

Tour Information

Washington Monument

The Monument is open daily from 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. In order to enter, tickets are required. Free tickets are given out for that day's visitors at the National Park Service Kiosk at 15th Street and Madison Drive. Arrive early to get tickets. The kiosk opens at 8:30 a.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling 1-800-967-2283 or on the internet at <http://reservations.nps.gov>.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

One of Washington's newest Memorials, the seven-acre site near the Jefferson Memorial, depicts the 12 years of Roosevelt's presidency. Four outdoor "gallery" rooms feature ten bronze sculptures depicting President Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, and events from the Great Depression and World War II. The memorial features waterfalls, and pools of water surrounded by walls of granite. It is fully wheelchair accessible. <http://www.nps.gov/fdrm/>

The Old Post Office Pavilion

The former United States Post Office houses more than 80 shops and restaurants (it's a great place to have lunch while touring). The 315 foot clock tower has a great view of the city, if you don't mind the height. Open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 7:00 p.m.. Take Metro to Federal Triangle or use Tourmobile. <http://www.oldpostofficedc.com>

White House

Tours are only for groups of ten or more. You need to contact your member of Congress to set up the tour for you. You cannot tour without going through your congressional office, and arrangements must be made more than a month in advance. Scheduling is limited, so arrange your visit as soon as possible. Call 202-456-7041 or visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/tours/> for more information.

U.S. Capitol

Located at the far end of the Mall, the Capitol serves as the business center for the legislative branch of United States Government. The new Capitol Visitor Center is now open on the east side of the Capitol. Due to high demand, group tours should be booked in advance online. For more information and to book a tour, visit <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>

Holocaust Memorial Museum

Admission to the permanent exhibit is free, but timed tickets are required. Tickets for each day's tours are available beginning at 10:00 a.m. outside the 14th Street and Independence Avenue entrance. No more than four tickets will be given to one person. Groups of 10 or more should be scheduled through the tour office. The museum is open from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. each day. There are exhibits open to the public without tickets as well. <http://www.ushmm.org/> For advance tickets for a small fee call 800-400-9373 or visit tickets.com.

Ford's Theater and the House Where Lincoln Died

A historic, still operational theater is the site of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination. The theater and the Museum in the basement are open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. Please call the National Park Service on site (202.426.6924) to check the schedule before visiting the theatre. There are sometimes unexpected closures for rehearsals or other needs. Across the street is the House Where Lincoln Died. This famous residence, also known as the Peterson House, was where the President was taken after he was shot on April 14, 1865. The house is in its original condition and has a variety of artifacts from the era. Hard Rock Café is right next door!

Kennedy Center

This national center dedicated to the performing arts is a museum in itself. With a variety of shows available and lots of halls to explore, the Kennedy Center is a wonderful way to witness the nation's commitment to the arts. www.kennedy-center.org

Korean War Memorial

This memorial consists of sculptures of 19 ground troops moving toward victory in Korea, joined by the 2,400 faces of support personnel etched in a granite mural. Located near the Lincoln Memorial.

Vietnam Veteran's Memorial

The somber memorial of black granite is inscribed with the names of over 58,191 soldiers who died or remain missing from the Vietnam War. This memorial is located in front of the Lincoln Memorial and is available on the Tourmobile Tour.

National Archives

Home to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Magna Carta, this building hosts the foundation of American history. The Archives is open from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

<http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/washington/index.html#hours>

Jefferson Memorial

A 19-foot bronze statue inside the neoclassical marble monument memorializes Thomas Jefferson. The memorial is located across the Tidal Basin near the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Tourmobile stops at the Memorial. The memorial is open from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial

Located on the opposite end of the Mall from the Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial is one of the first sights to greet visitors into the city. Inside, a 19-foot marble statue of Lincoln is flanked by inscriptions of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and his second Inaugural Address. The memorial is open from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

U.S. Navy Memorial

Located off Pennsylvania Avenue, the 100-foot world map forms the plaza featuring fountains, statues, and historical exhibits of the country's time at sea. The visitor's center is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and features the movie *At Sea*.

The Smithsonian

The best of the nation's museums, great things are happening everyday at the series of museums. www.si.edu. The American History Museum is now re-opened and amazing! Most museums are open 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. daily.

The National Zoo

The zoo has over 6000 animals and is highlighted by its giant pandas, cheetahs, and indoor rainforest. The National Zoo is committed to education, there are learning stations located at just about every exhibit, so it is a great place to bring kids. The National Zoo is free for everyone and is open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/>

World War II Memorial

The newest national memorial opened at the end of April 2005. It is dedicated to the 16 million people who served during WWII. Located on the Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument, the memorial is out in the open and easily accessible to all. With beautiful ponds and fountains, the WWII Memorial will be a popular place to visit this summer.

Eastern Market

Eastern Market is one of the few public markets left in Washington, DC, and the only one retaining its original public market function. If you need a break from touring, enjoy the arts and crafts, fresh farm goods and flea market (Sunday only) on Capitol Hill. Eastern Market can be reached by Metro and is only one block north of the Eastern Market Metro Station on the southeast corner of 7th & Pennsylvania Ave., on the Blue and Orange lines. Eastern Market is open Saturday and Sunday. Hours vary. Visit <http://www.easternmarketdc.com/> for more information.

Union Station

The main hub for train travel in Washington D.C, the historic Union Station houses a number of shops and restaurants along with a large basement food court! Union Station can be accessed by the Metro on the red line, on Tourmobile, and is a short walk north of the Capitol on Columbus Circle.

International Spy Museum

Covering all things espionage, this hands-on museum walks you through the history of spying and the devices used. The Spy Museum is open 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Advanced tickets are recommended and can be purchased at

<http://www.spymuseum.org/index.asp>

Crime and Punishment Museum

One of the newest museums in Washington, the Crime and Punishment Museum's interactive exhibits allow visitors to explore the history of law enforcement. For more information and tickets, visit <http://www.crimemuseum.org/>

Newseum

The Newseum is an interactive news and journalism museum located on Pennsylvania Avenue. The Newseum is open every day from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information and tickets, visit <http://www.newseum.org/>