

# LIST OF WASHINGTON, DC ATTRACTIONS

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### THE WHITE HOUSE — RESERVED 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), and 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 at [Gina.Gregolunas@mail.house.gov](mailto:Gina.Gregolunas@mail.house.gov).

Please fill out form exactly as instructions specify, including leaving the 0 as the first number in your SSN if it applies, and if you or a member of your party were not born in the U.S., please include the country of origin in your email to Andrew b/c the WH 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 25-30<sup>th</sup>, 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*

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- CAN BE RESERVED DAY BEFORE, UNLESS BUSY SEASON



**Tour Summary:** The house of the nation's two legislative chambers. Features include the Capitol Rotunda, the Old Supreme Court Chamber, Statuary Hall, and the Crypt, and lasts 45 min – 1 hr.

**Address:** Between Constitution and Independence Avenues.

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

**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:** All tours are free of charge, visit

[http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/visit/book\\_a\\_tour/index.html](http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/visit/book_a_tour/index.html) to book your tour. Or, contact Andrew in the Washington, DC office and he can make the request for you and arrange for a Hultgren intern to lead the tour. Note that tour schedules can fill up quickly (particularly in spring), so it is advisable to book your tour well in advance of your visit.

**Restrictions:** View a list of prohibited items here, including food and beverages <http://www.aoc.gov/cc/visit/prohibited-items.cfm>.

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

**Map:** [http://visitthecapitol.gov/Visit/Capitol\\_Complex.pdf](http://visitthecapitol.gov/Visit/Capitol_Complex.pdf)

## THE KENNEDY CENTER- ALMOST ALWAYS AVAILABLE



**Tour Summary:** The tour 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

**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:** Contact Andrew in the Washington, DC office and he will be able to help you with a private tour.

## THE SUPREME COURT — OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE



**Tour Summary:** A tour of the nation's highest court. Although the Supreme Court does not offer guided walking tours, visitors are encouraged to tour the building on their own and take advantage of a variety of educational programs including Courtroom Lectures, a visitors' film, and court-related exhibitions.

**Address:** First and East Capitol Streets, NE

**Closest Metro Stop:** Union Station (Red Line)

**Availability:** Public tours take place Monday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM every hour on the half hour. Admission to the tour is given on a first come, first serve basis. The business of the Court or unforeseen factors such as inclement weather may affect public access to the building requiring changes in the Courtroom lecture schedule and/or the building's hours of

operation.

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

**Notes:** Enter the Supreme Court from the Plaza doors located on each side of the main steps.

## THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS — PRIVATE TOUR RESERVED 2 WEEKS TO 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE



**Tour Summary:** An hour long tour of the Jefferson Building of 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.

**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 Holidays and Sundays.

**Website:** <http://www.loc.gov/visit/>

**Requesting a tour: Congressional Tours:** Monday-Friday (8:30, 1:45, and 3:45) (only the 1:45 in Jan & Feb)- However, 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.

**Tour information:** The tours begin in the Ground Floor Visitors Center of the Thomas Jefferson Building. Please arrive approximately 20 minutes before the start of your desired tour.

## THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING — PRIVATE TOUR RESERVED 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE- VERY DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE



**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)

**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 Tour:** Contact Gina Gregolunas at [Gina.Gregolunas@mail.house.gov](mailto:Gina.Gregolunas@mail.house.gov) or 202-225-2976 to set up a tour of the BEP

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

## TOURS BOOKED BY CONSTITUENTS

### THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



**Tour Summary:** Features the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and other national treasures.

**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.

**Cost:** Free.

**Restrictions:** All food and beverages are prohibited.

**How to request a tour:** Tours are self-guided. Contact (202) 357-5000 to schedule a visit or please click [here](#) to book your tour online.

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

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

## VOICE OF AMERICA

**Tour Summary:** A behind-the-scenes look at live broadcasting in radio, television, and the Internet in several of the 44 languages used by the VOA, and last 45 minutes.

**Address:** 330 Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20237 off of the Federal Center S.W. Metro stop on the Blue and Orange Lines.

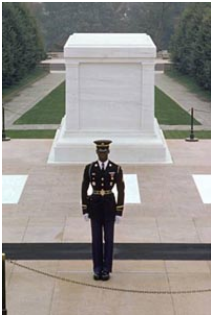
**Closest Metro Stop:** Federal Center S.W. Metro stop on the Blue and Orange Lines

**Availability:** 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Cost:** Free

**How to request tour:** Reservations are recommended but not required call (202) 203-4990.

## ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



**Tour Summary:** Highlights include the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Amphitheater, the Curtis-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)

**Availability:** Opens at 8 AM every day of the year. From April 1-Sept 30 the cemetery closes at 7PM, the other six months it closes at 5 PM. Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs each hour on the hour and every half hour in the summer months.

**Costs:** Free, but narrated bus tours start from the visitors' center for a cost: Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00, Seniors \$5.00. The cost of parking is \$1.25/hour for the first three hours, and \$2.00/hour thereafter.

**How to Request a Tour:** Call (703) 607-8000. <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org>

**Notes:** The cemetery does not provide wheelchairs or strollers.

## MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

**Costs:** Admission is free for all memorials. There is a small charge for a tour of the Washington Monument.

### WASHINGTON MONUMENT - CLOSED FOR EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE



**Summary:** The tallest masonry structure in the world, standing 555 feet tall. The monument is dedicated to the memory of our nation's first president, George Washington.

**Address:** Located on Constitution Avenue, NW

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

**Availability:** Open daily from 9 AM - 5 PM. Advanced tickets are available through the National Park Service Reservation System. Timed tickets are required to ensure an enjoyable experience for all visitors. All visitors 2 years of age or older must have a ticket to enter the Monument. The number to the Reservation System is (800) 967-2283. Reservations may be

made between the hours of 10 AM and 10 PM.

**Costs:** While tickets to the Washington Monument are free of charge, callers to this number will incur a \$1.50 service charge and a \$.50 shipping and handling fee. Visitors may also obtain free, same-day, timed tickets to the Washington Monument 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.

**Notes:** Facilities include exhibits, a book store, restrooms and concessions. For more information: [www.nps.gov/wamo](http://www.nps.gov/wamo)

### JEFFERSON MEMORIAL



**Summary:** Honors America's third president. It features a 19-foot bronze statue of Jefferson and inscriptions of passage of the Declaration of Independence and other famous Jefferson writings.

**Address:** 14<sup>th</sup> Street, SW on the tidal basin.

**Tour Length:** Park rangers give 15-minute talks several times an hour.

**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.

**Notes:** The lower lobby holds an elevator to provide access to the Memorial Chamber, Restrooms, Museum and Bookstore/Gift shop. For more information call (202) 426-6841 or visit [www.nps.gov/thje](http://www.nps.gov/thje).

## KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL



**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.

**Notes:** Facilities include a book store, touch screen registry, restrooms and concessions. For more information call (202) 619-7222 or visit [www.nps.gov/kwvm](http://www.nps.gov/kwvm).

## LINCOLN MEMORIAL



**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 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW

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

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

**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 or visit [www.nps.gov/linc](http://www.nps.gov/linc).

## U.S.M.A. WAR MEMORIAL (IWO JIMA MEMORIAL)



**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.

**Notes:** For more information call (703) 285-2601 or visit [www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm)

## VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL



**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.

**Notes:** For more information call (202) 634-1568 or visit [www.nps.gov/vive](http://www.nps.gov/vive).

## WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL



**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:** 17<sup>th</sup> Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues, NW

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

**Availability:** Open 24 hours daily.

**Notes:** Includes a World War II Registry of the men and women who served. For more information call (202) 619-7222 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/nwwm>.

## FDR MEMORIAL



**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.

**Notes:** Includes a World War II Registry of the men and women who served. For more information call (202) 376-6704 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/frde/>.

## NAVY MEMORIAL AND NAVAL HERITAGE CENTER



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

**Address:** Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Costs:** Free. Movie screenings at the Heritage Center cost \$3.75.

**Notes:** Special events run throughout the year. Call (202) 737-2300 ext. 768 or visit

<http://www.lonesailor.org/>.

## 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. Tours must be scheduled at least a week in advance.

**Costs:** Free.

**How to request a tour:** A tour request form can be obtained at [www.nleomf.com/thememorial/tourrequest.htm](http://www.nleomf.com/thememorial/tourrequest.htm).

## THE SMITHSONIAN



The Smithsonian is a collection of 14 museums and sites in the Washington, DC area. Admission to all museums is free. <http://www.si.edu/>

- **Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery** – painting, sculpture, graphics, folk art, craft, and photography 18<sup>th</sup> century to present. <http://americanart.si.edu/index3.cfm>
- **Anacostia Community Museum** – features history and culture of African American communities
- **Arts and Industries Building** – Closed for Renovation
- **Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and Freer Gallery of Art** – features specialized collections of Asian and American art
- **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden** – features exhibits of modern and contemporary art
- **National Air and Space Museum** – features history, science, and technology of aviation and space flight
  - **Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** – located at Washington Dulles International Airport in Chantilly, Virginia – features a collection of aviation and space artifacts that supplements collections at the Air and Space Museum.

- **National Museum of African Art** – collection, research, and exhibition of African art
- **National Museum of American History** – history of science, technology, society, and culture in America
- **National Museum of the American Indian** – collection, preservation, study and exhibition of living cultures and history of native peoples of the Americas.
- **National Museum of Natural History** – features exhibits focusing on nature
- **National Portrait Gallery** – features portraits of distinguished Americans
- **National Postal Museum** – interactive museum of postal history
- **National Zoo** – features 3,600 animals from 475 species in a 163-acre biological park
- **Smithsonian Institution Building, the Castle** – Smithsonian Information Center

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

## ADDITIONAL MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES

### FORD'S THEATRE AND LINCOLN MUSEUM



**Tour Summary:** Tribute to President Lincoln's love of the arts. Museum includes the clothes Abraham Lincoln wore on the night of his assassination.

**Tour Length:** Fifteen minute historical talks.

**Address:** Located on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 house except between 12 noon and 2 PM.

**Costs:** Free.

**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 at [www.fordstheatre.org](http://www.fordstheatre.org).

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM



**Tour Summary:** Three floors of history covering the Nazi's rise to power to the liberation of the troops.

**Address:** 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Raoul Wallenberg Place in Washington, DC

**Directions:** Public transportation is advised as parking is very limited.

**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. No passes are necessary for entering the Museum building. Special exhibitions require passes obtained by visiting [www.ushmm.org/visit/whatinside/lc](http://www.ushmm.org/visit/whatinside/lc).

**Costs:** Free.

**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.

**How to Request a Tour:** Timed passes are necessary for visiting the Permanent Exhibition. These can be obtained the morning of you 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.

**Notes:** For more information call (202) 488-0400 or visit [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org).

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Costs:** 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.

**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.

**Notes:** The Museum is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On occasion the Museum closes earlier than regular visiting hours. Such early closings will be posted at [www.spymuseum.org](http://www.spymuseum.org).

## NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM



**Summary:** Exhibits change yearly and range from Shakespeare for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to years of Domestic Architecture to America's World's Fairs.

**Tour Length:** 45 minutes.

**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.

**Costs:** \$8 for adults \$5 for youth, students, & seniors \$3.

**Notes:** Groups of 10 or more must make a reservation by contacting the group coordinator at [grouptours@nbm.org](mailto: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 or visit <http://www.nbm.org/>.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM



**Summary:** The DAR Museum 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.

**Tour Length:** 45 minutes.

**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](mailto:museum@dar.org).

**Notes:** For more information call (202) 879-3341 or visit <http://www.dar.org/museum/>.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY MUSEUM AT EXPLORERS HALL



**Summary:** The Hall features 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:** 17<sup>th</sup> and M Streets NW

**Closest Metro Stop:** Farragut North (Red Line).

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

**Costs:** Free

**Notes:** No guided tours are available. For more information call (202) 857-7588 or



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

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART



**Tour Summary:** Encompasses all aspects of the visual arts.

**Address:** National Mall between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

## THE NEWSEUM



**Summary:** A 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 (does not include tax):** 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.

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

## OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

### DUMBARTON OAK



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

**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](mailto:blazinac@doaks.org).

**Notes:** For more information visit <http://www.doaks.org>.

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FBI Tours is undergoing extensive renovations and is closed until further notice. For more information visit [www.fbi.gov/aboutus/tour/tour.htm](http://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.

**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](http://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.

**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



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

**Tour Length:** 45 minutes.

**Address:** 14<sup>th</sup> 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 can not be used for admission.

**Notes:** For more information call (202) 482-2825 or visit [www.nationalaquarium.com](http://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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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:** 34<sup>th</sup> 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



**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.

**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

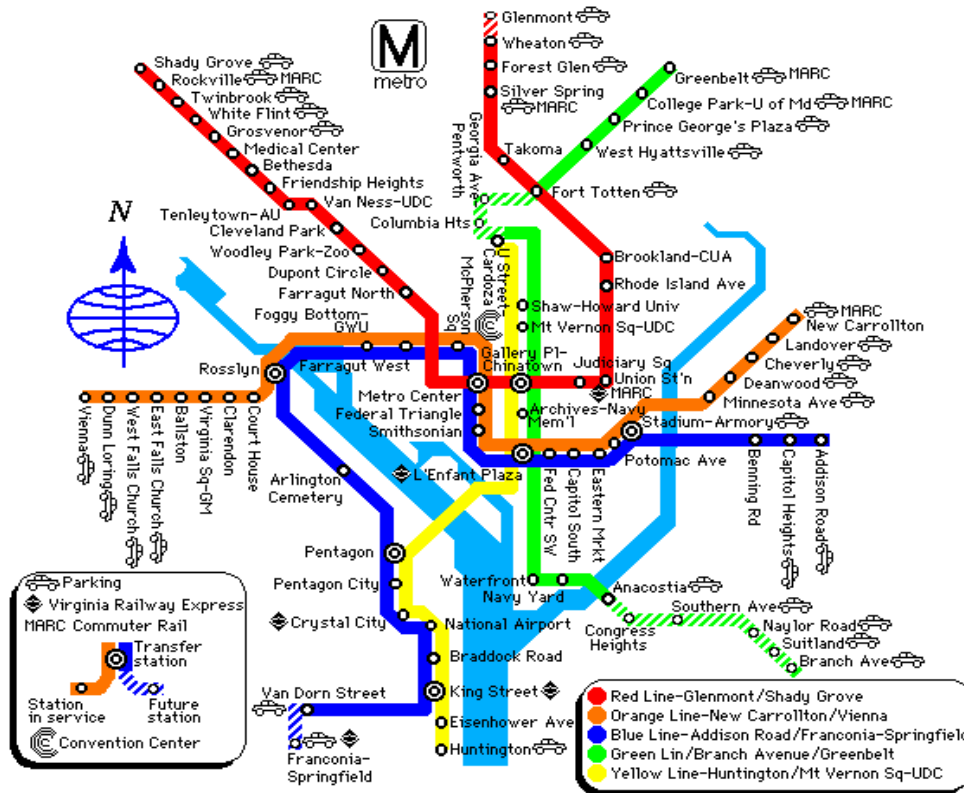
**Closest Metro Stop:** Union Station (Red Line).

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

## WASHINGTON, DC TRANSPORTATION

### WASHINGTON METRO (DC SUBWAY SYSTEM)

From Capitol Hill to Downtown, the Metro is fast, easy, and relatively cheap. All-day passes are also available. Tickets can be purchased at any Metro station. Visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) for more information.



**HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR GETTING AROUND DC:**

<http://www.gosmithsonian.com/transportation/Getting-Around-DC.html>

**SEGWAY TOUR**



**Tour Summary:** Tours begin with a thirty minute training session. Stops along the tour include 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 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:** Segway tours are only available for people 16 or older.

**How to request a tour:** Tours can be made via their website, [www.citysegwaytours.com/washington](http://www.citysegwaytours.com/washington).

For a complete list of National Parks in the Washington, DC area visit <http://www.nps.gov/state/dc/>

For a comprehensive map of the Downtown area visit <http://www.nps.gov/nama/planyourvisit/upload/NACCmap1.pdf>