

Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham's Guide to Washington, D.C.

# Our Nation's Capital



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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

Dear Friend:

As the representative for New Mexico's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, I want to welcome you to our nation's capital! To ensure you find plenty to do during your stay, my staff and I have put together this information packet. Along with information about museums and attractions throughout the city, you'll find a map of the DC area, a map of the DC Metro (our convenient subway system), and suggestions for other fun places you can visit around the city.

I encourage you and your family to take some time and explore the city beyond the National Mall- there is so much to see. Whether it is inspiring monuments, fascinating museums, beautiful homes, and amazing dining options, there is something for everyone. The nineteen free Smithsonian museums, the Kennedy Center, Spy Museum and Newseum are all popular favorites. The National Zoo and National Aquarium are perfect for animal lovers of all ages while the Botanic Gardens are beautiful year-round. There are also a number of ways to see the city while on the move- check out the Capitol Bikeshare stations located throughout the city and segway tour included near the end of the packet.

If you get lost or have any questions during your visit, my staff is eager to help, so please use us as a resource by calling (202) 225-6316 any time between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to learn more about what I am doing in Washington, DC for you, follow me on Twitter @RepLujanGrisham, like me at facebook.com/RepLujanGrisham, or watch my videos at youtube.com /RepLujanGrisham. You can also visit my website at [lujangrisham.house.gov](http://lujangrisham.house.gov), where you can sign up for my e-newsletter and stay updated on what I am doing back home in New Mexico. When you return to Albuquerque, please feel free to visit my Albuquerque office as well. My door is always open, and it is important to me that I hear from the residents of New Mexico's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

Again, welcome to Washington, enjoy your vacation, and I hope to hear from you soon!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Member of Congress

## **Congressionally Reserved Tours**

*My office can reserve tours of the following locations ahead of time for you and your group. For more information please visit [lujanrisham.house.gov/resources/washington-dc-visitors](http://lujanrisham.house.gov/resources/washington-dc-visitors) or call our office at (202) 225-6316.*

### **U.S. Capitol Building**



**Summary:** Guided tours of the historic Capitol begin at one of the Capitol Visitor Center's orientation theaters with a 13-minute film. Once inside the historic Capitol, visitors will see the Crypt, the Rotunda, and National Statuary Hall. All tours begin and end at the Capitol Visitor Center. U.S. Capitol tours are offered from 8:50 AM to 3:20PM, Monday through Saturday.

**Address:** East Capitol St NE & First St SE, Washington, DC 20004 | **Closest Metro**

**Stop:** Capitol South (Blue, Orange & Silver Lines); Union Station (Red Line)

For more information call 202.226.8000 or visit <https://www.visitthecapitol.gov>

### **White House**



**Summary:** Tours of the East Wing of the White House are self-guided and offered only Tuesday-Saturday. These tours provide you the opportunity to view the China Room, East Room, Green, Red and Blue Rooms as well as the State Dining Room. You are encouraged to submit your request as early as possible as a limited number of spaces are available.

**Address:** 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500 | **Closest Metro**

**Stop:** Federal Triangle (Blue, Orange & Silver Line)

For more information call 202-456-7041 or visit <https://www.whitehouse.gov/participate/tours-and-events>

### **U.S. Library of Congress**



**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. The library offers public tours on Mondays through Fridays at 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 2:30PM and 3:30PM and on Saturdays at 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 2:30PM.

**Address:** 101 Independence Ave, SE Washington, DC 20002 | **Closest Metro**

**Stop:** Capitol South (Blue, Orange & Silver Lines)

For more information call (202) 707-5000 or visit [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov).

### **U.S. Supreme Court**



**Summary:** Visit the Supreme Court to see the highest judicial body in the United States. The Supreme Court is open to the public from 9AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday and offers public lectures when the court is not hearing oral arguments.

**Address:** One First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Capitol South (Blue, Orange & Silver Lines)

For more information call (202) 479-3211 or visit [www.supremecourt.gov](http://www.supremecourt.gov)

## Bureau of Engraving & Printing



**Summary:** Located in the heart of the Nation's Capital, the BEP's Washington, DC Tour and Visitor Center is a great place to learn all about U.S. paper currency. You can see millions of dollars being printed as you walk along the gallery overlooking the production floor!

**Address:** 14th and C Streets, S.W. Washington, DC 20228 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Smithsonian (Blue, Orange & Silver Line)

For more information call (202) 874-2330 or visit

<http://www.moneyfactory.gov/washingtondctours.html>

## Kennedy Center



**Summary:** Take a break from the official pomp and enjoy a glamorous evening at the Kennedy Center. Not only does it offer a variety of music, dance, and drama, but it also is a living memorial to the late President John F. Kennedy. Millennium Stage performances are daily at 6:00PM. Reservations and tickets can be purchased online, at the box office, or by telephone (800) 444-1324.

**Address:** 2700 F St, NW Washington, DC 20566 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue, Orange & Silver Line)

For more information call (202) 416-8340 or visit [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org)

## FBI Education Center



**Summary:** On August 25, 2014, the FBI launched a program that opens the FBI Education Center to the public to tell our story through an historical perspective, and outline our many capabilities and future direction. The FBI requires 3 to 4 weeks advance notice from Congressional offices prior to your visit. The visit itself will take two hours and you should arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled visit.

**Address:** 935 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20535 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Archives (Green & Yellow Lines)

For more information visit [www.fbi.gov/aboutus/tour/tour.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/aboutus/tour/tour.htm)

## U.S. Department of the Treasury



**Summary:** The Main Treasury Building is the third oldest building in Washington, and dates from 1836. In 1833, Robert Mills, architect of the Washington Monument, was commissioned to design a new Treasury Building after the previous two Treasury structures were destroyed by fire. Mills' T-shaped building is noted for the grand colonnade, sweeping across the entire expanse of the structure.

**Address:** 15 St. and Hamilton Place, NW, Washington, DC. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Federal Triangle (Blue & Orange Lines), Metro Center (Blue, Orange, & Red Lines) and McPherson Square (Blue & Orange Lines)

For more information visit <http://www.treasury.gov/about/education/Pages/tours.aspx>

## U.S. Department of State: Diplomatic Reception Rooms



**Summary:** The Diplomatic Reception Rooms are among the most beautiful rooms in the world. For fifty years, the art of diplomacy has thrived in the Diplomatic Reception Rooms against a stunning backdrop of American art and architecture from the time of our country's founding and of its formative years. This historically evocative suite contains a museum-caliber collection of American fine and decorative art from the period of 1750-1825.

**Address:** 2201 C St NW, Washington, DC 20520 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue, Orange & Silver Lines)

For more information call 202-647-3241 or visit <https://diplomaticrooms.state.gov/home.aspx>

## Pentagon



**Summary:** The Pentagon Tours program, under the purview of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, hosts more than 106,000 visitors annually. Our tours highlight the respective missions of the five Armed Services, the Office of the Secretary of Defense & the Joint Staff through a 60-minute presentation.

**Address:** 1400 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301-1400 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Pentagon (Blue & Yellow Lines)

For more information call or visit <https://pentagontours.osd.mil/>

## National Archives & Records Administration



**Summary:** The National Archives Museum is home of the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, & Bill of Rights which are housed in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom; the Public Vaults permanent exhibit gallery; the David M. Rubenstein Gallery; the Boeing Learning Center; & the William G. McGowan Theater.

**Address:** 700 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20408 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Archives (Green & Yellow Lines)

For more information call 1-877-444-6777 or visit <http://www.archives.gov/museum/visit/reserved-visits.html>

## National Cathedral



**Summary:** The Cathedral is a spiritual resource for our nation: a great and beautiful edifice in the city of Washington, an indispensable ministry for people of all faiths and perspectives, and a sacred place for our country in times of celebration, crisis, and sorrow.

**Address:** Wisconsin Ave | **Closest Metro Stop:** Tenleytown/AU (Red Line).  
For more information call (202) 537-6200 or visit <https://www.cathedral.org/>

## Holocaust Memorial Museum



**Summary:** Three floors of history covering the Nazi's rise to power to the liberation of the troops. The US Holocaust Memorial Museum provides for the documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history. It is dedicated to helping leaders and citizens of the world confront hatred, prevent genocide, promote human dignity, and strengthen democracy. During the months of March through August, timed passes are required to enter the Permanent Exhibition which can be provided by my office. Passes are not required to enter the Permanent Exhibition during September through February.

**Address:** 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Raoul Wallenberg Place in Washington, DC | **Closest Metro Stop:** Smithsonian (Blue, Orange & Silver Line)

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

## Washington Monument



**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. Open daily from 9 AM - 5 PM. Advanced tickets are available through the National Park Service Reservation System.

**Address:** Located on Constitution Avenue, NW | **Closest Metro Stop:** Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

For more information: [www.nps.gov/wamo](http://www.nps.gov/wamo)

## **Monuments & Memorials**

*Admission is free for all monuments/memorials.*

### **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. Park rangers give 15-minute talks several times an hour. Open 8 AM - 11:45 PM daily. The lower lobby is open daily from 8 AM - 11:30 PM. Closed on Christmas.

**Address:** 14<sup>th</sup> Street, SW on the tidal basin. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

For more information call (202) 426-6841 or visit [www.nps.gov/thje](http://www.nps.gov/thje).

### **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. Open 24 hours a day. 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.

**Address:** 2 Lincoln Memorial Circle, NW | **Closest Metro Stop:** Foggy Bottom/GWU (Blue and Orange Lines)

For more information call (202) 426-6841 or visit [www.nps.gov/linc](http://www.nps.gov/linc).

### **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. Open 24 hours a day. Closed on Christmas.

**Address:** Adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Foggy Bottom/GWU (Blue and Orange Lines)

For more information call (202) 619-7222 or visit [www.nps.gov/kowa](http://www.nps.gov/kowa).

### **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. Open year-round from 6 AM - 12 midnight. Closed on Christmas.

**Address:** Route 50 near Arlington National Cemetery. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Arlington Cemetery (Blue Line).

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. Open 24 hours a day. Closed on Christmas.

**Address:** North of the Lincoln Memorial. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Foggy Bottom/GWU (Blue and Orange Lines)  
For more information call (202) 634-1568 or visit [www.nps.gov/vive](http://www.nps.gov/vive).

## World War II Memorial



**Summary:** The World War II Memorial is dedicated to the men and women of World War II – America’s Greatest Generation. 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. Open 24 hours daily.

**Address:** 17<sup>th</sup> Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues, NW  
**Closest Metro Stop:** Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines).  
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. Open 24 hours daily.

**Address:** Cherry Tree Walk along Tidal Basin near the Jefferson Memorial.  
**Closest Metro Stop:** Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines).  
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 and features a 100 foot granite map of the world surrounded by depictions of historic Navy events. Open Daily. Heritage Center Open: March-October 9:30 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Saturday; November-February 9:30 AM – 5 PM, Tuesday-Friday. Movie screenings at the Heritage Center cost \$3.75.

**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).  
For more information 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. 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. A tour request form can be obtained at [www.nleomf.com/thememorial/tourrequest.htm](http://www.nleomf.com/thememorial/tourrequest.htm).

**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.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial



**Summary:** The National Mall's newest monument is dedicated to the defining moment in Dr. King's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. The solid granite statue commemorates Dr. King's message of love and tolerance through all his powerful speeches. Open 24 hours a day. Closed on Christmas.

**Address:** 1850 West Basin Drive, NW | **Closest Metro Stop:** Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

For more information call (202) 246-6841 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/mlkm>.

## African American Civil War Memorial

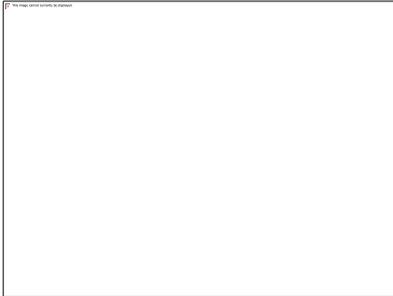


**Summary:** The African American Civil War Memorial commemorates over 200,000 African American soldiers and sailors whose service and sacrifices played an instrumental part in keeping the United States whole and to free permanently over four million people in forced servitude. Open 24 hours a day. Closed on Christmas.

**Address:** 1925 Vermont Avenue, NW | **Closest Metro Stop:** U Street/African-Amer Civil War Memorial/Cardozo (Green and Yellow Lines)

For more information call (202) 246-6841 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/afam>.

## The Smithsonian Museums



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/>  
All museums are open every day, hours vary.

**Address:** The Smithsonian Museums are located primarily between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> St NW along Madison Dr. NW and Jefferson Dr. SW. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Smithsonian (Blue, Orange & Silver Line)

- **African American History & Culture Museum** – The only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, art, history, and culture. *Expected to open in 2016.*
- **African Art Museum** – Exhibits the finest examples of traditional and contemporary art from the entire continent of Africa.
- **Air and Space Museum** – Twenty-three galleries exhibiting hundreds of aircraft, spacecraft, missiles, rockets, and other flight-related artifacts.
  - **Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center** – Displays aviation and space artifacts that are too large to exhibit in the museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. (Located in Chantilly, VA)
- **American Art Museum** – Artworks—including paintings, sculpture, photographs, folk art, and decorative arts from the colonial period to today—offer an unparalleled record of the American experience.
- **American History Museum** – Devoted to the scientific, cultural, social, technological, and political development of the United States.
- **American Indian Museum** – Home to one of the largest collections of Native art, historical and cultural objects; exhibitions are designed in collaboration with Native communities from across the hemisphere.
- **Anacostia Community Museum** – Examines, documents, and interprets the impact of historical and contemporary social issues on urban communities.
- **Arthur M. Sackler Gallery** –The Sackler Gallery features both permanent and temporary exhibitions of Asian art from ancient times to the present.
- **Freer Gallery of Art** – The Freer Gallery houses one of the premier collections of Asian art, as well as a collection of works by James McNeill Whistler.
- **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden** – Displays the art of our time in the celebrated Gordon Bunshaft designed cylindrical building and adjoining plaza and sunken sculpture garden.
- **National Zoo** – Home to approximately 2,000 animals representing nearly 400 species, of which about a quarter are endangered; provides leadership in animal care, science, education, and sustainability.
- **Natural History Museum** – Exhibitions on earliest human origins; development of world cultures; ancient and modern mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects, and sea creatures.
- **Portrait Gallery** – Tells the stories of America through the individuals who have shaped our nation, from pre-colonial times to today, including poets and presidents, visionaries and villains, actors and activists.
- **Postal Museum** – Devoted to the history of America's mail service and the hobby of stamp collecting.
- **Renwick Gallery** –The Renwick Gallery is currently closed to the public.
- **Smithsonian Institution Building, the Castle** – Home to the Smithsonian Information Center as well as the Institution's administrative headquarters.
- **Arts and Industries Building** – The Arts and Industries Building is currently closed for renovation.

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

## Famous Buildings & Sites

### Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens



**Summary:** Marjorie Merriweather Post bought Hillwood in 1955 and soon decided her home would be a museum that would inspire and educate the public. Her northwest D.C. estate endowed the country with the most comprehensive collection of Fabergé Eggs and Russian imperial art outside of Russia, an 18th-century French decorative art collection, and 35 acres of serene landscaped gardens and natural woodlands for all to enjoy, opened as a public institution in 1977. Tours are available with advance tickets, Tuesdays from Saturdays from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, and on select Sundays, listed on their website, from 1:00PM to 5:00PM.

**Address:** 4155 Linnean Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Van Ness-UDC (Red Line)  
For more information call 202-686-5807 or visit <http://www.hillwoodmuseum.org/your-visit>

### President Lincoln's Cottage



**Summary:** President Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation while living here at the Soldiers' Home in Washington, DC. Lincoln's time here bookends the Civil War--he first visited the grounds three days after his inauguration and last rode out to the site the day before his assassination. While living at the Cottage for 13 months from 1862-1864, Lincoln regularly commuted to the White House. The Cottage opened to the public in 2008, and is only accessible by hour-long guided tours. Tickets can be bought on their website up to 3 weeks in advance. While you're there, also visit the museum in

the Visitor Education Center next door where you will find exhibitions and galleries that feature life during the Civil War and Lincoln's presidency.

**Address:** 3700 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20011 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Georgia Avenue/Petworth (Green & Yellow Line)  
For more information call 202-829-0436 or visit <http://lincolncottage.org>

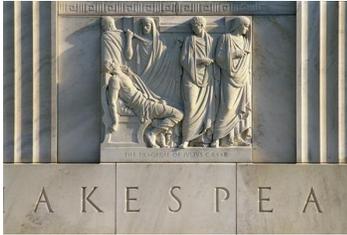
### Dumbarton Oak



**Summary:** Visitors can wander through sixteen acres of beautiful landscape, through small formal gardens, a Roman-style amphitheater, and down Lovers' Lane. The museum is open year-round from 11:30AM to 5:30PM however, are closed on Mondays, federal holidays, during inclement weather and on Independence Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The garden is open 2:00PM to 6:00PM during the winter season (November 1-March 14) for free admissions and the regular Season (March 15-October 31) for a fee of Adults: \$7, Children/Seniors: \$5. Guided tours for the gardens are available and must be arranged in advance.

**Address:** 1703 32nd St., NW (One block east of Wisconsin Ave. between R and S Streets in Georgetown). | **Closest Metro Stop:** Dupont Circle (Red Line).  
For more information visit <http://www.doaks.org>

## Folger Shakespeare Library



**Summary:** Home to the world's largest Shakespeare collection. The library is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 AM -5 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. Group tours are available for both school groups and adult groups, and must be arranged in advance.

**Address:** 201 East Capitol Street, SE | **Closest Metro Stops:** Union Station (Red Line) or Capitol South (Blue & Orange Lines)

For more information 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 or visit <http://www.folger.edu/>.

## Museums & Art Galleries

### Ford's Theatre and Lincoln Museum



**Summary:** Fifteen minute historical talks in tribute to President Lincoln's love of the arts. Museum includes the clothes Abraham Lincoln wore on the night of his assassination. The Lincoln Museum and the house where Lincoln died are open from 8 AM - 11:45 PM every day except Christmas Day. Tours at the theatre are self-guided. Talks are presented at fifteen past the hour except between 12 noon and 2 PM.

**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).

For performance information please visit the Ford Homepage at [www.fordstheatre.org](http://www.fordstheatre.org).

### National Gallery of Art



**Tour Summary:** Encompasses all aspects of the visual arts. 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. Open Monday-Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM and Sundays 11 AM – 6 PM.

**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).

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

### International Spy Museum



**Summary:** The only public museum in the world 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)

### 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. The National Building Museum is open to the public Monday - Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM. 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.

**Address:** 401 F St, NW, between 4th and 5th Streets. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Judiciary Square (Red Line).

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. Free guided tours on the hour and half-hour are offered 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 are available anytime Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 4 PM and Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM.

**Address:** 1776 D Street, NW. Two blocks from the White House. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Farragut West (Blue and Orange Lines)

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. Open Monday – Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM; Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM. No guided tours are available.

**Address:** 17<sup>th</sup> and M Streets NW | **Closest Metro Stop:** Farragut North (Red Line).

For more information call (202) 857-7588 or visit <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/museum/>.

## 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. Open from 9 AM to 5 PM daily. Tickets may be purchased online or at the Newseum's ticketing kiosks and admissions desk. 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.

**Address:** Intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street, NW. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Archives-Navy Memorial (Green & Yellow Lines) or Judiciary Square (Red Line)

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

## The Museum of Crime and Punishment



**Summary:** Described by Good Morning America as a "must see for CSI fans," this museum includes a crime lab and the filming studios for *America's Most Wanted*, a simulated shooting range, high-speed police-chase, and hundreds of interactives and artifacts pertaining to America's favorite subject. Open Aug 25th - Mar 17<sup>th</sup> Friday through Saturday 10:00am - 8:00pm

**Address:** 575 7th St. NW, Washington , D.C. 20004 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Gallery Place-Chinatown (Red Line)

For more information call (202) 393-1099 or visit <http://www.crimemuseum.org/>

## House of the Temple: Masonic Temple



**Summary:** A Masonic temple in Washington, D.C., that serves as the headquarters of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Open Monday through Thursday 10 am – 4 pm

**Address:** 1733 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. | **Closest Metro Stop:** U St-American Civil War Memorial-Cardozo (Green & Yellow Line)  
For more information visit <http://scottishrite.org/headquarters/visitors/>

## The Phillips Collection



**Summary:** This private modern art museum located in the heart of Washington, DC, features masterpieces ranging from French impressionism to American modernism. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm with extended hours til 8:30 pm on Thursday, and Sundays 11 am to 6 pm

**Address:** 1600 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Dupont Circle (Red Line)  
For more information call 202-387-2151 or visit <http://www.phillipscollection.org/index.aspx>

## Other Points of Interest

### Eastern Market



**Summary:** Eastern Market offers a variety of delicious fruits, vegetables, flowers, delicatessen, meat, poultry, cheeses, and other delicious local fare. The Eastern Market, which has been a Washington D.C. staple ever since it was founded in 1873, offers visitors a great place to take a break from walking the mall as it is right next to Capitol Hill.

**Address:** 7th Street & North Carolina Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003

**Closest Metro Stop:** Eastern Market (Blue, Orange & Silver Line)

For more information visit [www.easternmarket.net](http://www.easternmarket.net)

### Botanic Gardens



**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. 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. Open 10 AM -5 PM every day, 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.

**Address:** 100 Maryland Ave, SW | **Closest Metro Stop:** Blue Federal Center SW (Blue Line) or Capital South (Orange & Blue Lines).

For more information visit [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov)

### United States Naval Observatory



**Summary:** Tours begin with a history and mission of the Observatory and continue 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. Public tours are offered on alternating Monday evenings from 8:30 PM – 10 PM and are available by reservation only. Tours must be requested 4-6 weeks in advance.

**Address:** 34<sup>th</sup> St and Massachusetts Ave, NW | **Closest Metro Stop:** Woodley Park-Zoo (Red Line)

For more Information call (202) 762-1467

### Meridian Hill Park



**Summary:** Meridian Hill Park is perfect for a relaxing stroll or sit-down picnic. Located in northwest Washington and bordered by 16th, Euclid, 15th, and W Streets, it is a 12 acre site situated on an almost perfect north-south axis. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1994, as "an outstanding accomplishment of early 20th-century Neoclassicist park design in the United States."

**Address:** 2400 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW | **Closest Metro Stop:** U St-American Civil War Memorial-Cardozo (Green & Yellow Line)

## Hains Point



**Summary:** If you enjoy the outdoors then you will love going to Hains Point. Hains Point is one of the only recreational areas in Washington, D.C., located between the Washington Channel and the Potomac River near the Tidal Basin. It has some of the best views of the area's national monuments and the famous cherry blossom trees that bloom each spring. You can bike, run and walk the various paths in Hains Point. During the spring, summer, and fall, you will see many families picnicking and fishing. Hains Point includes 3 golf courses, a mini-golf course, playground, outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, picnic facilities and a recreation center.

**Address:** 1100 Ohio Drive, SW Washington, DC 20242 | **Closest Metro Stop:** U St-American Civil War Memorial-Cardozo (Green & Yellow Line)

## Madame Tussauds Washington D.C.



**Summary:** Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in Washington DC is an interactive attraction that brings historical figures and events to life through wax figures that visitors can touch, see and hear including a new Presidential exhibit! Open Monday through Thursday 12 pm to 6 pm and Friday 10 am to 6 pm

**Address:** 1001 F Street NW, Washington D.C. 20004 | **Closest Metro Stop:** Metro Center (Blue, Orange & Silver Line; Red Line)

For more information visit <http://www.madametussauds.com/washington/default.aspx>

## Sightseeing Outside D.C.

### Arlington Cemetery



**Summary:** Take some time during your trip to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this country through a visit to Arlington National Cemetery. Walk through an outstanding and humbling sea of gray cobblestone and visit the graves of soldiers who fought in battle ranging from the Revolutionary War through the Iraq War. Currently, the Arlington National Cemetery serves as the final resting place for over 300,000 United States soldiers.

**Address:** 1 Memorial Drive Arlington, VA 22211-1304  
For more information visit [www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org)

### Old Town Alexandria



**Summary:** This historic part of Virginia, just a short distance from Washington D.C., was frequented by many founding fathers and colonial leaders. The cobblestone roads lead to great eats and boutiques. Also, you can explore the Gadsby Tavern buildings where George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams resided for a short time or stroll down Oronoco St.

**Address:** Across the Potomac, south of Washington: Alexandria, VA 22302

### Mount Vernon



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

**Address:** 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121. | **Closest Metro Stop:** Huntington Station (Yellow Line) to Fairfax Connector Bus  
For more information call (703) 780-2000 or visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

### Alexandria Black History Museum



**Summary:** The Alexandria Black History Museum highlights the African-American experience in early Alexandria with exhibitions, speakers and interactive programs. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm

**Address:** 902 Wythe St, Alexandria, VA 22314  
For more information visit <http://www.alexandriava.gov/BlackHistory>

## George Washington Masonic Memorial



**Summary:** The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is a Masonic building and memorial located in Alexandria, Virginia, outside Washington, D.C. It is dedicated to the memory of George Washington, the first President of the United States and a Mason. Open 7 days a week, 10 am to 4 pm

**Address:** 101 Callahan Dr, Alexandria, VA 22301  
For more information visit <http://gwmemorial.org/>

## Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site



**Summary:** Fort Ward is one of the Union fort and batteries built to protect Washington, DC during the American Civil War. Fort Ward Museum offers exhibits, education, tours, lecture and video series, bus tours, and living history activities throughout the year. The Museum and Historic Site also interpret Alexandria, Virginia as an occupied city, the city's role as a vital Union Army crossroads, life within the Defenses of Washington, and the everyday life of Civil War soldiers and civilians. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm

**Address:** 4301 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304  
For more information visit <http://alexandriava.gov/FortWard>

## Colonial Williamsburg



**Summary:** Colonial Williamsburg living-history museum depicting the historical district of Williamsburg, VA. Become a citizen of the Revolutionary City, engage with the local community and experience firsthand the daily struggles of wartime. Explore art museums, tee off a game of golf, or relax or unwind at the Spa.

**Address:** 101 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
For more information call 1-800-447-8679

## National Aquarium



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

**Address:** 501 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202  
For more information call (202) 482-2825 or visit [www.nationalaquarium.com](http://www.nationalaquarium.com).

## Getting Around Washington, DC

### River Cruise on the Potomac



**Summary:** See our nation's capital from the water by taking a day, sunset or Monuments-by-Moonlight cruise! The cruises run 7 days a week, rain or shine, and board every hour on the half hour. Cruises last around 50 minutes and departs from Washington Harbor in Georgetown.

**Address:** 1300 Maine Ave, SW Washington, DC 20024

For more information call (202) 554-0677 or visit [www.dc-cruises.com](http://www.dc-cruises.com)

### Paddle Boating



**Summary:** If you are looking to take a break from touring, you can soak up the sun while paddle boating on the Tidal Basin. You will enjoy breathtaking views of the Jefferson Memorial and the cherry blossoms during peak season. Be sure to reserve your paddle boat ahead of time through their user friendly website.

**Address:** 1501 Maine Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20024

For more information call (202) 479-2426 or visit [www.tidalbasinpeddleboats.com](http://www.tidalbasinpeddleboats.com)

### Bike and Roll the Monuments



**Summary:** Rather than joining a tour bus or walking around to see the sites, why not hop on a bike and enjoy the breeze? You will find the bike guide very helpful in constructing your own tour of the city at your own pace. This tour also gives you the chance to walk around and explore the memorials in depth by simply jumping off your bike.

**Address:** The Old Post Office Pavilion, Rear Plaza, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20004

For more information visit any of these sites:

<http://www.bikeandroll.com/washingtondc/> <http://bikethestates.com/Tours/>

### Capital Bikeshare



**Summary:** With over 1670+ bicycles at your fingertips, you can choose any of the 175+ stations across Washington, D.C., Arlington, VA, and Alexandria, VA and return it to any station near your destination. Join Capital Bikeshare for 24 hours, 3 days, 30 days, or a year, and have access to their fleet of bikes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The first 30 minutes of each trip are free. Each additional 30 minutes incurs an additional fee. Download the Spotcycle smartphone app to get the map of stations, check out a bike, and hit the Mall!

For more information visit <http://www.capitalbikeshare.com/explore>

## Segway 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. Reservations are \$70 and must be made in advance. Tours available April 1-November 30. Day Tours (10AM-2PM) and Night Tours (6PM-10PM) are available and are only available ages 16+. Reservations can be made via their website, [www.citysegwaytours.com/washington](http://www.citysegwaytours.com/washington).

**Address:** Willard Hotel, 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue NW | **Closest Metro Stop:** Metro Center (Blue, Orange, and Red Lines)

## 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>

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>