

# Washington DC Sights and Sounds

## START AT THE NATIONAL MALL

The National Mall is the central point of most sightseeing visits to Washington, DC. The tree-lined open space between Constitution and Independence Avenues extends from the Washington Monument to the U.S. Capitol Building.



*Photo by Charlotte Pitt*

Ten of the museums of the Smithsonian Institution are located on the National Mall, offering a variety of exhibits ranging from art to space exploration. West Potomac Park and the Tidal Basin are adjacent to the National Mall and home to many national monuments and memorials.

## THE SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS

The Smithsonian Museums are world class museums with a variety of exhibits ranging from historic to the unusual. Admission to all of the Smithsonian museums is free. Visitors can enjoy examining over 130 million objects, works of art and specimens, and participate in guided tours, hands-on-activities and special programs. With 19 museums and galleries, there truly is something for everyone.



*Photo by Jeff Doner*

## MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

From the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial to the numerous war memorials that can be found on and around the National Mall, you will be awed by the beauty and serenity of the area. Many of the monuments are open late at night and their illumination makes nighttime a memorable time to visit.

## ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

More than four million people visit the cemetery annually. Many come to pay respects to loved ones; others to experience the history. Among those buried here are Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft.

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

## KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Kennedy Center is a living memorial to President Kennedy and offers the greatest performers and performances from across the country and around the world. Cirque de la Symphonie: Halloween Extravaganza 13 – 16 October.

<http://www.kennedy-center.org/calendar/event/NRPSA>

## SIGHTSEEING BY BUS OR WATER

Sightseeing tours are offered by several bus companies or climb aboard river cruises on the Georgetown Waterfront from the Potomac River are available if you prefer to travel by water.

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The hotel for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Federal Asset Management  
Policy Forum and Expo is

*Holiday Inn Rosslyn*  
1900 Fort Myer Drive  
Arlington, VA 22209  
1-703-807-2000  
1-800-368-3408

The National Academies' Federal Facilities  
Council is hosting Day 3 at the historic  
National Academies of Sciences facility on  
the National Mall. 2101 Constitution  
Avenue, NW 1-202-334-2000. Keynotes  
and panel discussions will be held there on  
October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Weather:** In October, temperatures range  
from 45 to 60 F (14 – 21 C). Moderate rain  
can be expected.

The Metrorail website  
(<http://www.wmata.com/>) provides details of  
trains and buses to get around Washington  
DC. Separately, the DC Circulator  
(<http://www.dccirculator.com>) is a bus  
system that's especially easy for visitors to  
master.

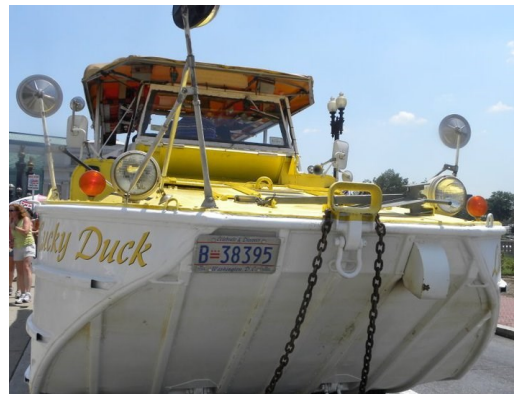
If you get lost, call 202-637-7000 and they'll  
tell you which combination of buses & trains  
to take to get you where you want to go.

## OFF THE BEATEN PATH

### *Ride the DC Duck*

See Washington DC on the land and  
water with the most unique adventure of  
all the DC tours out there. Traveling in  
original world war II DUKW amphibious  
vehicles, this 90 minute tour will take  
you through the city before splashing  
down into the Potomac River for the  
most unique ride and Washington DC  
tour you'll ever experience.

[www.dcducks.com](http://www.dcducks.com)



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### *Washington Redskins*

Enjoy a game at FedEx field between  
the Washington Redskins and the  
Philadelphia Eagles.

[https://www.superstartickets.com/Wash  
ington-Redskins-vs-Philadelphia-Eagles-  
2827529](https://www.superstartickets.com/Washington-Redskins-vs-Philadelphia-Eagles-2827529)

### *Georgetown*

Georgetown is the capital's historic  
waterfront that today is bustling  
with activity. The area is a shopper's  
paradise and the streets are lined  
with restaurants of every  
nationality. Take a tour of historic  
sites, do some shopping, and enjoy  
a meal at a local restaurant.

### *Annapolis Boat Show*

Every October, Annapolis hosts two  
of the world's largest boat shows—  
United States Powerboat Show (Oct  
13 – 16) is devoted to new  
powerboats. [www.usboat.com](http://www.usboat.com)

### *Bethesda art walk*

Just north of Washington DC, the  
Bethesda Art Walk, held the second  
Friday of every month from 6 – 9  
PM, is a free gallery walk including  
14 art galleries and studios that  
feature painting, sculpture,  
photography, pottery, jewelry and  
mixed media.

[http://www.bethesda.org/arts/artsw  
alk.htm](http://www.bethesda.org/arts/artswalk.htm).