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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our nation’s capital, a great city that offers many wonderful places and events to explore.

Washington is one of the most historical and inspiring cities in the world. A city rooted in the foundations of democracy, where great statesmen like Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln led this country. Washington, DC is a city that inspires me, and I hope that you will come away enriched from your time here.

I have compiled this pamphlet of information about the Capitol, museums and other attractions to help you plan your trip. I hope you enjoy your stay and if I can do anything at all to help make it a more meaningful experience for you, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

**Useful Numbers**

Office of Congresswoman Deborah Pryce.....	(202) 225-2015
Ronald Reagan National Airport.....	(703) 417-8000
Dulles International Airport.....	(703) 572-2700
Baltimore-Washington International Airport.....	(800) 435-9294
Metro Information.....	(202) 637-7000
Capitol Switchboard.....	(202) 224-3121
White House Switchboard.....	(202) 456-1212
Smithsonian Switchboard.....	(202) 633-1000
AAA.....	(800) 763-9900

# Things to Do Near My Office

## The Capitol

202-224-3121

[www.aoc.gov/cc/capitol/capitol\\_overview.htm](http://www.aoc.gov/cc/capitol/capitol_overview.htm)

The Capitol is a place of great majesty and inspires pride in our country. Known as the “People’s House,” the Capitol is one of the most recognizable buildings in the world and serves as the center of Washington, D.C. The site was chosen by George Washington, and he laid its original corner stone in the late 1700’s.

On top of the dome sits a statue representing “Freedom.” There is no building in Washington higher than this statue, because the founders of Washington believed that nothing should be placed higher than our freedom.

The Capitol is where the President gives the State of the Union speech every year and where the President is sworn in upon winning the presidential election. All federal legislation is first debated here, in the House of Representatives and Senate, before it becomes law.

**Tours:** The Capitol is open for tours from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Saturday. You can go on a public tour (led by a Capitol Tour Guide) and tickets for these are distributed at



9:00 am every morning on the west front of the Capitol. Or you can call my office and arrange a personal tour with a member of my staff (202-225-2015).

If you do not have time for a tour, but would still like to see the legislative bodies at work, you can obtain gallery passes from my office for both the House and the Senate. (However, these can only be used when the House and Senate are in session.)

**Metro:** Blue and Orange lines to Capitol South for the House or Red Line to Union Station for the Senate.

**Admission:** Free



## The Supreme Court

202-479-3000

[www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov)

As a former prosecutor and judge, I hold this institution in especially high esteem. It is in this building that the Constitution is interpreted and the laws of the United States are defined. Almost every case that is heard in this court has had a lasting effect on our nation. Decisions reached here, from *Marbury v. Madison* in the 1800’s to *Brown v. Board of Education* in the 1950’s, still have an impact on our society today.

**Tours:** Tours are given every hour on the half hour starting at 9:30 am, Monday - Saturday.

**Metro:** Red line to Union Station or Blue and Orange lines to Capitol South.

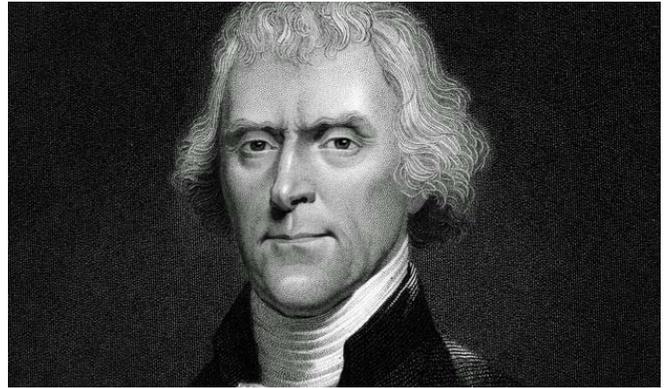
**Admission:** Free

# The Library of Congress

202-707-5000  
www.loc.gov

The Library of Congress is the nation's oldest federal cultural institution, and it serves as the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with more than 126 million items on approximately 530 miles of bookshelves. The Library's collection includes nearly 19 million books, 2.6 million recordings, 12 million photographs, 4.8 million maps, and 56 million manuscripts.

The Jefferson Building houses some of the most amazing sites in Washington. The LaFollette Reading Room is the centerpiece of the Jefferson building and is simply beautiful. However, one of the most incredible collections in the building is Thomas Jefferson's own personal library which he sold to the library in 1815. It is fascinating to discover what one of our most prolific founding fathers read at the time he wrote the Declaration of Independence, signed the Louisiana Purchase, and helped design the city of Washington, D.C.



The Library's mission is to make its resources available to the Congress and the American people and to sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge and creativity for future generations.

**Tour:** The Library is open Monday-Saturday, 10:00 am to 5.30 pm. Public tours are offered every hour on the half hour.

**Metro:** Blue and Orange lines to Capitol South.

**Admission:** Free, but tickets are required.

## Where to Now?

### Getting around D.C.

Washington is a city that offers many different forms of public transportation.

**Metro:** The Metro Rail and Metro Buses are useful for traveling within the city and to areas just outside. The cost of a single trip is between \$1.20 and \$3.25, depending on where you are traveling.

Fare cards can be purchased at any metro station. For Metro Buses, you'll

need exact change because Metrobus drivers do not carry cash.

*For More Information:* 202-637-7000,  
www.wmata.com

**Taxi Cabs:** Taxis are best taken for distances of not more than five miles. The cabs in DC run on a "zone" system that determines their fares. This system is based on where you go in the city as opposed to a meter system that is based on how long your trip is.



**The Washington D.C. Tourmobile:** A service offered by the National Park Service that provides tours of the sites of Washington.

*For More Information:* 888-868-7707



# Around Town

## Monuments and Memorials

### The Washington Monument:

In the middle of the National Mall, close to 15th St. NW

**Phone:** 202-426-6841

**Hours:** 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Federal Triangle

**Admission:** Tickets are required and cost \$1.50 each if ordered in advance. They can be purchased at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) or at the Monument itself.

### The Lincoln Monument:

Between Constitution and Independence Avenues at the west end of the Mall.

**Phone:** 202-426-6841

**Hours:** Open Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Federal Triangle

**Admission:** Free

### The Jefferson Memorial:

On the south side of the Tidal Basin.

**Phone:** 202-426-6841

**Hours:** Open Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Federal Triangle

**Admission:** Free

### The Vietnam War Memorial:

On the north side of the Mall, close to the Lincoln Memorial and Constitution Ave.

**Phone:** 202-426-6841

**Hours:** Open Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Federal Triangle

**Admission:** Free

### The World War Two Memorial:

Between the Washington Monument and the Reflecting Pond (right off 17<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Phone:** 202-426-6841

**Hours:** Open Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Federal Triangle

**Admission:** Free



# Museums and More

## Smithsonian Museums

### Museum of Natural History:

10th St. and Independence Ave, NW

**Website:** www.si.edu

**Hours:** 10:00 am-5:30 pm Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Federal Triangle

**Admission:** Free

### American Art Museum:

Pennsylvania Ave and 17th St, NW

**Website:** www.si.edu

**Hours:** 10:00 am-5:30 pm Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue lines to Smithsonian

**Admission:** Free

### Museum of American History:

14th St. and Constitution Ave, NW

**Website:** www.si.edu

**Hours:** 10:00 am-5:30 pm Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue lines to Federal Triangle or Smithsonian

**Admission:** Free

### National Air and Space Museum:

7th and Independence Ave, SW

**Website:** www.si.edu

**Hours:** 10:00 am to 5:30 pm Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue lines to L'Enfant plaza

**Admission:** Free

### National Postal Museum:

2 Massachusetts Ave, NE

**Hours:** 10:00 am-5:30 pm Daily

**Website:** www.si.edu

**Metro:** Red line to Union Station

**Admission:** Free

### The Hirshhorn Art Museum and Sculpture Garden:

7th St and Independence Ave, SW

**Website:** hirshhorn.si.edu

**Hours:** 10:00 am-5:30 pm Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Smithsonian

**Admission:** Free

## Other Attractions

### The National Cathedral:

Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW

**Website:** www.cathedral.org

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-6:30 pm. Saturday, 10:00 am-4:30 pm. Sunday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

**Metro:** Red Line to Tenleytown

**Admission:** Free

### The National Gallery of Art and Sculpture Garden

National Mall between Third and Ninth Streets at Constitution Avenue, NW

**Website:** www.nga.gov

**Hours:** Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

**Metro:** Red line to Judiciary Square or the Yellow and Green Lines to the Navy Memorial/Archives

**Admission:** Free

### Corcoran Gallery of Art

500 17th Street NW, DC

**Website:** www.corcoran.org

**Hours:** Wednesday through Monday 10 am - 5 pm, Thursday 10 am -9 pm, Closed Tuesday

**Metro:** Red Line to Farragut North

**Admission:** \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, children under 12 are free

### The National Archives

700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

**Website:** www.archives.gov/facilities/

dc/archives

**Hours:** Monday & Wednesday 8:45 am -5:00 pm. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 am - 9:00 pm, Saturday 8:45 am - 4:45 pm

**Metro:** Yellow and Green Lines Archives/Navy Memorial

**Admission:** Free

### The United States Holocaust Museum:

100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl

**Website:** www.ushmm.org

**Hours:** 10:00 am-5:30 pm Daily

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Smithsonian

**Admission:** Free, but tickets are required for the permanent exhibits. There are a limited number of same-day passes available or tickets can be reserved for a small fee by calling 1-800-400-9373

### The International Spy Museum:

800 F St, NW

**Website:** www.spymuseum.org

**Hours:** 10:00 am-7:00 pm, April - October. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, November - March

**Metro:** Red, Green or Yellow lines to Gallery Place/Chinatown

**Admission:** \$13.00 for Adults, \$12.00 for seniors, \$10.00 for Children 5 and up, Children 4 and under are free

### The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

27 F St, NW

**Website:** kennedy-center.org

Monday through Friday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Saturday through Sunday: 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Free daily performances are offered on the Millennium stage

**Metro:** Orange and Blue Lines to Foggy Bottom

**Admission:** Free

### The National Zoo:

3001 Connecticut Ave, NW

**Website:** natzoo.si.edu

**Hours:** Daily: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm (May 1<sup>st</sup>- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>), 10:00 am - 4:30 pm (Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>- April 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Metro:** Red Line to Woodley Park

**Admission:** Free



# Right Outside DC

## Arlington National Cemetery

(703) 607-8000

[www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org)

Arlington National Cemetery is one of the greatest tributes to the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces. The rolling hills and the tree-lined avenues make it one of the most peaceful places around DC. It also has a pristine view of the monuments on the Mall.

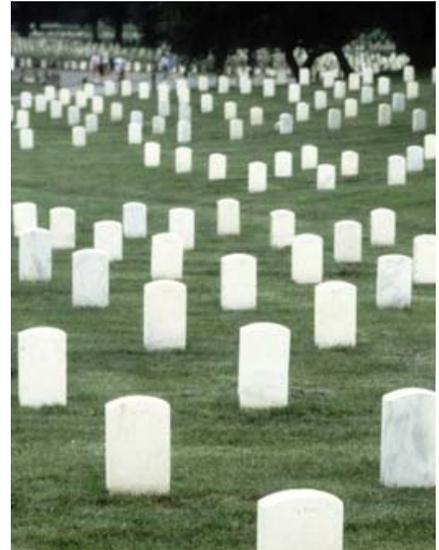
The tomb of the Unknown Soldier is located here and the guard is changed every hour on the hour from October 1 to March 31 in an elaborate ritual.

From April 1 through September 30, the guard is changed every half hour. You can also pay your respects to President Kennedy at his grave here, immortalized by the undying flame.

**Tours:** All tours of Arlington are self guided. The cemetery is open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm in the summer and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in the winter.

**Metro:** Take the Blue Line to the Arlington Cemetery stop.

**Admission:** Free



## Mount Vernon Estate and Garden

3200 George Washington Memorial Parkway

(703) 780-2000

[www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)

George Washington inherited the Mt. Vernon estate in 1761 from his brother's widow and promptly had the house remodeled. Washington himself designed the stunning two-story piazza overlooking the Potomac River. Today the house and lands have been restored to look just as they were in 1799.

Mt. Vernon is one of the most beautiful places in all of Washington, DC anytime of the year. Visiting the home of our first President for nearly forty-five years, it is an enjoyable experience for everyone in the family. If you have the time, it is fascinating to hike around the plantation on the many walking trails that surround the grounds, explore the living quarters, and discover how one of our Founding Fathers lived.

**Tours:** Daily: 8:00 am-5:00 pm during peak season (April through August) 9:00 am-5:00 pm the remainder of the

year. There are guided tours available as well as self-guided tours.

**Metro:** Yellow line to Huntington and then take a Fairfax Connector bus to Mt. Vernon.

**Admission:** \$11.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-11, and children under 6 are free



# Day Trips

**Baltimore, MD:** Is only a forty-five minute drive away or there is a train you can take from Union Station. You can catch a baseball game or have dinner and walk around the piers. They also have a wonderful aquarium that is fun for kids in grade school.

**Gettysburg, PA:** Located just over the Pennsylvania State line, Gettysburg is about an hour and a half away from DC. It is the site of what many historians believe was the battle that decided the civil war. It is quite amazing to stand and look out over a battlefield that has not changed from the day it became part of history. There are some great walking and driving tours available.



**Annapolis, MD:** Annapolis is one of the most enjoyable short trips that can be taken from DC. It is only a thirty minute drive, and the scenery is breathtaking. Known for being the home of the Naval Academy, it is also a beautiful capital city with some of the best seafood on the east coast. In addition, the small town

offers shops and markets.

**Hershey, PA:** The promise of Hershey's chocolate is enough to make any kid sit through the two and a half hour drive. The town of Hershey is located about twenty miles from Lancaster, Pennsylvania and boasts the Hershey candy factory where they make the world-famous candy bars; an amusement park; a golf course; and a day spa. If you have the time, it is well worth the drive.



Thanks again for coming to see me in Washington.

Please come back again soon!