I hope you find this information helpful for your upcoming visit to our nation’s capital! For any questions regarding your visit, feel free to contact my Washington, D.C. office. If we cannot help with your particular query, we will be more than happy to point you in the right direction.

Safe travels and enjoy your trip!

A Visitor’s Guide to Washington, D.C.
Map of the Capitol Complex
Smithsonian Museums

Composed of 19 museums, 9 research institutions, and the National Zoo, the Smithsonian Institution is the world’s largest museum complex. Smithsonian museums are located throughout greater Washington, D.C. and all are free of charge.

National Air and Space Museum (Mall Location)

*Location:* 6th Street and Independence Ave., SW on the National Mall

*Hours:* 10am – 5:30pm with extended hours during the spring and summer (schedule for spring and summer hours may be accessed here: [http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/extended-hours.cfm](http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/extended-hours.cfm))

The National Air and Space Museum is home to the Lockheed Martin IMAX Theater and the Albert Einstein Planetarium. Both of these venues feature multiple shows that occur several times every day. Additional highlights include the Wright brothers’ 1903 flyer, the *Spirit of St. Louis*, and the Apollo 11 command module *Columbia*.

Additional information can be accessed at [http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/mall/](http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/mall/)

National Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

*Location:* 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway Chantilly, Virginia 20151

*Hours:* 10am – 5:30pm or 6:30pm during extended hours (schedule for spring and summer hours may be accessed here: [http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/extended-hours.cfm](http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/extended-hours.cfm))

Located in a spacious hanger near Washington D.C.’s Dulles airport, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is home to some of the Smithsonian’s most impressive aviation and space artifacts. This museum serves as an alternate location for some of the 50,000 objects that the National Air and Space Museum cannot display at its National Mall location. The gems of this collection include the Gemini VII space capsule, the *Enola Gay*, and the Lockheed SR-71 *Blackbird*, the fastest jet in the world. Sky walkways throughout the museum allow visitors to get a closer look at hundreds of airplanes, helicopters, fighter jets, and space craft.

More information, including directions and parking information can be accessed at [http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/](http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/)
**National Gallery of Art**

*Location:* 6th Street and Constitution Avenue NW Washington, DC, on the National Mall

*Hours:* 10am – 5pm Monday through Saturday; 11am – 6pm on Sunday

The National Gallery is the cornerstone of the Smithsonian’s art collection. Two buildings make up the National Gallery complex. The East Building houses modern art while the West Building features works from the old masters. Highlights of the collection include paintings by Da Vinci, Raphael, Rembrandt, Goya, Turner, Matisse, Cézanne, Serra, Pollack, and many others. In the sculpture Garden adjacent to the West Wing, visitors can enjoy live music such as jazz on Friday evenings in the summer, or attend the National Cherry Blossom Festival in the spring. Events and lectures are held in the Gallery and Sculpture Garden and most are free and open to the public.

More information can be accessed at [http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb.html](http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb.html)

**National Museum of African Art**

*Location:* 950 Independence Ave., SW on the National Mall

*Hours:* 10am – 5:30pm daily

The National Museum of African Art showcases African visual artwork ranging from traditional to contemporary pieces as it is the only museum in the U.S. dedicated to the collection, exhibition, conservation, and study of the arts of Africa. Collection objects include ceramics, textiles, furniture, tools, masks, figures, and musical instruments. The National Museum of African Art is also home to the Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection.

Additional information on the Museum of African Art can be accessed at [http://africa.si.edu/](http://africa.si.edu/)

**The National Museum of American History**

*Location:* 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW on the National Mall

*Hours:* 10am – 5:30pm or 7:30pm during extended hours (special spring, summer, and holiday extended hours schedule may be accessed here [http://americanhistory.si.edu/visit/hours](http://americanhistory.si.edu/visit/hours))

The National Museum of American History documents our nation’s history and preserves over three million important artifacts including the Star-Spangled Banner and George Washington’s uniform. In addition to their permanent collection, the museum hosts over a dozen rotating exhibitions.

Additional information can be accessed at [http://americanhistory.si.edu/](http://americanhistory.si.edu/)

**National Museum of the American Indian**

*Location:* 4th Street and Independence Ave., SW on the National Mall
**Hours:** 10am – 5:30pm daily

An especially unique museum, the National Museum of the American Indian hosts several exhibits, contains two theaters, and has one of the most notable cafeterias of all the Smithsonian museums featuring an American Indian inspired menu. A variety of lectures, workshops and performances are also available to visitors.

Additional information on the National Museum of the American Indian can be accessed at [http://nmai.si.edu/visit/washington/](http://nmai.si.edu/visit/washington/).

**The National Museum of Natural History**

*Location:* Intersection of 10th Street and Constitution Ave., NW on the National Mall

**Hours:** Regular Hours: 10am-5:30 pm or 7:30pm during extended hours (special extended hours schedule may be accessed here [http://www.mnh.si.edu/calEvents/hours.asp](http://www.mnh.si.edu/calEvents/hours.asp))

Through its research, collections, education and exhibition programs, the National Museum of Natural History serves as one of the world’s great repositories of scientific and cultural heritage. Visitors can see the Hope Diamond, browse dozens of interactive exhibits, see an IMAX movie, or walk among dinosaur fossils. However, the National Fossil Hall is closed for renovations until 2019. Information on closings and the dinosaur exhibits can be found at [http://naturalhistory.si.edu/fossil-hall/](http://naturalhistory.si.edu/fossil-hall/)

Additional information to help you plan your visit to the Museum of Natural History can be accessed at [http://www.mnh.si.edu/visit/](http://www.mnh.si.edu/visit/).

**National Portrait Gallery**

*Location:* 8th and F Street, NW

**Hours:** 11:30am – 7pm daily

The National Portrait Gallery is home to portraits of influential Americans who shaped our nation’s history. Rotating exhibitions feature contemporary and classic standouts in American art. An atrium in the center of the building frequently features concerts and lectures. Guests can purchase lunch at the Gallery cafeteria, or bring snacks to the atrium and enjoy the atmosphere.

Additional information on collections, current exhibits and other visitor information can be accessed at [http://www.npg.si.edu/inform/visit.html](http://www.npg.si.edu/inform/visit.html).

**National Postal Museum**

*Location:* 2 Massachusetts Ave., NW right next to Union Station

**Hours:** 10am – 5:30pm daily
The National Postal Museum is housed in a historic building that was Washington D.C.’s post office from 1914 through 1986. The Museum showcases the largest and most comprehensive collection of stamps and philatelic material in the world as it explores the nation’s postal history from colonial times to the present.

Additional information on the National Postal Museum can be accessed at http://postalmuseum.si.edu/

**The National Zoological Park**

*Location:* 3001 Connecticut Ave., NW

*Hours:* Exhibit buildings and visitor center are open from 9am – 6pm March 15 through September; 9am – 4pm October through March 14 – a more extensive look into the hours for the grounds, shops, concessions, and Visitor Center may be found at http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Visit/hours.cfm

The National Zoological Park is a great destination for all ages. The Zoo is home to hundreds of animals from around the world, including Washington D.C.’s famous Giant Pandas! Information on viewing the Zoo’s Panda cub Bei Bei can be found at http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/GiantPandas/

Additional information about visiting the National Zoological Park can be accessed at http://nationalzoo.si.edu/visit/.

**The Anacostia Community Museum**

*Location:* 1901 Fort Place, SE

*Hours:* 10am – 5pm daily

The Anacostia Community Museum is dedicated to interpreting historical and contemporary social issues from a cultural and community centered perspective. The museum additionally hosts special rotating events, exhibits, and lectures that discuss various aspects including environmental change, globalization, and cultural encounters.

Additional information on the Anacostia Community Museum can be accessed at http://anacostia.si.edu.

**The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery**

*Freer Gallery Location:* Jefferson Drive and 12th Street, SW on the National Mall

*Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Location:* 1050 Independence Ave., SW on the National Mall

*Hours:* 10am – 5:30pm
The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery house numerous pieces of Asian artwork. In addition to the galleries’ permanent collections, they also host events, show films, and have several rotating exhibits. The two museums are connected by an underground exhibition space.

Additional information on these galleries can be accessed at http://www.asia.si.edu/visit/default.asp.

* The Freer is currently closed for renovations and will reopen in October 2017. The Sackler is open until July 10, when it will close to reopen with the Freer. However, the Sackler currently appears as dynamic as ever, with exhibitions and events in the museum and around town.

**The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden**

*Location: Independence Ave. at 7th Street, SW on the National Mall*

*Hours: 10am – 5:30pm daily; the Plaza is open from 7:30am to 5:30pm daily; the Sculpture Garden is open from 7:30am until dusk daily*

The Hirshhorn Museum is home to a wide variety of contemporary art pieces and also hosts several rotating exhibits. The adjacent Sculpture Garden contains numerous works of art right outside the Hirshhorn Museum on the grass of the National Mall. Additionally, the museum has various “after hours” events, which include live music and performances.

Additional information on the Hirshhorn Museum, Plaza, and Sculpture Garden can be accessed at http://hirshhorn.si.edu/collection/home/#collection=visit

**The Renwick Gallery**

*Location: 1661 Pennsylvania Ave., NW*

*Hours: 10am – 5:30pm daily*

Located steps from the White House, the Renwick Gallery’s collection, programs, and publications highlight the best craft objects and decorative arts from the 19th century to the present. This historic building is home to several rotating exhibits.

Information on both the American Art Museum and the Renwick Gallery can be accessed at http://americanart.si.edu/visit/.

**S. Dillon Ripley Center, International Gallery**

*Location: 1100 Jefferson Drive between the “Castle” and the Freer Gallery of Art on the National Mall*

*Hours: 10am – 5:30pm daily*
The International Gallery features temporary exhibitions from the Smithsonian's Traveling Exhibition Service, the National Portrait Gallery, and other Smithsonian museums.

Additional information can be accessed at http://www.si.edu/Museums/ripley-center.

**The Smithsonian Institution Building**

*Location:* 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW on the National Mall

*Hours:* 8:30am – 5:30pm daily

The Smithsonian Institution Building, commonly referred to as “the Castle,” houses exhibitions, as well as information on all of the Smithsonian Museums.

Additional information on the Castle can be accessed at http://www.si.edu/Museums/smithsonian-institution-building.

**National Museum of African Art**

*Location:* 950 Independence Avenue, SW on the National Mall

*Hours:* Open daily from 10am to 5:30pm except on December 25

*Admission:* Free

The National Museum of African Art expands the African art history field and presents to the public a rich diversity of artistic traditions throughout the continent. It is home to research facilities, state-of-the-art conservation lab, groundbreaking exhibitions and collections, as well as educational outreach and public programs. The museum offers a multifaceted view of Africa’s artistic traditions by incorporating cutting edge, contemporary and urban-focused performances and programs.

More information can be accessed at https://africa.si.edu/.

**National Museum of American Art**

*Location:* Between 8th and F Streets, NW

*Hours:* Open daily from 11:30am to 7:00pm except on December 25

*Admission:* Free

As the nation’s first collection of American art, the National Museum of American Art is home to one of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world. The museum captures the aspirations, character, and imagination of the American people throughout three centuries.

More information can be accessed at http://americanart.si.edu/.
**National Museum of Natural History**

*Location:* Between 10th St. & Constitution Ave, NW

*Hours:* Open daily from 10:00am to 5:30pm except on December 25

*Admission:* Free

The National Museum of Natural History features more than 126 million natural science specimens and cultural artifacts and serves as one of the world’s great repositories of scientific and cultural heritage.

More information can be accessed at [https://naturalhistory.si.edu/](https://naturalhistory.si.edu/).

**Other Museums & Attractions**

**Arlington Cemetery**

*Location:* Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 2221; Across the Arlington Bridge from Washington, D.C. in Arlington, Virginia. Parking can be accessed via Memorial Drive (at cost) or if taking public transportation, visitors can walk across the street from the Blue Line Arlington Cemetery Metro stop.

*Hours:* Open year round; 8am - 7pm April through September; 8am - 5pm October through March

*Admission:* Free

The thousands of men and women who have given their lives to serve our country are laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. The grounds of the cemetery surround the Arlington House mansion, the former home of General Robert E. Lee. Among other highlights, visitors can see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the gravesites of President John F. Kenney, Edward Kennedy, and Robert F. Kennedy, and the President William Howard Taft Memorial.


**Bureau of Engraving and Printing Tours**

*Location:* 300 14th Street, SW

*Hours:* 9am – 6pm March 20 through September 1; Tours run every 15 minutes. During this time the Visitor Center and gift shop are open 8:30am – 7pm (door closes at 6pm).

*Admission:* Free

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) is the production center for our national currency. The BEP prints billions of dollars, referred to as Federal Currency Notes, each year. These notes are funneled into our Federal Reserve System, which regulates how much currency is available at any
given time. The BEP only prints paper currency; our nation's coinage is produced at the U.S. Mint. (Tours of the United States Mint are available in Denver, CO and Philadelphia, PA). The BEP offers public tours of its facility in SW Washington D.C. from March – September, no reservations are necessary to tour. However, space is given on a first-come, first-served basis with the line forming at the Visitor Entrance on 14th Street, SW. During peak season (March – August), free, same-day tickets are distributed at 8am during the weekdays on a first-come, first-served basis at the ticket booth on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street). The booth will remain open until all tickets for the day have been distributed. **Lines form early and tickets go quickly, usually by 9 a.m.** You may also request advanced reservations for BEP tours with the staff in my Washington, D.C. office. Congressional tours of the BEP are extremely popular, so we recommend requesting this tour at least 4 months in advance.

More information can be accessed at [http://moneyfactory.gov/washingtondctours.html](http://moneyfactory.gov/washingtondctours.html)

**Eastern Market**

Location: 225 7th Street, SE

Hours: 7am – 7pm Tuesday through Friday; 7am – 6pm Saturday; 9am – 5pm Sunday, Closed Monday

Admission: Free

Located in the heart of the Capitol Hill neighborhood for over 136 years, Eastern Market is Washington, D.C.’s oldest continually operated food market. On weekends, Eastern Market and its surrounding blocks host a large outdoor farmer’s market and arts and crafts bazaar. The recently renovated building is a short walk from the Eastern Market Metro station on the Orange and Blue Lines.

More information can be accessed at [http://www.easternmarket-dc.org](http://www.easternmarket-dc.org)

**International Spy Museum**

Location: 800 F Street, NW in Chinatown

Hours: 8:30am – 8pm daily (Museum hours change from time to time-please check here: [https://www.spymuseum.org/visit/](https://www.spymuseum.org/visit/) before your visit)

Admission: $ - Entrance fee required and varies by age

This museum chronicles the history of spying using interactive exhibits that are particularly popular with children. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.


**The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**

Location: 2700 F Street, NW
**Hours:** The Kennedy Center opens daily at 10am; Box Office Hours: 10am-9pm Monday through Saturday, 12pm-9pm on Sunday and Holidays

**Admission:** Free

The Kennedy Center attracts the greatest performances and performers from across the country and the world. The Center offers daily free performances on the Millennium Stage. Visit the Kennedy Center's website for information on the specific performances being offered each evening. Free guided tours of the Kennedy Center complex run during regular hours. Same-day, walk up tickets are usually available. For groups larger than 20 or visitors with disabilities, tours can be booked in advance, on the Kennedy Center website.


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**Library of Congress.**

**Location:** 10 1st Street, SE between Independence Ave. and East Capitol Street

**Hours:** The Thomas Jefferson Building is open 8:30am – 5pm Monday through Saturday (researchers and staff only after 4:30pm)

**Admission:** Free

Located just across the street from the Capitol building, the main campus of the Library of Congress is one of Washington D.C.'s most beautiful attractions. As the research arm of Congress, the Library of Congress is the largest library in the world and houses millions of books, recordings, maps, manuscripts, and photographs. In addition to its stunning art and architecture, visitors can view the rotating special exhibitions throughout the building. Guests are able to explore at their leisure, but guided tours are also available from Monday to Saturday, at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm. (3:30pm tour is not available on Saturdays or Federal holidays).

More information can be accessed at [http://www.loc.gov/visit/tours/](http://www.loc.gov/visit/tours/).

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**Mount Vernon**

**Location:** 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

**Hours:** Open year round; 9am - 5:00pm April through October; 9am-4pm November through March

**Admission:** $ - Entrance fee required and varies by age

Mount Vernon was the home of Martha and George Washington from the time of their marriage until George Washington’s death. On the estate, visitors can tour the mansion and its beautifully manicured gardens, as well as any current special exhibitions on display. Mount Vernon is located 16 miles south of Washington, D.C. and 8 miles south of Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, an approximately 30 minute drive from Washington, D.C. Tickets can be purchased in advance online or at Mount Vernon.
More information and to purchase tickets please visit: http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/admission/

**Mount Vernon Trail**


*Hours:* The Parkway headquarters is open 8:15am – 4:15pm Monday through Friday and closed Saturday, Sunday, Christmas and New Years Day.

*Admission:* Free

The Mount Vernon Trail is shared by thousands of walkers, bikers, and runners each year and stretches 18.5 miles from Washington, D.C. through Alexandria, Virginia, and ends at Mount Vernon, Virginia. The trail is popular among residents and visitors alike and is host to picnics, family gatherings, and anyone interested in enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Potomac River. Several parks along the trail, including Roosevelt Island Park and Great Falls Park, offer opportunities for extended hiking and exploring.


**National Arboretum**

*Location:* 3501 New York Avenue, NE

*Hours:* 8am – 5pm, every day and the Visitor Center is open from 8am-4:30pm. The National Bonsai & Penjing Museum is open Friday through Monday, from 10am – 4pm.

*Admission:* Free

Spanning 446 acres, the National Arboretum includes 9.5 miles of trials and roadways. Visitors can enjoy the surrounding natural beauty and browse the thousands of species of trees, shrubs and plants cultivated by the Arboretum for educational and scientific purposes. The Arboretum is not Metro accessible, but is a short 10 minute drive from Capitol Hill and parking is free.


**National Archives**

*Location:* Constitution Ave NW (between 7th and 9th street)

*Hours:* 10 am – 5:30 pm, seven days a week.

*Admission:* Free
The National Archives is home to some of our nation’s most important and historic documents including the United States Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. Visitors can view these and other documents on their own or on a guided or self-guided tour. Guided Tours run Monday through Friday starting at 9:45 am and Self-Guided Visits are available beginning at 10 am and are available until 90 minutes before closing. For groups please visit the web site below for more information.

More information can be accessed at http://www.archives.gov/nae/visit/.

National Cathedral

Location: 3101 Wisconsin Ave., NW

Hours: 10 am – 5:30 pm Monday through Friday; 10 am – 4 pm Saturday; 8 am open for worship on Sunday, 1 pm – 4 pm for visits on Sunday; Guided tours begin at 10:15 am Monday through Saturday and at 1 pm on Sunday

Admission: $ - Entrance fee required and varies by age; no admission charges for tours on Sunday

The purpose and mission of the National Cathedral is to provide “indispensable ministry for people of all faiths and perspectives, and a sacred place for our country in times of celebration, crisis, and sorrow." Officially the home of an Episcopal congregation, the Cathedral welcomes people of all faiths and creeds and is host to a wide variety of events. Tours are available to the public at various times throughout the week.

More information can be accessed at http://cathedral.org/

Newseum

Location: 555 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Hours: 9 am – 5 pm daily except during holidays daily (Museum hours are subject to change without notice so please check before your visit)

Admission: $ - Entrance fee required and varies by age

One of the city’s most popular attractions, the Newseum chronicles the history of news and media and features 7 floors of galleries and interactive exhibits. Tickets are available for purchase at the museum and guided tours are also available for an extra cost.

More information can be accessed at http://www.newseum.org/visit/

Pentagon Tours

Location: 1760 Air Force Pentagon

Hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm and Friday from 12 pm to 4 pm; advanced tour reservations are required to visit the Pentagon
Admission: Free

The Pentagon is twice the size of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, and has three times the floor space of the Empire State Building in New York. Free hour-long guided tours are accessible to the public with advanced tour reservations. Reservations may be booked from 14 to 90 days in advance. The Pentagon is located in nearby Arlington, Virginia and is metro accessible via the Pentagon Metro stop on the Blue and Yellow lines.

For more information or to book a Pentagon tour visit https://pentagontours.osd.mil/

The Phillips Collection

Location: 1600 21st Street, NW in Dupont Circle

Hours: 10am – 5pm Tuesday through Saturday, 12pm – 7pm Sunday, Thursday extended hours 5 - 8:30pm

Admission: Museum collection is free with encouraged donations Tuesday through Friday; Entrance fee is required for Ticketed Exhibitions

The Phillips Collection features modern and contemporary art in an intimate museum setting. Visitors can view the impressive permanent collection or the current special exhibitions. Highlights include paintings by Degas, Cézanne, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Matisse, Picasso, Hopper, and O'Keeffe. Tickets for ticketed exhibitions can be purchased online or at the museum.

More information can be accessed at http://www.phillipscollection.org/visit

Supreme Court

Location: First Street, NE between East Capitol Street and Maryland Ave., adjacent to the U.S. Capitol and the Library of Congress

Hours: 9am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday, closed on weekends and federal holidays

Admission: Free

The Supreme Court building is located just across from the Capitol building. Visitors can access the ground floor where exhibitions on the history of the Court rotate periodically. Thirty minute lectures led by trained docents are designed to introduce visitors of all ages to the judicial functions of the Supreme Court, the history of the building, and the architecture of the Courtroom. Courtroom Lectures are available Monday through Friday on a first-come, first-served basis. Lectures are generally scheduled every hour on the half-hour beginning at 9:30am with a final lecture at 3:30pm. Courtroom Lectures are NOT available while the Court is in session. This schedule varies on days that the Court is not sitting.

**U.S. Botanic Garden**

*Location*: 100 Maryland Ave., SW on the National Mall

*Hours*: The Conservatory and National Garden are open daily from 10am to 5pm. The Bartholdi Park is open year round from dawn until dusk. May 28 through September 5, 2016 the USBG National Garden will have extended evening hours and be open until 7:00 pm each evening.

*Admission*: Free

Located just southwest of the Capitol Building, the U.S. Botanic Gardens is one of the oldest institutions of its kind in North America. A walk through the Conservatory or the outdoor National Garden highlights the diversity of plants worldwide, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic, and ecological significance.

More information can be accessed at [http://www.usbg.gov/visit](http://www.usbg.gov/visit).

**U.S. Navy Museum**

*Location*: Building 76 in the Washington Navy Yard, enter gate at 6th and M Street, SE

*Hours*: 9am – 5pm Monday through Friday; 10am – 5pm on weekends and most holidays (hours are subject to change so please check before your visit)

*Admission*: Free

Though this museum is a bit off the beaten path, the U.S. Navy Museum chronicles the history of the U.S. Navy from the American Revolution to the present. Naval artifacts, models, documents and fine art are all on display with permanent and rotating exhibitions. Visitors can also step aboard and explore the U.S.S. Barry, a decommissioned 1950s destroyer battleship docked just a few steps away from the museum. Note that all visitors age 16 and older must show a valid photo ID upon entering the Navy Yard, and that cars are only allowed to enter the base on weekends.


**Washington Monument** *

*Location*: On the National Mall, between the U.S. Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial.

*Hours*: The National Mall and Memorial Parks are open to the public 24 hours a day; rangers are on duty at the sites to answer questions from 9:30am to 10pm daily.

*Admission*: Admission to the Monument is free but requires a ticket. Same day tickets are available on a first come, first-served basis at the ticket booth located just east of the Monument. Advanced reservations can be made online or by calling 1-877-444-6777 for individual tickets or 1-877-559-6777 for group reservation but do include a $1.50 service charge. Visitors can go to the top of the Washington Monument and enjoy spectacular views of our nation's Capital.
* The Washington Monument is currently closed to visitors until spring 2019 to allow for modernization of the elevator.

For more information and to reserve tickets, please visit [http://www.nps.gov/wamo/planyourvisit/feesandreservations.htm](http://www.nps.gov/wamo/planyourvisit/feesandreservations.htm).

**Jefferson Memorial**

*Location*: On the National Mall, 16 East Basin Drive, SW

*Hours*: The National Mall and Memorial Parks are open to the public 24 hours a day; rangers are on duty at the sites to answer questions from 9:30am to 10pm daily.

*Admission*: Free

Dedicated by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on April 13, 1943, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial stands in a straight line with the White House and is surrounded by beautiful scenery.

More information can be accessed at [https://www.nps.gov/thje/learn/historyculture/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/thje/learn/historyculture/index.htm).

**Korean War Memorial**

*Location*: On the National Mall, southeast of the Lincoln Memorial and just south of the Reflecting Pool on the National Mall

*Hours*: The National Mall and Memorial Parks are open to the public 24 hours a day; rangers are on duty at the sites to answer questions from 9:30am to 10pm daily.

*Admission*: Free

The Korean War Veterans Memorial honors over 5 million Americans who answered the call, worked and fought under trying circumstances, and gave their lives for the cause of freedom.

More information can be accessed at [https://www.nps.gov/kowa/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/kowa/index.htm).

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial**

*Location*: On the National Mall, 1850 West Basin Dr SW

*Hours*: The National Mall and Memorial Parks are open to the public 24 hours a day; rangers are on duty at the sites to answer questions from 9:30am to 10pm daily.

*Admission*: Free

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial is a presidential memorial in Washington D.C. dedicated to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, and to the era he represents.

**United States Department of the Treasury Tours**

*Location:* 1500 Pennsylvania Ave, NW,

*Hours:* Tours are available Saturday mornings at 9am, 9:45am, 10:30am and 11:15 am, excluding some holiday weekends.

*Admission:* Free

A tour of the Department of the Treasury is a great way to learn about the functions of the premier financial institution of the United States. Some tour highlights are the Salmon Chase and Andrew Johnson Suites, the newly restored West dome and lobby, and the Cash Room.

More information can be accessed at https://www.treasury.gov/about/history/Pages/tours.aspx.

**United States Capitol**

*Location:* East Capitol St, NE & First St, SE

*Hours:* The Capitol Visitor Center is 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 on Inauguration Day.

*Admission:* Admission to the Capitol Visitor Center is free. However, passes are required for tours of the historic Capitol and may be needed for other special events.

The historic Capitol, often times referred to as the Capitol Building, has been the home to the United States Congress for decades. It also features a vast collection of American art, history, and architectural achievements. All visitors to the Capitol are required to go through security screening.

More information can be accessed at https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/about-capitol.

**The White House**

*Location:* 1450 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

*Hours:* Tours are available from 7:30am to 11:30am on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and from 7:30am to 1:30pm on Friday and Saturday.

*Admission:* Admission to the White House is free. However, passes acquired through your Member of Congress are required for tours.
The White House tour now features the Family Theater as of March 2017. White House tours are scheduled on a first come, first served basis and they must be requested a minimum of 21 days in advance of your visit. Requests can be submitted up to three months in advance. All visitors to the White House are required to go through security screening.

More information can be accessed at [https://whitehouse.gov1.info/visit/tour.html](https://whitehouse.gov1.info/visit/tour.html).

**The Evening Parade**

*Location*: Between 8th St. & I St, NW

*Hours*: Every Friday beginning May 5 through Aug. 25, 2017 from 8:45 pm to 10:00pm

*Admission*: Admission to the Evening Parade is free. However, reservations are required for guaranteed access to attend.

The Evening Parade, held every Friday evening during the summer, has become a universal symbol of the professionalism, discipline, and Esprit de Corps of the United States Marines. The story of the ceremony reflects the story of Marines throughout the world. Whether they be aboard ships, in foreign embassies, at recruit depots, in divisions, or in the many positions and places where Marines project their image, the individual Marine continually tells the story of the Corps.


**The Sunset Parade**

*Location*: Between 8th St. & I St, NW

*Hours*: Every Tuesday beginning May 30 through Aug. 8, 2017 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm*

*Admission*: Free, no reservations needed

Since September 1956, the Sunset Parade is a tribute to the brave marines who have risked their lives in the shadow of the 32-foot high figures of the United States Marine Corps War Memorial.


* The Sunset Parades on Aug. 1 and 8 will be from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

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