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### **Tourist Attractions of Washington, D.C.**

#### **The White House – Reserved 21 days – 6 Months in advance**

Tour Summary: A self-guided tour through the President's Residence.

Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Closest Metro Stop: Federal Triangle (Blue and Orange Lines), Metro Center (Blue, Orange, and Red Lines), and McPherson Square (Blue and Orange Lines).

Availability: Scheduled, self-guided tours are offered Tuesday through Saturdays (excluding federal holidays). Date of tour must be at least 21 days from date of submission. However, there is no guarantee that you will get a tour as unexpected WH events occur without notice.

Website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/tours/>

• Note: Tours are subject to cancellations or time changes. For the most up-to-date information about touring and visiting the White House, call the 24-hour Visitors Office Info Line at 202-456-7041.

Tour instructions: Groups should enter the White House complex at the corner of 15th Street and Alexander Hamilton Place. Uniformed National Park Service Rangers are posted to assist groups as they arrive. Groups should arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled tour time. Late arrivals may not be accommodated.

Groups who arrive for a tour should not bring:

- Cameras or Video Recorders
- Handbags, book bags, backpacks or purses
- Food or beverages, tobacco products, personal grooming items (i.e. makeup, lotion, etc.)
- Strollers
- Any pointed objects
- Aerosol containers
- Guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size

There is no place at the White House to check a bag or a prohibited item. If it is raining, umbrellas are permitted. Cell phones and cell phones with cameras are allowed, however you will not be permitted to use them inside of the White House. Please note that if you use an EpiPen or medication for allergies or chronic illnesses, then you may bring it in a small zip lock bag.

All guests 18 years of age or older will need to present photo identification with information matching the name previously submitted for clearance. Individuals without acceptable identification or whose identification does not exactly match the name or data cleared for entry may be denied entry.

Tours are significantly enhanced with a stop by the White House Visitor Center located at the southeast corner of 15th and E Streets. The location is easy to find by looking for three American flags and the blue awnings. Visitors should allow 20 minutes to one hour to see the videos and exhibits. The Visitor Center is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. seven days a week.

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### **The United States Capitol - Can be reserved a day before, unless it is busy season**

Tour Summary: The house of the nation's two legislative chambers. Features include the Capitol Rotunda, the Old Supreme Court Chamber, Statuary Hall, and the Crypt, and lasts 45 min – 1 hr.

Address: Between Constitution and Independence Avenues.

Closest Metro Stop: Capitol South (Blue and Orange Lines).

Availability: Open to visitors from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tours of the U.S. Capitol are conducted from 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Visitors with official business appointments may enter the Visitor Center as early as 7:15 a.m.

How to Request a Tour: All tours are free of charge; you may visit [http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/visit/book\\_a\\_tour/index.html](http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/visit/book_a_tour/index.html) to book a tour. Or contact my office at 202-225-4155 to book a tour. Note that tour schedules can fill up quickly (particularly in the Spring), so it is advisable to book your tour well in advance of your visit.

Website: <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>

Map: [http://visitthecapitol.gov/Visit/Capitol\\_Complex.pdf](http://visitthecapitol.gov/Visit/Capitol_Complex.pdf)

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## The Supreme Court

**Tour Summary:** A tour of the nation's highest court. Although the Supreme Court does not offer guided walking tours, visitors are encouraged to tour the building on their own and take advantage of a variety of educational programs including Courtroom Lectures, a visitors' film, and court-related exhibitions.

**Address:** First and East Capitol Streets, NE.

**Closest Metro Stop:** Union Station (Red Line).

**Availability:** Public tours take place Monday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM every hour on the half hour. Admission to the tour is given on a first come, first serve basis. The business of the Court or unforeseen factors may affect public access to the building requiring changes in the Courtroom lecture schedule and/or the building's hours of operation.

**Website:** <http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/visitorservices.aspx>

**Notes:** Enter the Supreme Court from the Plaza doors located on each side of the main steps.

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## The Library of Congress

**Tour Summary:** An hour-long tour of the Jefferson Building, which is the research arm of Congress. It is also the largest library in the world, with millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

Address: Jefferson Building, 101 Independence Avenue, SE.

Closest Metro Stop: Capitol South (Blue and Orange Lines).

Availability: Public Tours are available Monday – Friday at 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM and Saturday 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM. Closed Holidays and Sundays.

Website: <http://www.loc.gov/visit/>

Tour information: The tours begin in the Ground Floor Visitors Center of the Thomas Jefferson Building. Please arrive approximately 20 minutes before the start of your desired tour.

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