

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA

Arlington National Cemetery

Our nations most treasured burial ground, is home to more than 285,000 honored dead. Among the thousands of white headstones are the graves of President John F. Kennedy, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, world champion boxer Joe Louis and the Tomb of the Unknowns. Open daily 8 am - 5 pm (to 7 pm Apr-Sept.). Free Admission.

Frederick Douglass National Historic Site

The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site preserves the last residence of Frederick Douglass (1818 -1895), one of the most prominent African-American leaders of the 19th century. Tours available. Reservations required for groups of 10 or more. Open 9 am – 5pm (Apr.15 – Oct.15) and 9am – 4pm (Oct.16 – Apr.14).

National Aquarium

This aquarium and fishery museum has over 260 species of freshwater and marine animals and over 1,700 specimens on display for visitors to see.

Smithsonian National Zoological Park

Part of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoological Park is one of the world's greatest zoos. Among the 5,000 animals of about 500 different species exhibited at the National Zoo are a pair of giant pandas and a male Asian elephant.

The Shops at Georgetown Park

Built in the 1800s, this historic site once housed horse-drawn omnibuses. Later it was used for servicing electric street cars and trolleys. In the 1960s, the site was selected by the White House as the location of the Situation Room and housed equipment for the first hotline to Moscow. Open daily.

United States Capitol

Under the magnificent white dome, senators and representatives meet to shape U.S. legislative policy. Free guided tours leave every 15-minutes in the Rotunda daily 9 am - 3:45 pm and include the Statuary Hall, the original Supreme Court chamber and the Crypt, intended burial place of George and Martha Washington. Open 9 am - 4:30 pm (to 8 pm Memorial Day - Labor Day) except New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas. Free admission.

United States National Arboretum

An arboretum is a living museum where trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes. Nine miles of roadways wind through and connect the numerous gardens and collections on our 446-acre campus.

Verizon Center

Experience over 220 world-class sporting events, concerts and family shows each year at Verizon Center. The 20,000 seat, state-of-the-art sports and entertainment complex is home to the NBA's Washington Wizards, the NHL's Washington Capitals, the WNBA's Washington Mystics and the Georgetown Hoyas men's basketball team.