting Instructions: Visitors may enter the building from the Plaza doors located on each side of the main steps. A wheelchair accessible ramp is located along Maryland Avenue on the left side of the building. Visitors should be aware that the business of the Court may from time to time affect public access to the building or alter programming offered to visitors.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
About the Supreme Court [.pdf]
Visitor's Guide to the Supreme Court [.pdf]

THE KENNEDY CENTER

Tour Summary: This guide-led tour features the Hall of States and Hall of Nations, the Center's main theaters, and dozens of paintings, sculptures, and other artworks given to the Center by foreign countries.

Address: 2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC 20566 (The intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and the Rock Creek Parkway)

Closest Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom/GWU (Blue and Orange Lines). Beginning at 10:00am, a free Kennedy Center Shuttle departs every 15 minutes from the metro stop

Tour Length: Approximately one hour

Public Tour Availability: Walk-in tours are available about every 10 minutes Monday- Friday from 10am- 5pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10am- 1pm. If your party has 20 to 60 members, you must first schedule a group tour using this Group Tour Request form. Group tours are scheduled every half hour until 4:00pm weekdays and 12:30pm weekends.

Tour Instructions: Go to Tour Desk on the A Level to schedule/start your tour.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Directions to and Parking Information for the Kennedy Center
Map of the Kennedy Center

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Tour Summary: Stop in the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery for the latest changing exhibits, tour the Public Vaults, see the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights up close, and discover why records matter. Find out for yourself the important role that documents play in the history of our country and the lives of Americans on this tour.

Address: 700 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

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

Tour Length: Approximately least 90 minutes

Costs: Free; Convenience fee for online reservations is $1.50 per person

Public Tour Availability: Self-guided tours are available seven days a week from 10am- 5:30pm. The final admission is thirty minutes before closing. Reservations are recommended for self-guided tours, as it can take up to one hour or more to enter the building through the general public entry during peak seasons. You can reserve a tour spot by calling (202) 357-5000 or volunteer@nara.gov.

Group and Guided Tour Availability: Guided tours are available for any groups of 20 people or less with reservation. Group tours are available Monday- Friday at 9:45am. Reservations must be made at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the visit. Please contact the Volunteer and Tour Office at 202-357-5450 to schedule a date and time for your visit, or visit the National Archives website.

Tour Instructions: The general public entrance is located at the corner of Constitution Avenue and 9th Street. Reservation holders use the Exhibits entrance near the corner of 9th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. Guided Tour reservation holders use the Special Events entrance enter near the corner at 7th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. Photography is prohibited. Students and youth groups are required to break into groups of 10, with one chaperone assigned per group.

STATE DEPARTMENT

Tour Summary: This guided fine arts tour includes the Entrance Hall, Transition Room, Gallery, John Quincy Adams State Drawing Room, Thomas Jefferson State Reception Room, and the Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room. In addition to their function for diplomacy, these rooms house a premier collection of early American paintings, furniture, and decorative arts, dating from 1740 until the late 19th century.

Address: Tour entrance: 23rd street, between C and D streets, NW

Closest Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom (Blue and Orange lines)

Tour Length: 45 minutes; arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tour

Availability: Monday- Friday at 9:30am, 10:30am, and 2:45pm

How to request a tour: Tours can be requested privately or through our office. You can request a tour up to 90 days before the requested tour date. It is suggested you request your tour no later than one month before the requested date. If you'd like to request a tour directly through the State Department, call (202)-647-3241 or see their online tour request form.

Notes: This tour is not recommended for children under age 12. Strollers are not permitted.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS Currently Closed**

After undergoing extensive renovations to their Educational Center, the FBI Educational Center has received an unprecedented amount of tour requests and is not reopening their tour request service until after Labor Day 2015.

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

WASHINGTON MONUMENT

Tour Summary: Get a bird's eye view of the nation's capital from the Washington Monument, one of the oldest and most prominent national monuments. Visitors enter the Monument and then ascend via elevator to the 500-foot level to behold sweeping views of the city. Captivating exhibits on the 500- and 490-foot levels illuminate the contrast between historic photographs and modern views, while inviting you to learn more about Washington — the man, the engineering marvel of the Monument, and the design of the city named in his honor. Visitors may tour the 500' level observation deck at their leisure, where visibility averages 30-40 miles in clear weather.

Address: Located on the National Mall at 15th and Constitution Ave, NW

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange lines)

Tour Length: Approximately one hour, including waiting time

Costs: Free on day of visit or $1.50 fee per order to reserve tickets

Public Tour Availability: The Washington Monument is open daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm, with the last tour tickets being available at 4:00pm. Closed July 4th and December 25th. Beginning May 12, the Memorial will open from 9:00am until 10:00pm through Labor Day (last available tour ticket at 9:00pm).

How to request a tour: Tickets are required and are available on site daily or through online reservation.

- Reserved Tickets: Though Washington Monument tickets are free; reservation and mailing services are available through Recreation.gov for $1.50 per order; these fees are final non-refundable. Tickets reserved within 10 days of the visit must be picked up at the Washington Monument Lodge Will Call window, located just east of the Monument on 15th Street. To reserve your tickets visit the National Park Service ticketing website or call 1.877.444.6777.
- First-Come/First-Served Tickets: Daily tickets are issued on a first-come/first-served basis every morning starting at 8:30am. During spring and summer months, tickets traditionally go very quickly for the entire day and the line can begin forming before the ticket window opens. First-come/first-served daily tickets are picked up at the ticket window of Washington Monument Lodge on 15th Street NW between Constitution and Independence Avenues.

Notes: Ticketholders should prepare themselves for potential exposure to the sun, wind, ambient temperatures, and storm precipitation. No restrooms, drinking water, food, or other amenities exist within the Washington Monument. The Washington Monument Lodge holds the nearest restroom facilities just east of the Monument on 15th Street.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Map of the Washington Monument and National Mall Grounds
Directions to the Washington Monument

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Tour Summary: This 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln is the most visited site on the National Mall. The Memorial exhibits inscriptions of Lincoln's second Inaugural Address and the Gettysburg Address, and is surrounded by 36 columns, each representing a state in the union at the time of the Lincoln's death.

Address: Located on the National Mall at West Potomac Park and 23rd St., NW

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

Tour Length: At your leisure

Public Tour Availability: Open 24/7; Rangers are on duty to answer questions from 9:30am to 11:30pm daily and to provide interpretive programs every hour on the hour from 10:00am until 11:00pm.

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.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Brochure Describing the Murals at the Lincoln Memorial [.pdf]
Map of the National Mall and Lincoln Memorial
Directions to the Lincoln Memorial

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

Tour Summary: This memorial features a 19-foot bronze statue of President Thomas Jefferson and inscriptions of the Declaration of Independence and other famous Jefferson writings.

Address: Located on the National Mall at 14th St., SW on the tidal basin

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

Tour Length: At your leisure

Public Tour Availability: Open 24/7; Rangers are on duty to answer questions from 9:30am to 11:30pm daily and to provide interpretive programs every hour on the hour from 10:00am until 11:00pm.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
The Jefferson Memorial In Depth
Directions to the Jefferson Memorial
Map of the Jefferson Memorial and Surrounding Area

FDR MEMORIAL

Tour Summary: Take a walk through time as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's four terms in office are chronicled with a series of four outdoor areas, featuring quotes carved in stone and fascinating bronze artwork.

Address: Located on the National Mall near the tidal basin

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

Tour Length: At your leisure

Public Tour Availability: Open 24/7; Rangers are on duty to answer questions from 9:30am to 11:30pm daily and to provide interpretive programs every hour on the hour from 10:00am until 11:00pm.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Directions to the FDR Memorial
Map of the FDR Memorial and Surrounding Area
Frequently Asked Questions About the FDR Memorial
FDR Memorial In Depth

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Tour Summary: Pay your respects to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visit the Amphitheater, the Custis-Lee Mansion, and the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft.

Address: Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA

Closest Metro Stop: Arlington Cemetery (Blue Line)

Tour Length: Varies

Public Tour Availability: Open 365 days a year: 8am-7pm April-September; 8am-5pm October-March

Costs: Free to the general public. Narrated bus tours are also available, $12 for adults, $6 for children, $9 for seniors, and discounted rates for military personnel. Tickets can be purchased at Arlington National Cemetery in the Welcome Center ticket booth, at shuttle stops, or online at http://www.arlingtontours.com/.

Notes: The cemetery does not provide wheelchairs or strollers, but children under age 4 and the disabled with a valid handicap card receive free admission for the bus tour.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Arlington National Cemetery Facts
Map of Arlington National Cemetery

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Tour Summary: The National Mall's newest memorial was dedicated to the men and women of World War II in 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: Located on the National Mall at 17th St., between Constitution and Independence Avenues, NW

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

Public Tour Availability: 24/7

Notes: To search the electronic World War II Registry of Americans who contributed to the war effort, or add the name of a loved one, click here.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Map of the National Mall and the WWII Memorial
Directions to the WWII Memorial

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

Tour Summary: The Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1995. Its Wall of Remembrance and 19 stainless steel statues commemorate the sacrifices of the millions of Americans and allied partners who fought during the Korean War.

Address: On the National Mall, adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool

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

Public Tour Availability: 24/7

Notes: To search the electronic World War II Registry of Americans who contributed to the war effort, or add the name of a loved one, click here.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Tour Summary: Honoring the men and women who served in the controversial Vietnam War, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial chronologically lists the names of more than 58,000 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country.

Address: 5 Henry Bacon Drive NW

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

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Map of the National Mall and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

NAVY MEMORIAL AND NAVAL HERITAGE CENTER

Tour Summary: The Navy Memorial includes both a commemorative public plaza and a Naval Heritage Center. Surrounding the deck of the plaza are fountains, pools, flagpole masts, and sculptural panels depicting historic achievements of the sea services. A symbolic statue of a Lone Sailor stands watch near the edge of the plaza.

Address: Pennsylvania Avenue, between 7th and 9th Streets

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

Public Tour Availability: Heritage Center open daily 9:30am-5:00pm.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Directions

U.S.M.A. WAR MEMORIAL (Iwo Jima Memorial)

Tour Summary: The United States Marine Corps War Memorial represents this nation's gratitude to Marines and those who have fought beside them. While the statue depicts one of the most famous incidents of World War II, the memorial is dedicated to all Marines who have given their lives in the defense of the United States since 1775.

Address: Located off Route 50 near Arlington National Cemetery

Closest Metro Stop: Arlington Cemetery (Blue Line)

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE MUSEUMS

The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum complex and research organization, composed of 17 world-class museums and the National Zoo, all located in Washington, DC and with free admission. All museums, unless noted otherwise, are open 364 days a year (closed December 25). Wear comfortable shoes, as the Smithsonian museums span an area from 3rd to 14th Streets along the National Mall. If you'd like help planning your Smithsonian visit, start your visit at the Smithsonian Information Center. Located in the Castle (1000 Jefferson Dr., SW), it is open daily 8:30am-5:30pm, and you can ask question and obtain various brochures. Ctrl+ Click each museum listed below to visit the museum homepage. Visit **the Exhibitions homepage** to see what exciting exhibitions are right for you!

Smithsonian Castle
Open 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

African Art Museum
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Air and Space Museum
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
See Extended Hours Calendar »

Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
See Extended Hours Calendar »

American Art Museum
Open 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

American History Museum
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
See Extended Hours Calendar »

American Indian Museum
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Anacostia Community Museum
Open 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Freer Gallery of Art
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

National Zoo
April–October: Open 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
November–March: Open 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
See early closings/late openings »

Natural History Museum
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
See Extended Hours Calendar »

Portrait Gallery
Open 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

Postal Museum
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Renwick Gallery
Closed for renovation.

Ripley Center
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Sackler Gallery
Open 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

Tour Summary: A great attraction for kids and adults alike, the Spy Museum features the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display. Many of these objects are being seen by the public for the first time. These artifacts illuminate the work of famous spies and pivotal espionage actions as well as help bring to life the strategies and techniques of the men and women behind some of the most secretive espionage missions in world history. Be prepared to leave this museum feeling a little more like James Bond and with a newfound superstition that everyone in DC is a spy!

Location: 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)

Tour Length: Most visitors spend approximately 2 hours

Public Tour Availability: Open weekdays and weekends 9am-7pm. All tours require tickets. All tickets are date and time specific. During peak season, advance ticket purchase is highly recommended, as there may be a ticket purchase line along with a ticket holder line.

Costs: Adult (ages 12-64): $21.95; Seniors (65+) and Active Duty Military & Law Enforcement: $15.95; Youth (ages 7-11): $14.95; Children (6+under) free

Notes: Groups of 20 or more qualify for Group Admission and require advance reservations, which can be made by calling (202) 654-0944.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Buy Advance Tickets
Experiences and Exhibitions
Directions

THE NEWSEUM

Tour Summary: The Newseum's dynamic, engaging and interactive museum allows visitors to experience the stories of yesterday and today through the eyes of the media while celebrating the freedoms guaranteed to all Americans by the First Amendment.

Location: 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Closest Metro Stop: Archives/Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter (Green and Yellow lines) OR Judiciary Square (Red Line)

Tour Length: Plan to spend hours, as there are many exhibits to explore.

Costs: Adults (ages 19-64): $22.95; Seniors (ages 65+): 18.95; Youth (ages 7-18): $13.95; Children (ages 6 and younger): Free

Availability: Open daily from 9am-5pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Notes: Open an hour earlier than the Smithsonian museums, the Newseum is a great place to begin your day in Washington, DC. Tickets are valid for two days.

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Tour Summary: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is America's national institution for the documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history. A *living* memorial to the Holocaust, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum inspires citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity.

Location: 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, located on the National Mall, just south of Independence Avenue, SW, between 14th Street and Raoul Wallenberg Place (15th Street).

Closest Metro Stop: Smithsonian (Orange/Blue lines)

Tour Length: Varies

Public Tour Availability: Open daily except Yom Kippur (September 23, 2015) and December 25. Monday-Friday 10a,-6:20pm; Saturday-Sunday 10am-5:20pm. During the months of March through August, timed passes are required to enter the Permanent Exhibition. Tickets can be acquired on site or reserved online in advance through Admission and Ticketing. During the summer months, reservations are encouraged.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Exhibitions and Events
Directions
Learn about Survivors and Victims

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

Tour Summary: Explore thousands of the most significant works of art from the Renaissance to the present day. The Gallery's growing collection includes European and American masterpieces in every medium.

Location: 6th & Constitution Ave NW, located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets

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

Tour Length: At your leisure

Public Tour Availability: Open Monday-Saturday from 10:00am-5:00pm; Sunday 11:00am-6:00pm. Closed December 25 and January 1.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Directions
Current Exhibitions

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY MUSEUM AT EXPLORER'S HALL

Tour Summary: As the home of National Geographic headquarters, Washington D.C. offers you the world and all that's in it, from family-friendly exhibits, to dynamic speakers, engaging concerts and award-winning films and our retail store.

Location: 1145 17th Street, NW (17th and M)

Closest Metro Stop: Farragut North (Red Line)

Tour Length: Two hours are recommended to enjoy all exhibits.

Public Tour Availability: Open daily 10am-6pm

Costs: Adult: $11; Members/Seniors/Students/Military**:** $9; Children ages 5–12**:** $7; Children under 5**:** Free

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Exhibits
Buy Tickets Online

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

Tour Summary: The National Building Museum is America's leading cultural institution devoted to the history and impact of the built environment. We do this by telling the stories of architecture, engineering, and design. The *Washington Post* named the Building Museum one of Washington, D.C.'s "Best Bets" for parents and children, and *Nickelodeon's Parents Connect* nominated it for "Best Indoor Playspace."

Location: 401 F St NW

Closest Metro Stop: Judiciary Square (Red Line)

Costs: Free access to the Great Hall, historic building tours, Museum Shop, & cafe.
Tours and Exhibition admission:$8 for adults; $5 for youth, students, & seniors; $3 per person for *Building Zone* only, a hands-on introduction to the building arts designed especially for the Museum's youngest visitors, ages 2–6.

Public Tour Availability: The Museum and Museum Shop are open Monday -Saturday, 10am 5pm, Sunday 11am–5pm. Tours last 45 minutes and are offered daily at 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 1:30 pm. For groups of 10 or more, book a Custom Tour.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
More information about the Building Zone
Family-Friendly Activities

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

UNION STATION

Tour Summary: This historical rail station has been newly refurbished in turn-of-the-century motif, currently home to DC's Amtrak and other public transportation options. In addition, there are more than 100 specialty shops on three levels selling a variety items from jewelry and apparel to gifts and boutique items and much more.

Location: 50 Massachusetts Ave, NE

Closest Metro Stop: Union Station (Red Line)

Tour Length: At your leisure

Public Tour Availability: There are no guided tours of Union Station, but it is open 24-hours and the public is free to roam and tour the attraction on their own.

US BOTANICAL GARDENS

Tour Summary: The U.S. Botanic Garden maintains about 65,000 plants for exhibition, study, conservation and exchange with other institutions. Noteworthy collections include economic plants, medicinal plants, orchids, carnivorous plants, cacti and succulents, Mid-Atlantic native plants and ferns. During the late 18th century, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison shared the dream of a national botanic garden and were instrumental in establishing one on the National Mall in 1820.

Location: 100 Maryland Ave, SW

Closest Metro Stop: Federal Center SW (Blue Line)

Tour Length: 45 Minutes

Public Tour Availability: The Conservatory and National Garden are open 365 days a year from 10:00am-5:00pm. Bartholdi Park is open every day of the year from dawn till dusk. Free, guided, 45-minute highlight tours of the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory may be available on the day of your visit. Please check at the Visitor Information Desk upon your arrival. Tours on specialized topics or temporary exhibits are scheduled seasonally. Please check the calendar of events to see what may be available as you plan your visit.

Group Tour Availability: Groups of 10 - 25 visitors may reserve a free 45-minute guided tour of the Conservatory. These tours are offered Monday through Friday at 10:30am and 1:30pm and weekends when space permits. Please make tour reservations at least three weeks in advance by calling (202) 226-4082.

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.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Map of the U.S. Botanical Gardens and Surrounding Areas

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Tour Summary: Come see the beautiful architecture and grounds, learn more about our history, and enjoy the spectrum of spiritual and cultural activities offered year-round by Washington National Cathedral.

Location: 3101 Wisconsin Avenue NW, at the intersection of Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues

Closest Metro Stop: Tenleytown/AU (Red Line)

Tour Length: Varies

Public Tour Availability: Visiting hours are daily, 10am-5:30pm. The National Cathedral offers a variety of tour types, but 30-minute tours

are available every half hour.

Costs: Admission is $10 per adult, $6 per child (ages 5–12), senior, military (active or veteran), or student. Children 4 and under are free. Worshiping, prayer, and other spiritual visits are free; Sundays are free.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Plan your Visit

NATIONAL ZOO (SMITHSONIAN)

Tour Summary: One of the oldest zoos in the country, The National Zoo is home to about 1,800 animals from 300 different species, including giant pandas, great apes, big cats, Asian elephants, birds, amphibians, reptiles, small mammals, and many more! The 163-acre zoological park is set amid Rock Creek National Park in the heart of Washington, D.C.

Location: 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008

Closest Metro Stop: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adam's Morgan (Red Lines)

Public Availability: The National Zoo is open 364 days a week (closed December 25). Grounds are open 6am-8pm (6pm in Winter); Visitor Center, Shops, and Concessions 9am-5pm (4:30pm closing in Winter); Exhibit Buildings 10am-6pm (4:30 closing in Winter)

Notes: Parking is available at the Zoo for a flat fee of $22. Reserved parking near the Zoo can be purchased ahead of time, at least one day in advance, through Parking Panda. However, please note that parking is extremely limited at the Zoo and lots fill early during the Spring and Summer months. Street parking is also difficult to find.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Directions
Reserve your Parking

MOUNT VERNON

Tour Summary: Guests visiting the estate can view Washington's Mansion and many other original structures. The historic footprint also includes the tomb of George and Martha Washington and a memorial dedicated to the enslaved people who lived and worked on the estate. Interpretive spaces such as the Pioneer Farm and George Washington's Gristmill & Distillery provide a rich understanding of Washington's enterprising and profitable business ventures.

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

Closest Metro Stop: Take Metrorail's Yellow Line to Huntington Station. Exit at the lower level of the station (Huntington Avenue) to catch a Fairfax Connector bus to Mount Vernon. Board the Fairfax Connector Bus #101, the Fort Hunt Line, for a 20-minute trip to Mount Vernon's entrance gate.

Tour Length: Plan at least three hours for your visit.

Public Tour Availability: Open daily: April - August 8am-5pm; March, September, and October 9am-5pm; November-February 9am-4pm.

Costs: Adults (ages 12-61) $17; Seniors (ages 62+) $16; Youth (ages 6-11) $9, Children (ages 5 and under) free.

Notes: Free parking lots are available at the east and west sides of the George Washington Memorial Parkway as you approach the entrance. If these parking lots are full, you will be directed to an overflow parking lot. Groups of 20 or more can receive special discount prices.

Additional Visitor's Resources:
Estate Map
Buy Tickets Online