

Thank you for your interest in touring Washington, DC with us! Below you will find more information about some of the most popular tours in DC. The Capitol and White House tours are the only ones that must be organized through a Congressional Office. All others can be reserved by phone or website, or do not require reservations.

Capitol Tour Information: For groups of 15 people and less, our office hosts staff-lead tours of the Capitol every weekday at 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 2:00pm. These will begin in our Congressional office (224 Cannon), travel throughout the Capitol building, and conclude on the Capitol's steps.

For groups larger than 15, we will be happy to set up a tour of the Capitol for you through the Capitol Visitor's Center. Both tours include access to the Capitol's orientation film – Out of Many, One and are a wonderful way to learn the history and the current workings of the Capitol and our Congress. **Please note that both tours require an extensive amount of walking*

While Congress is in session, our office can provide gallery passes for the House of Representatives (upon request) for those interested. Video recorders are allowed inside the building; strollers are also allowed but discouraged. The Capitol Visitor's Center has a comprehensive list of prohibited items within the Capitol.

White House Tour Information: The White House offers unguided tours on limited days per year, organized by the Congressional offices. Tour requests and security information must be submitted to the White House no later than three (3) full weeks before the requested dates. Once approved for a tour, our office will notify you and provide further details and instructions.

White House tour spots are extremely limited. During peak season, only about 5 – 10% of White House Tours requested are approved. As such, when requesting White House tours, we recommend providing as many available dates as possible and requesting your tour as early as possible.

No bags, purses, cameras, strollers, food or beverages are allowed on the tour and storage is not provided.

Pentagon Tour Information: The Pentagon offers guided tours Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. Tours are approximately an hour in duration and cover a *mile and a half route* that showcases the Department of Defense and each of its branches of service.

Tours must be scheduled in advance – tour requests and security information must be submitted no earlier than 90 days and no later than seven (7) days prior to the requested date. Once the tour is approved, you will be emailed a security roster that must be filled out and returned no later than three

(3) days before your visit. Tours can be requested online at pentagontours.osd.mil. Call **(703) 697-1776** for more information or with any concerns.

Library of Congress Tour Information: The Library of Congress provides one hour long tours of their Jefferson Building. Tours are available hourly from 10:30am to 3:30pm on weekdays and from 10:30am to 2:30pm on Saturdays. On federal holidays, the first tour begins at 9:30am. Unguided tours are also available – we recommend downloading their Virtual Tour App for iPhone for your own personal tour guide. Additional tours and program information is available on their website – loc.gov/visit/tours/ or call **(202) 707-9203**.

State Department Tour Information: The State Department provides a tour of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms used for official functions and meetings. The rooms boast an extensive collection of 18th century American furniture and art. Guided tours last 45 minutes and run Monday-Friday at 9:30am, 10:30am, and 2:45pm. Reservations are required and tour requests must be submitted 90 days in advance by calling **(202) 647-3241** or online at receptiontours.state.gov. This particular tour is not idea for children; strollers are not permitted. Visit diplomaticrooms.state.gov for a preview of the rooms.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Tour Information: The Bureau of Engraving offers free 40 minute tours that include an introductory film and a gallery tour of how our currency is produced. All tours operate on a first come, first serve basis except group tours which must be scheduled ahead of time.

From September – February, no tickets are required for entry; tours run every 15 minutes from 9:00 – 10:45am and 12:30 – 2pm. Between March and August, free tickets are required for entry; tours run every 15 minutes from 9:00am – 2:00pm in March, and from 9:00am – 7:00pm for the remainder of peak season. These tickets are day-of only and can be picked up at the Bureau’s ticket booth beginning at 8am.

Cameras and strollers are allowed on the premises, but cannot be used during the tour. For more information go to: www.moneyfactory.gov/tours/washintondctours.html or call **(202) 874-2330**

National Archives Tour Information: The National Archives are the home of the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. It is open every day excluding Thanksgiving and December 25th from 10:00am – 5:30pm in the fall and winter and 10:00am – 7:00pm from March 15 – Labor Day.

They offer guided tours every weekday morning at 9:45am. Additional timed tours are available seven days a week from 10:00am until 90 minutes before close. Reservations are not required for timed tours,

but can be made online for a service fee of \$1.50 or by phone at **1-877-444-6777**. Cameras, food and beverages are not permitted inside the theater or exhibit areas. More information can be found at **archives.gov**.

Kennedy Center Tour Information: The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts offers guided tours Monday – Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm and on weekends from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome, as tours begin every 10 minutes. Group tours are available for groups of 20 – 60 people every half hour from 10:00am – 4:30pm on weekdays and 10:00am – 1:00pm on weekends. Call **(202) 467-4600** with questions or to schedule a tour. **kennedy-center.org**

Supreme Court Tour Information: The Supreme Court provides first come, first serve unguided tours of the Supreme Court building and history. When the Supreme Court is in session, visitors have the opportunity to sit in on a hearing as well. Go to **supremecourt.gov** or call **(202) 479-3211** for more information.