

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 3rd 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 19th.

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

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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

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).