

Washington D.C. Trip

Possible sites to see on the Mall

Below are some of the possible sites (mostly museums) that your group may wish to visit during your free-time on the Mall. Included are brief descriptions as well as the URL for each to learn more.

Free Sites: The following are free to the public.

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

Highlights include the Wright Brothers' biplane, an Apollo module, full-scale missiles, etc.

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/>

Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Traces American history from the colonial days to the present, including pop culture artifacts.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History

Exhibits cover dinosaurs to the 45.5 carat Hope diamond, from cavemen to the world's largest stuffed elephant.

<http://naturalhistory.si.edu/>

National Gallery of Art (west and east buildings)

A dual set of art museums with famous art from all cultures, past and present.

<http://www.nga.gov/>

Smithsonian American Indian Museum

Houses one of the world's largest and most diverse collections of American Indian art, artifacts, and other cultural exhibitions.

<http://nmai.si.edu/visit/washington/>

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art

Fosters the discovery and appreciation of the visual arts of Africa.

<http://www.nmafa.si.edu/>

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Presents international modern and contemporary art in all media, distinguished by in-depth holdings of major artists of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

<http://hirshhorn.si.edu/info/>

National Archives

Displays such historic documents as the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence.

<http://www.archives.gov/dc-metro/washington/>

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United States Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden is an institution dedicated to demonstrating the aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic, and ecological importance of plants to the well-being of humankind by offering extraordinary exhibits that delight, educate and inspire the public to become more active stewards of the plants that support life on earth.

<http://www.usbg.gov/>

Advanced Registration Sites: The US Holocaust Museum is free, but obtaining advanced tickets to insure admittance to the Permanent Exhibition includes a \$1.00 registration fee.

US Holocaust Museum

Contains exhibitions about the persecution of the Jewish people during WW II.

Note: To view the Permanent Exhibition (a chronological account of the Holocaust) during the time we will be in Washington, the museum distributes free passes for a particular entrée time, so plans may have to be made in advance to visit this site. Advanced registration requires the purchase of a ticket.

<http://www.ushmm.org/visit/>

Sites That Charge: The following sites charge an entrance fee. If your group wishes to visit these, you will want to bring the appropriate additional funds.

Ford's Theater

The theater where Lincoln was shot. Tickets can include a tour, presentations by speakers, a trip to the Petersen's House where Lincoln died, and other possibilities, depending on price.

Prices can range from \$2.00-6.00 depending on the activity and if a group of more than 20 are present to receive a group rate.

<http://www.fordstheatre.org/>

National Aquarium

Our Washington, DC, venue offers a 45-minute introduction of America's Aquatic Treasures, featuring more than 1,500 animals including alligators, sharks, and loggerhead sea turtles and scheduled events like shark and piranha feedings.

Group prices of 15 or more students: \$6.95 (\$7.95 for adults).

<http://www.aqua.org/visit/dc>