

Welcome to our Nation's capital. Washington D.C. is a vibrant city full of American history. My staff and I have included some information regarding a few of my favorite tours, monuments, and museums which I hope will be helpful for your visit. Please contact my office if you need anything at all—we are here to help you have a great experience.

Best,



### Capitol Tours

For groups of 15 guests or less, our office provides staffed tours of the Capitol every weekday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For larger groups or weekend tours, we will be happy to arrange a tour of the Capitol for your group through the Capitol Visitor Center.

While Congress is in session, our office will gladly provide gallery passes for those interested in watching the House of Representatives and Senate at work.

Visit the Capitol Visitor Center's website—[www.visitthecapitol.gov](http://www.visitthecapitol.gov)—for more information or contact our office to schedule a staff-led tour.

### White House Tours

Unguided tours of the White House are available on limited days of the year. Requests for White House tours should be made through our Congressional office, no later than one month before the requested dates.

The White House does require additional security information from visitors. Please contact our office for more information regarding availability of tours or to submit a request.

### Supreme Court

The Supreme Court provides unguided tours Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on a first come, first serve basis.

When the Supreme Court is in session, visitors have the opportunity to walk through or to sit and watch ongoing hearings.

Go to [supremecourt.gov](http://supremecourt.gov) or call **(202) 479-3211** for more information.

### Library of Congress

The Library of Congress provides guided tours of their Jefferson Building hourly from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on weekdays and until 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Unguided tours are also available throughout business hours. We recommend downloading the Library's Virtual Tour iPhone App for your own personal tour guide.

More information can be found on their website—[loc.gov/visit/tours](http://loc.gov/visit/tours)—or by calling **(202) 707-2903**.

### The National Archives

The National Archives are the home of the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. The museum is open every day excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. with extended hours between March 15th and Labor Day, when they will remain open until 7 p.m.

Timed tours are available from 10 a.m. until 90 minutes before close. Reservations are not required for timed tours but can be made online at [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) for a service fee of \$1.50 or for free by calling **(877) 444-6777**. Doing so may aid in avoiding long lines during peak season.

### Bureau of Engraving and Printing

The Bureau of Engraving offers free 40 minute tours that include an introductory film and a gallery tour of how our currency is produced. Tours operate on a first come, first served basis except large-group tours, which must be scheduled ahead of time.

From September – February, no tickets are required for entry; tours run from 9 a.m.–10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.–2 p.m. Between March and August, free tickets are required for entry; tours run every 15 minutes from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. in March, and from 9 a.m.–7 p.m. 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 8 a.m.

For additional information on Bureau tours, go to: [www.moneyfactory.gov](http://www.moneyfactory.gov) or call **(202) 874-2330**.

### The Pentagon

The Pentagon offers guided tours Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. Tours are approximately one 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 – requests and security information must be submitted no earlier than 90 days and no later than 14 days prior to the requested date. Tours requests can be made online at [pentagontours.osd.mil](http://pentagontours.osd.mil). Call **(703) 697-1776** for more information or with any concerns.

There are also numerous outstanding private museums available around the District. These include the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the NEWSeum and more. Please visit their websites for more information.

Tours of the FBI's DC headquarters are currently unavailable. The FBI suggests visiting the Museum of Crime and Punishment and the International Spy Museum in lieu of their program.

## Smithsonian Museums

The map (reverse) details many of the Smithsonian Museums and the major monuments around the National Mall.

The 19 Smithsonian Museums and the National Zoo make up the world's largest museum complex with over 137 million artifacts and specimens.

Smithsonian Museums around the National Mall include Air and Space, Natural History, American History, and American Art Museum.

The National Zoo is another extremely popular Smithsonian. Located in the Woodley Park neighborhood, this unique zoo is home to Asian elephants, pandas, and countless other endangered species.

## Monuments and Memorials

Washington D.C. is best known for its collection of monuments honoring great Americans throughout history.

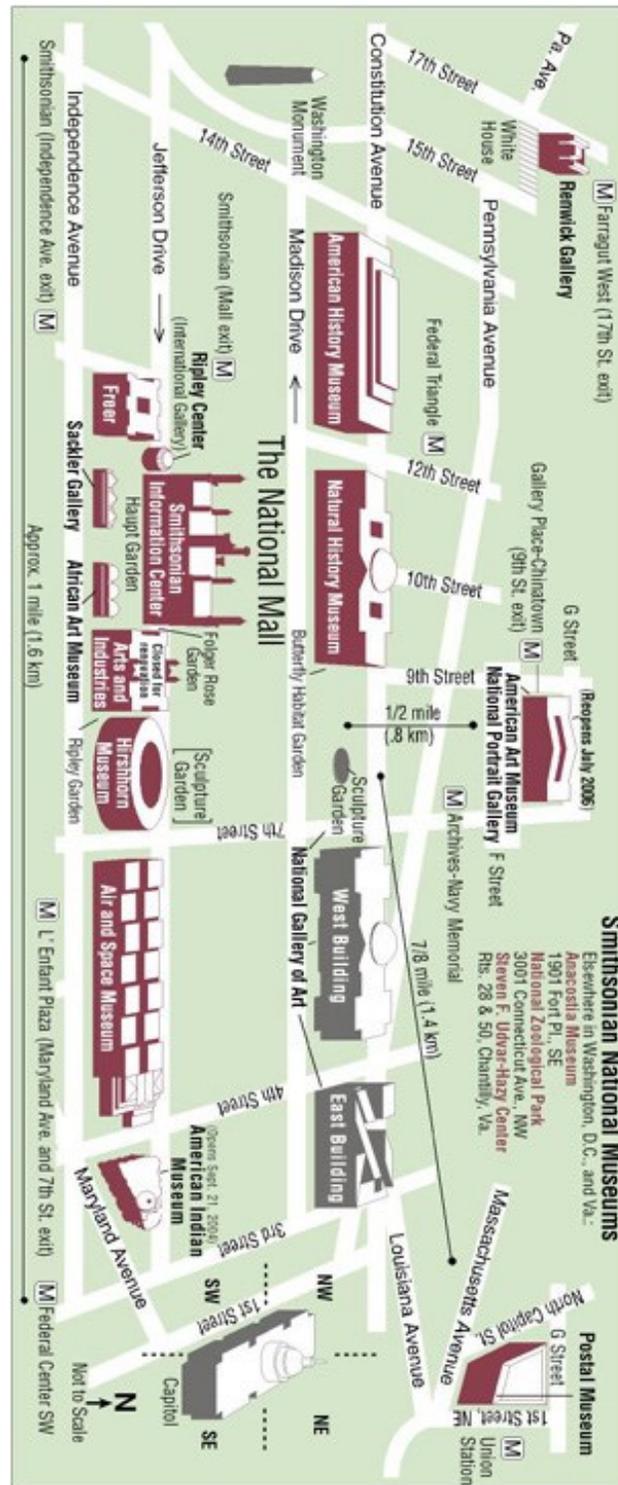
Many of these monuments can be found on the National Mall, including the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Lincoln Memorial. The Thomas Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King Jr. Memorials can be found around the Tidal Basin nearby.

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery in nearby Arlington, VA is extremely popular with visitors. Established during the Civil War, Arlington Cemetery covers over 600 acres and is the site of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Be sure to watch the Changing of the Guard ritual while you're there. The guard is changed every hour, on the hour, between 8am and 5pm October 1st—March 31st and, every half hour between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. April 1st—September 30th.

For more information, visit their website—[www.arlingtoncemetery.mil](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil)



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**“Must-See” List of 2014**



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