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GUIDE TO VISITING WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MEMORIALS & MONUMENTS

All memorials and monuments are free to the public and do not require tickets unless otherwise noted. When Metro is convenient the nearest stop is noted.

Arlington National Cemetery

Web: www.arlingtoncemetery.org

Phone: (703) 607-8000

Hours: Open daily Oct. – Mar. from 8 am until 5 pm, and Apr – Sept. from 8 am until 7pm

Metro: *Arlington Cemetery (blue line).*

Attractions include: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Amphitheater, the Custis-Lee Mansion and the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft. Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs every hour on the hour and every half hour during the summer months. A narrated bus tour is available: Adults \$5.25, Children \$2.50. Buses run one half hour after opening to one half hour before closing.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) Memorial

Web: www.nps.gov/fdrm

Phone: (202) 426-6841

Hours: There are park rangers available from 8 am to 11:45 pm every day except Dec. 25.

Metro: *Smithsonian (blue and orange lines) – exit onto the National Mall.*

Korean War Veterans Memorial

Web: www.nps.kwvm/home.htm

Phone: (202) 426-6841

Hours: The memorial is staffed from 8 am to 11:45 pm every day except Christmas Day.

Metro: *Smithsonian (blue and orange lines) – exit onto the National Mall.*

Park rangers are available to answer questions and present interpretive themes. The memorial is located in close proximity to the Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials.

The Lincoln Memorial

Web: www.nps.gov/linc

Phone: (202) 426-6841

Hours: Open daily from 8 am until 11:45 pm, every day except Christmas Day.

Metro: *Smithsonian (blue and orange lines) – exit onto the National Mall.*

Located at West Potomac Park at the foot of 23rd St. and I St., NW.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial

Web: www.nps.gov/thje

Phone: (202) 426-6841

Hours: Open daily from 8 am until 11:45 pm, every day except Dec. 25.

Metro: *Smithsonian (blue and orange lines) – exit onto the National Mall.*

The memorial is located on the south bank of the Tidal Basin. The memorial is free, but paddleboats can be rented at the Swan Boathouse (located on the corner of 12th St. and Independence Ave) for a small fee.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Web: www.nps.gov/vive

Phone: (202) 426-6841

Hours: Open daily from 8 am until 11:45 pm, except Dec. 25.

Metro: *Smithsonian (blue and orange lines) - exit onto the National Mall.*

Located on Henry Bacon drive and Constitution Ave, NW. A ranger station is open during these hours to assist visitors in locating names on the memorial.

The Washington Monument

Web: www.nps.gov/wash

Phone: (202) 426-6841

Hours: Open daily from 8 am until 11:45 pm. Tickets available at booth from 8 am until 4:30 pm.

Metro: *Smithsonian (blue and orange lines).*

Located on the National Mall at 15th St., SW. Tickets are required to enter the monument and are available at the booth located on the west side of 15th St., NW on the Mall from 8 am until 4:30 pm. Advance tickets are recommended by calling 1-800-867-2283 or visiting <http://reservations.nps.gov>. Advance tickets are \$1.50 per ticket and an additional \$0.50 processing fee.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

All tours of Government Building are free to the public and do not require advance tickets unless otherwise noted. *When Metro is convenient, the nearest stop is noted.*

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Web: www.moneyfactory.gov

Phone: (202) 874-2330

Hours: Tours 9 am to 10:45 pm and 12:30 pm until 2 pm Monday through Friday.

Additional hours May – Aug. from 5 pm until 6:45 pm Monday through Friday.

Metro: *Smithsonian (blue and orange lines).*

See how U.S. currency is printed. Located on 14th and C St, SW. Advance tickets are not required from Sept. – Feb. Enter at the Visitor Entrance on 14th St. Closed weekends, federal holidays, and December 24 through January 3.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Currently undergoing renovation and is closed until further notice.

The Library of Congress

Web: www.loc.gov/loc/visit

Phone: (202) 707-8000

Hours: Guided tours daily Monday through Saturday at 10:30 & 11:30 am, 1:30 & 2:30 pm.

Metro: *Union Station (red line), or Capitol South Metro (blue and orange lines).*

Located on 1st St., SE between Independence Ave. and East Capitol St. The Library of Congress houses more than 119 million items, including the papers of 23 presidents of the United States, Thomas Jefferson's rough draft of the Declaration of Independence, and the earliest motion picture print. All tours start in the Visitors' Center in the Jefferson Building.

The National Archives

Web: www.archives.gov/national_archives_experience/index.html

Phone: 1-866-272-6272

Hours: April 1 through Memorial Day weekend 10 am - 7 pm.

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, 10 am - 9 pm.

Labor Day through March 31, 10 am - 5:30 pm.

Metro: *Archives/Navy Memorial (green and yellow lines).*

Located at 700 Pennsylvania Ave NW, the National Archives Rotunda houses the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. The Rotunda is open every day except Dec. 25.

The Supreme Court

Web: www.supremecourtus.gov/visiting/visiting.html

Phone: (202) 479-3000

Hours: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Metro: *Capitol South (blue and orange lines), or Union Station (red line).*

Located on 1st St and Maryland Ave, NE. Open Monday through Friday except on federal holidays. Tours and public lectures are conducted in the courtroom from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm every hour on the half hour except when the Court is in session. No tours are given during August. When the court is in session tours are only given on Thursdays and Fridays. To see the Court in session, wait in two lines outside the building. The lines begin forming around 8:30 am.

The White House

Web: www.nps.gov/whho

Phone: (202) 208-1631

Hours: White House Visitor's Center is open seven days a week from 7:30 am until 4 pm.

The White House is open to the general public through Members of Congress on a limited basis (visit <http://posey.house.gov> for more info). The White House Visitor's Center is located at the southeast corner of 15th and E St. and features architecture, furnishings, first families, social events, and relations with the press and world leaders. The Visitor's Center

ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS OF INTEREST

Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens

Web: www.mountvernon.org

Phone: (703) 780-2000

Hours: Open 7 days a week. April through August: 8 am – 5 pm; March, September, and October from 9 am – 5 pm; November through February from 9 am – 4 pm.

Metro: *Huntington Station (yellow line). Exit to the lower level (Huntington Ave) of the station to catch a Fairfax Connector bus to Mount Vernon.*

Home of George Washington. General admission: Adults, \$13; senior citizens, \$12; children ages 6 through 11 (accompanied by an adult), \$6; children 5 and under, free. Parking is available for \$18. Group rates are available.

The Octagon House

Web: www.theoctagon.org

Phone: (202) 638-3221

Hours: Entrance is only available by appointment for group tours between 10-25 people.

Metro: *Farragut West (orange and blue lines) or Farragut North (red line).*

Located on 18th and New York Ave., NW. The building has various architectural exhibits. It served as James Madison's White House following the destruction of the real White House by the British in 1814. Admission: Adults, \$5; seniors and children, \$3. Wheelchair access is available on the first floor only.

Arlington House Custis-Lee Mansion

Web: www.nps.gov/arho

Phone: (703) 235-1530

Hours: Open daily from 9:30 until 4:30 pm.

Metro: *Arlington Cemetery (blue line).*

Admission is free. Tourmobile sightseeing Transportation is available.

The National Cathedral

Web: www.cathedral.org

Phone: (202) 537-6200

Hours: Monday through Saturday from 10 am – 11:30 am and 12:45pm – 3:30pm.

Sundays from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm except during special events and services.

Metro: *Dupont Circle. Further bus transportation is necessary (N2, N3, N4, N6 to Wisconsin Ave.)*

Located on Mount Saint Alban (one of the highest points in Washington, D.C.). There is a suggested donation for tours of \$2 per adult and \$1 per child. The Grounds Tour takes you through the Bishop's Lawn and Gardens. Grounds Tours are given on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, April through October.

The Old Post Office Pavilion

Web: www.oldpostofficedc.com

Phone: (202) 289-4224

Hours: Open April through August, Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 8 pm; Sundays from noon until 7 pm, and September through March Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm, Sundays from noon until 6 pm.

Metro: *Federal Triangle (orange and blue lines), or Archives-Navy Memorial (green and yellow lines).*

1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. National Parks Service offers a tour of the bell tower with a beautiful view of the city. A food court is available on the lower level.

MUSEUMS

The Botanic Gardens

Web: www.usbg.gov

Phone: (202) 225-8333

Hours: Open daily from 10 am until 5 pm.

Metro: *Federal Center South West (orange and blue lines).*

Tours are available daily without appointment. Group tours of 10-25 people are available by reservation at 11 am and 1:30 pm. The Botanical Gardens are located at the foot of Capitol Hill.

The Corcoran Gallery of Art Museum

Web: www.corcoran.org

Phone: (202) 639-1700

Hours: Open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am until 5 pm, extended hours on Thursday evenings until 9 pm. Closed Mondays (except holidays), and closed Tuesdays.

Metro: *Farragut West (orange and blue lines), Farragut North (red line).*

Located on 17th St., and New York Ave., NW (one block west and south of the White House). The main entrance is located on 17th St. Admission: adults, \$8; students, \$4; senior citizens, \$6; children under the age of 12, free. Admission is free on Mondays and Thursdays after 5 pm.

Ford's Theatre and Lincoln Museum

Web: www.fordstheatre.org

Phone: (202) 426-6924

Hours: The building is open every day from 9 am to 5 pm, with the exception of Dec. 25th.

Metro: *Metro stop: Metro Center (orange, blue, and red lines).*

Located between E and F Streets on 10th St., NW.

The National Gallery of Art

Web: www.nga.gov

Phone: (202) 737-4215

Hours: Weekdays and Saturdays, 10 am until 5 pm, and Sundays from 11 am until 6 pm.

The entrances of the West Building are located on Constitution Ave., at 6th St., NW on Madison Drive, and on 4th St. between Constitution Ave., and Madison Drive, NW. The museum is open every day of the year except Dec. 25th and January 1st.

The Smithsonian Institution

Web: www.si.edu

Phone: (202) 357-1729

Hours: The museums are open daily, except Dec. 25th, from 10 am until 5:30 pm (except the Anacostia Museum which closes at 5 pm).

Metro: *Smithsonian (orange and blue lines) or L'Enfant Plaza (green, yellow, orange, and blue lines).*

The Smithsonian includes the Air and Space Museum, the Museum of African Art, the Museum of American History, the Museum of the American Indian, the Museum of Natural History, and the American Art Museum. Extended summer hours are determined annually.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Web: www.ushmm.org

Phone: (202) 488-0400

Hours: Open daily from 10 am until 5:30 pm, and closed on Yom Kippur and Christmas day.

Metro: *Smithsonian (orange and blue lines) – exit at 12th and Independence Ave.*

The museum is located south of Independence Ave., SW between 14th St., and Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th St.). Permanent exhibition is recommended for ages 11 and up. Daniel's Story is recommended for ages 8 and up. The visit will take from 1-½ hours to 3 hours. The Permanent Exhibition requires a timed entry pass to begin the self-guided tour of the museum's primary exhibition. Passes are free but tickets run out early in the day. For a small fee, tickets may be ordered in advance at the museum website.

The National Zoo

Web: www.natzoo.si.edu

Phone: (202) 673-4800

Hours: Open April 2 through October 28 from 6 pm until 8 pm, and October 29 through March from 6 am until 6 pm unless otherwise posted.

Metro: *Woodley Park (red line).*

3001 Connecticut Ave., NW.

THEATERS

Ford's Theatre and Lincoln Museum

Web: www.fordstheatre.org

Phone: (202) 426-6924

Hours: The building is open every day from 9 am to 5 pm, with the exception of Dec. 25th.

Metro: *Metro stop: Metro Center (orange, blue, and red lines).*

Located between E and F Streets on 10th St., NW.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Web: www.kennedy-center.org

Phone: (202) 467-4600

Hours: Tours are given Mon. through Fri. from 10 am- 5 pm and 10 am – 1 pm on weekends.

Metro: *Foggy Bottom - GWU (orange and blue lines). There is a free shuttle bus which takes visitors from the station to the center.*

New Hampshire Ave. at Rock Creek Parkway, NW. Free tours of the Kennedy Center are given by the Friends of the Kennedy Center.

Merriweather Post Pavilion

Web: www.merriweathermusic.com

Phone: General Calls: (410) 715-5550 Box office: 800-551-SEAT

10475 Little Patuxent Parkway. Located in Columbia, Maryland between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The Pavilion is readily accessible from I-95. This performing arts center offers outdoor symphonic music, and pop concerts.

Shakespeare Theatre at the Folger

Web: www.folger.edu

Phone: General Calls: (202) 547-3230 Box Office: (202) 544-7077

301 E. Capitol St., SE.

Warner Theater

Web: www.warnertheater.com

Phone: (202) 783-4000

Metro: *Metro Center (orange, blue, and red lines) – located ½ block north of the theater.*

13th and E St., NW.

Washington Ballet

Web: www.washingtonballet.org

Phone: (202) 362-3606

Metro: *Cleveland Park (red line) or Tenleytown (red line).*

3515 Wisconsin Ave., NW.

Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts

Web: www.wolf-trap.org

Phone: Box office: (703) 255-1868 General Calls: (703) 255-1900

1551 Trap Road Vienna, VA 22182. The nation's first national park for the performing arts offers outdoor opera, symphonic music, pop concerts, jazz, and ballet. Only open during warm weather. Admission varies depending on the program.

SPORTS TEAMS

❖ **Baseball**

- Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards – (410) 685-9800, <http://baltimore.orioles.mlb.com>
- Washington Nationals at Nationals Park – (202) 675-6287, <http://washington.nationals.mlb.com>

❖ **Basketball**

- Washington Mystics – (202) 661-5050, www.wnba.com/mystics
- Washington Wizards – (202) 661-5050, www.nba.com/wizards

❖ **Football**

- Baltimore Ravens – (410) 261-7283, www.baltimoreravens.com
- Washington Redskins (301) 276-6050, www.redskins.com

❖ **Hockey**

- Washington Capitals – (202) 661-5050, <http://capitals.nhl.com/>

❖ **Soccer**

- D.C. United Major League Soccer – (202) 587-5000, www.dcunited.com

TRANSPORTATION

❖ **Airports**

- Baltimore/Washington International Airport – (410) 859-7111, www.bwi.airport.com
- Dulles International Airport – (703) 572-2700, www.metwashairports.com/dulles
- Regan Washington National Airport – (703) 417-8000, www.metwashairports.com/national

❖ **Rail**

- Metro - (202) 637-7000, www.wmata.com
- Amtrak – (800) USA-RAIL, www.amtrak.com
- Virginia Railway Express (703) 247-9299, www.vre.org

❖ **Bus**

- Tourmobile Service - (202) 554-5100, www.tourmobile.com

METRO

Web: www.wmata.com

Phone: (202) 637-7000

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