

## 2012 Tour Information:

### **Jefferson Memorial – <http://www.nps.gov/thje/index.htm>**

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

### **Lincoln Memorial – <http://www.nps.gov/linc/index.htm>**

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.

### **The National Zoo – <http://nationalzoo.si.edu>**

The zoo has over 6,000 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 for kids. The National Zoo is free for everyone and is open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

### **Washington Monument - <http://www.nps.gov/wamo/index.htm>**

The Washington Monument is temporarily closed due to damage from the August 23, 2011 earthquake. The National Park Service has closed the Monument to visitors and is assessing the damage.

*In the event that it reopens by June 2012, hours would be 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 p.m. daily. In order to enter, tickets are required. Free tickets are given out for that day's visitors at the National Park Service Kiosk at 15<sup>th</sup> Street at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Madison Drive. Arrive early to get tickets. The kiosk opens at 8:30 a.m. Tickets can be reserved in advance by calling 1-800-967-2283 or online.*

### **White House – <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/tours/>**

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 the website for more information.

### **Crime and Punishment Museum – <http://www.crimemuseum.org>**

One of the newest museums in Washington, the Crime and Punishment Museum's interactive exhibits allow visitors to explore the history of law enforcement. The museum is open 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. There is an entry fee.

### **Eastern Market – <http://www.easternmarket-dc.org>**

Eastern Market is one of the few public markets left in Washington, D.C., 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, on the Blue and Orange lines. Open Saturday and Sunday, hours vary.

### **Ford's Theater and the House Where Lincoln Died – <http://www.fordstheatre.org/home/plan-your-visit>**

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 theater. Across the street is the House Where Lincoln Died, known as the Peterson House. The house is in its original condition and has a variety of artifacts from the era. Hard Rock Café is right next door!

### **Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial – <http://www.nps.gov/fdre/index.htm>**

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 grounds are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is fully wheelchair accessible.

**Holocaust Memorial Museum – <http://www.ushmm.org>**

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. each day. There are exhibits open to the public without tickets as well. For advance tickets for a small fee call 1-800-400-9373 or visit tickets.com.

**International Spy Museum – <http://www.spymuseum.org/plan>**

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. – 7:00 p.m. every day. Advanced tickets are recommended and can be purchased through their website listed above. There is an entry fee.

**Kennedy Center – [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org)**

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.

**Korean War Memorial – <http://www.nps.gov/kowa>**

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. The memorial is located near the Lincoln Memorial. The grounds are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with park rangers available for questions 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

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

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 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. every day.

**The Old Post Office Pavilion – <http://www.oldpostofficedc.com>**

The former United States Post Office houses more than 80 shops and restaurants. It is a great place to have lunch while out 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 DC Tours red route.

**The Smithsonian – [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)**

The Smithsonian museums are the best of the nation's museums. You will find new and exciting things happening at this series of museums each visit. Most museums are open 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The American History Museum has summer extended hours of 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. The Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum and The Arts and Industries Building are currently closed for renovations.

**Special Exhibits at the Smithsonian Museums Include:**

**-Air & Space-**

~ *Fly Marines! The Centennial of Marine Corps Aviation: 1912 - 2012*

**-American History-**

~ *First Ladies at the Smithsonian*

~ *The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag that Inspired the National Anthem*

~ *National Treasures of Pop Culture*

~ *You Must Remember This*

~ *Snowboarding*

**-Natural History-**

~ *X-Ray Vision: Fish Inside Out*

~ *Hope Diamond*

~ *Eternal Life in Ancient Egypt*

~ *Dinosaurs in Our Backyard*

**-American Art Museum-**

~ *African American Art in the 20<sup>th</sup> c.*

~ *The Art of Video Games*

**-American Indian Museum**

~ *A Song for the Horse Nation*

**-Postal Museum-**

~ *Fire & Ice: Hindenburg and Titanic*

~ *Amelia Earhart's Personal Collection*

~ *Alphabetilately*

**-Smithsonian Castle**

~ *The Wonder of Light: Touch & Learn*

~ *Smithson's Crypt*

**Union Station – [www.unionstationdc.com](http://www.unionstationdc.com)**

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 DC Tours red route, or is a short walk north of the Capitol on Columbus Circle.

**U.S. Capitol – <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>**

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 online in advance or scheduled with your Congressional Representative.

**U.S. Navy Memorial – [www.navyemorial.org](http://www.navyemorial.org)**

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*.

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial – [www.nps.gov/vive/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/vive/index.htm)**

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 DC Tours blue route. It is open to the public 24 hours a day but park rangers are available to answer questions from 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. daily.

**World War II Memorial – [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com)**

The memorial is dedicated to the 16 million people who served during World War II. 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 is a popular place to visit this summer.

**Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial – <http://www.mlkmemorial.org/>**

The newest national memorial opened in August 2011 and is located southwest of the National Mall. The official address of the monument, 1964 Independence Avenue, S.W., commemorates the year that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law. The memorial is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**National Geographic Museum – <http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/exhibits/>**

At the National Geographic Museum enjoy a wide variety of changing exhibitions that reflect the richness and diversity of our world. It is centrally located at 17<sup>th</sup> and M Streets NW near two Metro stops – Farragut North (red line) and Farragut West (blue/orange line). The museum is open 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily. School groups are free with an advanced reservation. There is an entry fee for chaperones.

## Lunch Suggestions:

- **Union Station** – an array of choices. [www.unionstationdc.com](http://www.unionstationdc.com)
- **Old Post Office Pavillion** – 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. – [www.oldpostofficedc.com](http://www.oldpostofficedc.com)
- **Golden Triangle** also has a variety of places to choose from, visit <http://goldentriangle.com/dining> to view the list of restaurants.
- **Chinatown/Gallery Place** – Around Chinatown, on the Red line, you will find many food options. There are also a few options inside Gallery Place. [www.galleryplace.com](http://www.galleryplace.com)
- **Hard Rock Café** – 999 E Street, NW. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com)
- **Good Stuff Eatery & We The Pizza** – 303 Pennsylvania Ave SE– local DC restaurants by Celebrity Chef Spike Mendelsohn [www.goodstuffeatery.com](http://www.goodstuffeatery.com) & [www.wethepizza.com](http://www.wethepizza.com)