

# WASHINGTON, D.C.

## Visitor's Guide



### SPECIAL EVENTS

**National Cherry Blossom Festival:** Spring is Washington, D.C.'s most anticipated season, arriving with spectacular beauty heralded by the blooming of nearly 3,000 cherry trees along the city's Tidal Basin. From the daily cultural performances at the Jefferson Memorial, to the extravagant National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade and the Sakura Matsuri Street Festival, the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival makes springtime the best time to visit the nation's capital. More information is available at [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) and <http://www.washington.org>.

**Smithsonian Kite Festival:** Next to the Washington Monument, colorful kites signal the arrival of spring with kite designers and flyers of assorted ages competing for trophies and other prizes. Call (202) 633-3030 or visit [www.kitefestival.org](http://www.kitefestival.org) for more information.

**White House Easter Egg Roll:** Children and their parents gather on the White House South Lawn for the annual Easter Egg Roll. Festivities include concerts, storytelling and costumed characters. Call (202) 456-7041 or visit [www.whitehouse.gov/eastereggroll](http://www.whitehouse.gov/eastereggroll) to apply for the online ticket lottery.

**National Christmas Tree Lighting:** The nation's chief executive opens the holiday season with the lighting of the National Christmas Tree, accompanied by the Pageant of Peace. From early December to New Year's Day, the White House Ellipse Visitor Pavilion features lit trees from each state and territory, a nativity scene, live reindeer, a burning Yule log, and choral concerts. Call (202) 456-7041 or visit [www.thenationaltree.org](http://www.thenationaltree.org) to apply for the online ticket lottery for the lighting ceremony.

**White House Spring Garden and House Tours:** Tours include the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden and the West Lawn Gardens, commencing from the White House Visitor Center. The National Park Service will distribute free, timed tickets at the Ellipse Visitor Pavilion located at 15th and E Streets on tour days beginning at 8:00 a.m. Tickets will be distributed – one ticket per person – on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (202) 456-7041 for more information.



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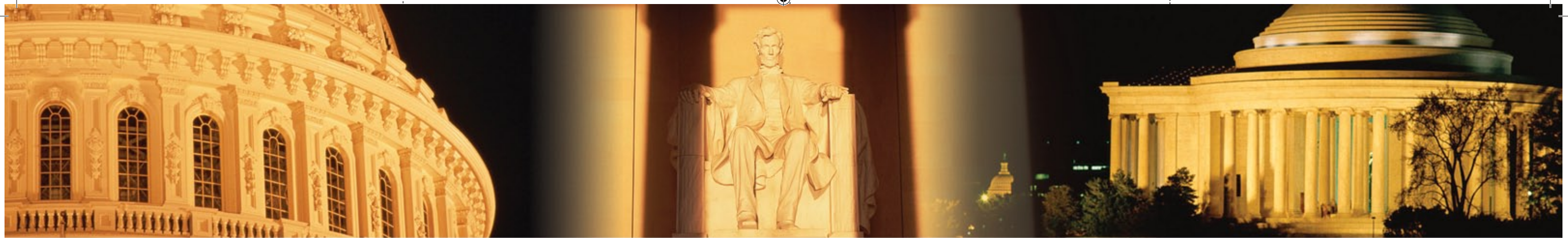
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## PLACES TO SEE

**The White House:** 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Self-guided tours. Requests must be submitted at least 60 days in advance to my office: (202) 225-2536. Spots are extremely limited. The White House Visitor Center, located at 1450 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, is open to the public daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features history exhibits and a gift shop.

**U.S. Capitol and the Capitol Visitor Center:** The 580,000-square-foot Capitol Visitor Center opened to the public in December 2008. Congressional staff-led tours of the U.S. Capitol require advance reservations through my office. A limited number of same-day tickets are available at the CVC information desk. Contact my office at (202) 225-2536 to arrange a tour for up to 10 people during the week. Large group tours or Saturday tours can be arranged through the CVC's website: [www.visitthecapitol.gov](http://www.visitthecapitol.gov).

**The Library of Congress:** Located between 1st Street, SE and East Capitol Street. The largest library in the world, boasting over 138 million items in its collections. Hour-long guided tours of the Jefferson Building and its collections are available at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday (no 3:30 p.m. tour on Saturdays). (202) 707-9779 or [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov).

**The Supreme Court:** 1st and Maryland Avenue, NE. Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with tours departing every hour. Phone: (202) 479-3000.

**National Archives:** 7th and Constitution Avenue, NW. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from March 15 through Labor Day and 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the winter. Exhibits, tours and films highlight the nation's history and development. The original documents of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are on display. Phone: (202) 501-5205.

**Pentagon:** Across the 14th Street Bridge in Virginia. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. See the Flag Corridor and the Hall of Heroes. Tour requests must be made through my office at least eight days in advance. Contact my office: (202) 225-2536.

**Bureau of Engraving and Printing:** 14th and C Street, SW. See how U.S. currency is printed. Tours depart between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tour requests must be made through my office at least one month in advance: (202) 225-2536.

**Ford's Theater and the Lincoln Museum:** 10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. See where President Lincoln was assassinated. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (202) 347-4833.

## MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS

**Washington Monument:** On the National Mall at 15th Street, NW. Daily tours to the top of the monument are available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free, but tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets can be reserved in advance at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Phone: (202) 233-3520.

**Jefferson Memorial:** Located on the south bank of the Tidal Basin (Closest Metro Smithsonian; the Memorial is a 15-minute walk from the station). Open 24 hours; rangers are available from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily to answer questions. <http://www.nps.gov/thje/>.

**Lincoln Memorial:** On the west end of the National Mall (Closest Metro: Smithsonian or Foggy Bottom/GWU). Open 24 hours; rangers are available from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily to answer questions.

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial:** Along the Cherry Tree Walk on the western edge of the Tidal Basin. Open 24 hours.

**National World War II Memorial:** Located on 17th Street, NW, between Constitution and Independence Avenue. Open 24 hours; rangers are available from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily to answer questions. [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com).

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial ("The Wall"):** Located on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, along Constitution Avenue between 21st and 23rd Streets. <http://thewall-usa.com>.

**Iwo Jima Memorial:** Marshall Drive between Route 50 and Arlington National Cemetery.

**Korean War Veterans Memorial:** Western end of National Mall, adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial in West Potomac Park. Open 24 hours; rangers are available from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily to answer questions. [www.nps.gov/kowa](http://www.nps.gov/kowa).

**National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial:** 400 7th Street, NW. Honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcement officers. Open 24 hours.

**Arlington National Cemetery:** Located across the Memorial Bridge in Virginia. Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. April through September; open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. October through March. (703) 607-8000 or [www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org).

**The Pentagon Memorial:** Located on the west side of the Pentagon (Closest Metro: Pentagon). Consists of 184 memorial units, each dedicated to an individual victim from the Sept. 11th terrorist crash of Flight 77 into the Pentagon. Open 24 hours.

## MUSEUMS

**National Gallery of Art:** On the National Mall between 3rd and 7th Streets at Constitution Avenue, NW. Features paintings, sculptures, decorative arts and works on paper from the Middle Ages until today. Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 737-4215.

**International Spy Museum:** 800 F Street, NW. Home to the world's largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display. Open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. April through October and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. November through March. Please call for admission fees. Phone: (202) EYE-SPY-U.

**Newseum:** Located at Pennsylvania Avenue and 6th Street, NW. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Features 14 major galleries and 15 theaters that will immerse you in the world's greatest news stories. Please call for admission fees. Phone: (888) NEWSEUM.

**National Portrait Gallery:** Located at 8th and F Streets, NW. Open 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. Through the visual arts, performing arts and new media, the Portrait Gallery portrays individuals whose lives tell the American story. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 633-8300.

**Smithsonian Air and Space Museum:** 6th and Independence Avenue, SW. Among the displays are the Wright Brothers' plane, the Spirit of St. Louis, and the Apollo II command module. Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 633-2214.

**Smithsonian Museum of American History:** 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW. See displays of milestones in American history and inventions. Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 633-1000.

**Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History:** 10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Features exhibits on cultural artifacts, ancient life forms, and rare gemstones. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 633-1000.

**National Museum of the American Indian:** Located at 4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Features permanent and temporary exhibits representing ideas and experiences in Native life and history. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 633-1000.

**Crime and Punishment Museum:** Located at 575 7th Street, NW (Closest Metro: Gallery Place/Chinatown). Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Explore the history of crime and punishment and learn real CSI procedures. Please call for admission fees. Phone: (202) 393-1099.

## OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

**Florida House:** Located at Number One 2nd Street, NE. Owned by the people of the State of Florida. Offers information on hotels, events, restaurants, and tours. Phone: (202) 546-1555.

**Holocaust Memorial Museum:** Located near the National Mall, just south of Independence Avenue, SW, between 14th Street and Raoul Wallenberg Place (Closest Metro: Smithsonian). Admission is free. Open 10 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. daily. Phone: (202) 488-0400.

**Washington National Cathedral:** Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenue, NW. The largest gothic cathedral in the Western Hemisphere. Open 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Sunday. Phone: (202) 537-6200.

**John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:** 2700 F Street, NW. The Center presents a wide variety of performances and also offers daily tours free of charge. Please call for admission fees for performances. Phone: (800) 444-1324 or (202) 467-4600.

**U.S. Botanical Garden:** 100 Maryland Avenue, SW. The nation's oldest continuously operating public garden. Open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Bring your cell phone and learn more as you walk through the Garden. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 377-2825.

**National Aquarium:** 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenue, NW. Houses over 50 tanks containing both salt and freshwater fish. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Please call for admission fees. Phone: (202) 546-1555.

**National Zoo:** 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW (Closest Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan). Admission is free. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. April through October and 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. November through March. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 673-4800.

**Mount Vernon:** Visit George Washington's mansion overlooking the Potomac River. Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. March through October and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. November through February. Please call for admission fees. Phone: (703) 780-2000.

**Georgetown:** Visit the Old Stone House, Dumbarton House and other historical sites from early American History. The C&O Canal and Mount Vernon Trail have over 180 miles of hiking and biking trails.

**Old Town Alexandria, VA:** This town offers diverse shops and hip new restaurants tucked inside 18th-century homes, warehouses and buildings. It was the former home of George Washington and Robert E. Lee.

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