

# Go Washington DC Explorer included attractions

# 1. Hop-On Hop-Off Big Bus Washington DC: 1-Day Classic Tour

1-Day ticket features stops at the top Washington DC landmarks.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours without hopping-on/off.

**Getting In:** Easy Boarding! Present your pass at any Big Bus kiosk at Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue. The Big Bus representative will give you your Big Bus ticket.

**Notes:** Ticket pick-up is available from 9:00am – 4:00pm (fall/winter) and 9:00am – 5:00pm (spring/summer). Your Big Bus ticket is valid for one day, regardless of time of redemption; it is best to start early. Please note, you may redeem your pass for a Big Bus ticket only once per life of pass. The Classic Patriot Tour includes the Red Big Bus Loop. See the Big Bus website for a map of the route and nearby attractions. Popular stops along the way include:

- · US Capitol & Botanic Garden
- · Air & Space Museum
- · Washington Monument West
- · Jefferson Memorial
- Newseum
- · White House
- •& More

Note: live commentary is provided in English by a Big Bus tour guide. Multi-lingual recorded tours available; ask your bus driver. Factors such as traffic or weather can lengthen the amount of time between each stop so please plan accordingly.

Hours: Daily: 9:00am - 5:00pm. See Big Bus DC website for extended seasonal hours.

Closings: Service may occasionally be disrupted due to severe weather, major city events, or festivals.

Address: Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC

Phone: (202) 909-6504

Website: www.bigbustours.com

#### 2. Madame Tussauds DC

Museum admission.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours.

Getting In: Present your pass at the desk for admission.

Notes: Children ages 4 and older must have a DC pass or paid ticket for entry.

**Hours:** Daily: 10:00am – 6:00pm. Seasonal hours subject to change.

Closings: Madame Tussauds may be occasionally closed due to private events. Please consult website for updated

hours and closures.

Address: 1001 F Street NW, Washington, DC

Phone: (202) 942-7300

Website: www.madametussaudsdc.com

## 3. International Spy Museum

Admission for a self-guided visit to view the world's largest collection of international espionage artifacts

**Duration:** Approximately 1.5 hours.

Getting In: Present your pass at the front desk for a timed general admission ticket.

**Notes:** Self-guided tour. During peak touring seasons (such as Spring Break and major holidays), guests may experience a wait to enter the general exhibition. It is recommend that you visit early or late to avoid lines Children ages 6 and under are admitted free.

**Hours:** Opening in June of 2019. Please check gocity.com/washington-dc for exact dates. **Spring / Summer:** daily: 9:00am – 7:00pm. **Fall / Winter:** daily: 10:00am – 6:00pm. Hours subject to change. Please check website for updated hours.

**Closings:** Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day.

Address: 700 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC

Phone: (202) 393-7798

Website: www.spymuseum.org

#### 4. Newseum

2-Day Museum Admission to an institution dedicated solely to the presence and influence of media and freedoms of the First Amendment.

**Duration:** Approximately 2–4 hours.

Getting In: Present your pass at the admissions desk for admission. You will receive a 2-Day ticket.

**Notes:** Pass admission includes a second consecutive day for free. Children ages 6 and under are always free. July 1 – Labor Day: admission is waived for youth ages 18 and younger when accompanied by an Adult or Senior admission.

**Hours:** Monday – Saturday: 9:00am – 5:00pm, Sunday: 10:00am – 5:00pm.

**Closings:** Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Newseum will be closing after December 31, 2019 and will no longer be available on the pass.

Address: 555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC

**Phone:** (202) 292-6100

Website: www.newseum.org

# 5. George Washington's Mount Vernon

Admission to one of the most iconic of all American landmarks – a monument to the life and legacy of our first President; includes the Guided Mansion Tour.

**Duration:** Approximately 3-4 hours.

**Reservations:** Advance reservations are not available.

Getting In: Present your pass at the ticket window, where you will be given a ticket with a mansion tour time. Tour time

is subject to availability based on the volume of visitation. The remainder of your visit is self-guided at your leisure.

**Notes:** Admission includes a Mansion tour and access to the grounds, Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center, George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill (April – October) and other buildings. Programming and access vary by month and season. During peak times, Mansion tours may be abbreviated. Please see website for programming schedule and more details. Children ages 6 and older must have a pass or paid ticket to Mount Vernon.

Hours: April - October: daily: 9:00am - 5:00pm. November - March: daily: 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Closings: Open 365 days a year.

Address: 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, VA

**Phone:** (703) 780-2000

Website: www.mountvernon.org

#### 6. The Observation Deck

General admission to the Observation Deck.

**Duration:** Approximately 45–60 minutes.

Getting In: Redeem your tickets at the Box Office.

Notes: Show your pass at The Observation Deck's Café or Retail Shop and receive \$1 off each item purchased.

Hours: Monday - Friday: 10:00am - 8:00pm, Saturday - Sunday: 9:00am - 8:00pm. Last entry: 7:15pm.

Closings: Daily hours may vary based on holidays and private events. Check website for details.

Address: 1201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 115, Arlington, VA

**Phone:** (703) 423-0600

Website: www.theviewofdc.com

## 7. Roundtrip Mount Vernon Cruise by Potomac Riverboat Company

Roundtrip transporation to and from George Washington's Mount Vernon on a fully narrated Potomac River cruise.

**Duration:** Approximately 7 hours.

**Getting In:** present your pass at either:

- 1) The Potomac Riverboat Company ticketing booth in Alexandria at the Alexandria City Marina OR
- 2) National Harbor at the National Harbor Ticket Booth located in front of McCormick and Schmick's OR
- 3) Gaylord National Resort Marriott's Pier IF you are a GUEST.

**Notes:** Features 4 hours at Mount Vernon. This cruise DOES NOT INCLUDE ADMISSION TO MOUNT VERNON. Your DC pass will be scanned at the Mount Vernon dock and will count as a second choice on your DC pass. You MUST have a valid Go Washington Explorer pass for admission at Mount Vernon. There is no box office or tickets sold at the Mount Vernon dock. The box office and main entrance is inaccessible from the boat dock. If you do not wish to purchase admission to the estate, you will have a 4 hour waiting period on the boat.

**Hours:** Daily departures (except Mondays through September 4) from Alexandria City Marina: 10:30am, 11:00am Gaylord National Resort: 11:10am National Harbor. The vessel returns from MOUNT VERNON at 4:00pm.

Closings: Seasonal. Check website for details.

Address: Alexandria, VA Dock (behind Torpedo Art Center): 105 North Union Street, Alexandria, VA

Phone: (877) 511-2628

Website: www.potomacriverboatco.com

## 8. Washington Monuments Cruise by Potomac Riverboat Company

Narrated cruise along the Potomac River with waterfront views of D.C.'s most important monuments, buildings & bridges.

**Duration:** Approximately 90 minutes.

**Getting In:** Present your pass at the Potomac Riverboat Company ticketing cart, at the Georgetown dock located at The Washington Harbour OR at the Alexandria City Marina. In spring and fall, please go directly to the boat if the cart is not present.

**Notes:** Your pass is valid for select cruises only (see Hours for times.) Capacity is very limited and seating is subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis only. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to departure time for your best chance to cruise. On holidays and summer weekends, please plan to arrive at least an hour prior to cruise time for your best opportunity to be ticketed. Valid for departure from:

- 1) Alexandria Dock at Alexandria City Marina: Cameron & Union Streets, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.
- 2) National Harbor Dock: 145 National Plaza, National Harbor, Maryland 20745.
- 3) Gaylord National Resort Dock: 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland 20745.
- **4) The Wharf Dock:** Ticket Booth/Dock, Transit Pier, 950 Wharf St SW. Pedestrian access only. Located between Blair Alley SW & 9th St SW, Pick-up & Drop-Off: 950 Maine Ave SW, Washington, DC.
- **5) Mount Vernon Dock:** George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens, Virginia, 22121. The US Coast Guard requires all passengers to have a ticket. Children ages 2 and older must have a pass or paid Potomac Riverboat Company ticket to cruise. Infants up to age 24 months will be provided a ticket at no charge at the ticket cart. Simply let the agent know you have an infant when redeeming your Passes. Cruise times vary by month and day. Please check website for departures during your visit, especially on holidays.

**Hours:** This is a seasonal cruise. Cruise times vary by month and day. Please check website for departures during your visit, especially on holidays.

Closings: November 1 - March 31.

**Address:** Georgetown Dock at The Washington Harbour: 31st Street & K Street NW, Washington, DC OR Alexandria City Marina: 105 North Union Street, Alexandria, VA (behind the Torpedo Art Center)

**Phone:** (703) 684-0580

Website: www.potomacriverboatco.com

## 9. Washington National Cathedral

A must-see for all DC visitors – the National Cathedral, built in the early twentieth century in a striking Neo-Gothic style is the second largest church building in the entire country.

**Duration:** Approximately 90 minutes.

**Getting In:** Follow signs to the main visitor entrance and enter through the small set of wooden doors on the left-hand side of the building. Specialty tours (Audio Tours, Close-Up Tour and Behind-The-Scene Tours) are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis at the time of redemption.

**Notes:** All tours are subject to availability. No phone reservations will be accepted. Please check the scheduling interruptions page for changes. Not all special tour add-ons will be available at all times.

Hours: Monday - Saturday: 10:00am. Last entry: Monday - Friday: 5:00pm, Saturday: 4:00pm.

Closings: Hours of operation vary due to special events & worship services.

Address: 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC

**Phone:** (202) 537-6200

Website: www.cathedral.org

## 10. National Geographic Museum

Admission to a museum dedicated to celebrating the over 130 years which the National Geographic Society has spent educating people about the world, its environments, and its inhabitants.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours.

**Getting In:** Present your pass at the ticket desk for admission.

**Notes:** The museum features rotating exhibits. Please see website for current exhibition details. Children ages 5 and

older require a DC Explorer pass or paid ticket for admission. An accessible entrance is located on M Street.

Hours: Daily: 10:00am - 6:00pm (last entry: 5:00pm). Closings: Thanksgiving & Christmas Day.

Address: 1145 17th Street, Washington, DC

Phone: (202) 857-7700

Website: www.natgeomuseum.org

# 11. The Capital Wheel at National Harbor

Admission to the giant observation wheel for a 360-degree panoramic view of Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

**Duration:** Approximately 15-30 minutes.

Getting In: Present your pass at the ticket booth.

Notes: Children aged 3 and older require a pass or paid ticket for admission.

**Hours:** Memorial Day – Labor Day: 10:00am – 12:00 midnight. Winter: Monday – Friday: 4:00pm – 10:00pm, Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 noon – 10:00pm. Fall: Sunday – Thursday: 11:00am – 10:00pm, Friday & Saturday: 10:00am – 11:00pm. Hours are seasonal and subject to change.

**Closings:** Open 365 days-a-year unless there is inclement weather. Please call or check The Capital Wheel's Facebook page for current updates.

Address: 141 American Way, National Harbor, MD

**Phone:** (301) 842-8650

Website: www.thecapitalwheel.com

### 12. National Law Enforcement Museum

General admission to the first-ever museum dedicated to all of American law enforcement.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours.

**Getting In:** Present your pass at the front desk for a timed general admission ticket. Please note, lines may be long during busy season; make sure to arrive early.

**Notes:** All visitors are subject to screening by security personnel upon entry. All bags, strollers and other containers will be handsearched. The Museum does not have on-site lockers or secured storage for luggage; it is highly recommended that you leave oversized bags or luggage at home or in your vehicle. National Police Week 2019: wait times may be longer during National Police Week (May 11 – 18); please plan accordingly.

Hours: Daily: 10:00am - 6:00pm (Thursdays: 10:00am - 9:00pm).

**Closings:** Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day. **Address:** 444 E Street, NW, Washington, DC

**Phone:** (202) 737-3400

Website: www.lawenforcementmuseum.org

#### 13. Museum of the Bible

General admission to the museum's main galleries and exhibitions.

**Duration:** Approximately 3-4 hours.

Reservations: Reserve online at museumofthebible.org or by phone at 1-866-430-MOTB (6682).

Getting In: Redeem pass at ticket counter for printed admission tickets.

Hours: Daily: 10:00am - 5:00pm. Explorer pass holders can redeem admission early on Monday - Saturday, starting at

9:00am.

Closings: Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.

Address: 400 4th St SW, Washington, DC

Phone: (866) 430-6682

Website: www.museumofthebible.org

## 14. Bike and Roll DC Bike Rentals

3-Hour Trek Hybrid Bike Rental including helmet, u-lock, city map and more.

**Duration:** Approximately 3 hours.

**Getting In:** Present your pass to Bike and Roll DC staff to set up your rental.

**Notes:** Your pass includes a 3-Hour Trek hybrid bike rental with small handlebar bag & rack, helmet, u-lock & city map. You can upgrade your 3 hour rental to a full day rental for \$16 per bike; please speak with a Bike and Roll DC team member for more details. A credit card is required, Bikes subject to availability. Kids bikes and trailer attachments are available for an additional fee.

Hours: Seasonal. Tours: mid-March - early-December: daily. Call (202) 842-2453 for updated hours of operation.

**Closings:** July 4, Thanksgiving Day & December – March. There may be additional dates that this attraction is closed; please call or check website before your visit.

Address: National Mall, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC

Phone: (202) 842-2453

Website: www.bikeandrolldc.com

#### **15. ARTECHOUSE**

General Admission.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours.

**Getting In:** Present your pass at the front desk for a timed general admission ticket. Admission is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Hours:** Hours vary based on exhibit; please check the website for specific hours. Please note: "After Hours" evening entries are for guests aged 21+ only.

Closings: Often closed for a week to two weeks between exhibits. See schedule on ARTECHOUSE website for details.

**Address:** 1238 Maryland Avenue SW **Website:** www.dc.artechouse.com

# 16. A-A One Hour Sightseeing Tour

Potomac River sightseeing cruise to see famous monuments and landmarks including the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and more.

**Duration:** Approximately 1 hour.

Reservations: Reservations are not required. Bookings can be made at the ticket booth.

Getting In: Present your pass at the ticket booth located at the Dock.

Hours: 11:00am - 7:00pm. Visit website for up-to-date tour times.

Closings: July 4.

Address: Transit Pier, 950 Wharf St SW, Washington, DC

**Phone:** (703) 684-0580

Website: www.potomacriverboatco.com/sightseeing-tours/wharf/

#### 17. DC Urban Adventures

**Duration:** Each tour takes approximately 2 hours.

Reservations: Reservations are required. Use code: DCEXPLORERPASS phone: (202) 810-1700.

Phone: (202) 810-1700

Website: www.dcurbanadventures.com

#### 17a. Smithsonian American Art Adventure Tour

Take a 2-hour professionally guided tour of the Smithsonian American Art Museum – a hidden gem and one of the most historic buildings and museums in Washington DC.

Getting In: Present your pass at the meeting point. Make sure to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to tour departure.

Notes: Ending point: Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Hours: Tour begins: 5:00pm.

Address: Meeting point: Lobby of the F Street entrance, Smithsonian American Art Museum. 800 G St NW,

Washington, DC

#### 17b. Museum of American History Through Music Walking Tour

Professionally guided 2-hour musical journey at the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

**Getting In:** Present your pass of the meeting point.

Notes: Ending point: 1300 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

**Hours:** Tour begins: 1:00pm.

Address: Meeting point: lobby of the south entrance of the museum underneath the American flag, 1300 Constitution

Avenue NW

#### 17c. Politics & Pints Capitol Hill Tour

Stroll through DC's most historic neighborhood with a local guide.

**Getting In:** Present your pass at the tour meeting point. Make sure to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to departure.

Notes: Ending point: Molly Malones, 713 8th St. SE, Washington, DC

Hours: Tour starts: 3:00pm.

Address: Meeting point: in front of the Capitol Building at the end of the corner of First St NE and East Capitol St NE;

ending point: Molly Malones, 713 8th St SE

# 18. Big Bus DC Panoramic Night Tour

General admission.

Duration: Approximately 2 hours.

Getting In: Present your pass at the Big Bus kiosk at Union Station; the Big Bus representative will give you your ticket.

**Notes:** Seating is first-come, first-served. The panoramic tour includes one stop-off where your guide will join you and take you on a short walking tour of the Lincoln Memorial and Korean War Memorial.

Hours: Departure: 7:30pm.

Closings: New Year's Eve & July 4.

Address: Meeting point: Union Station: 50 Massachusetts Ave., NE

Phone: (202) 909-6504

Website: www.bigbustours.com/en/washington-dc

# 19. Washington Nationals Ballpark Tour

Guided behind-the-scenes tour of Nationals Park, home of the Washington Nationals.

**Duration:** Approximately 1 hour.

Getting In: Present your pass at the Nationals Box Office. Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour time.

**Notes:** Tours embark from the Media and Suites entrance on South Capitol St. Monday through Friday on game days and non-game days. On Saturday and Sunday tours depart from Media and Suites entrance if it is a game day and from Right Field Gate on 1st St. SE on non-game days. All tours are subject to availability and spaces are limited. Please call (202) 640-7581 ahead of time to check availability. The tour does require a lot of walking but is both wheelchair-and stroller-accessible.

**Hours:** Game days: Tours depart: 10:00am. Non-game days: Tours depart: 10:00am, 1:00pm. Passes are not valid for Saturday & Sunday tours. Please check the website for the most up-to-date tour times.

**Closings:** December – March; additionally on some holidays. Check the website for the most up to date hours of operation.

Address: Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol Street, SE., Washington, DC

**Phone:** (202) 640-7369

Website: www.nationals.com

# 20. Washington Walks Walking Tours

Narrated walking tours designed to let you experience D.C. like the locals do.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours.

**Getting In:** Meet your Washington Walks guide at the departure location for the tour you choose (see website for schedule and location). Present your pass for a place on that tour.

**Notes:** See the Washington Walks website for a full list of available tours and schedule. Meet your guide at the departure location. Tours take place rain or shine. If you're interested in taking a second tour, follow the reservation process and provide your pass for a second scan.

**Hours:** Hours of operation vary and are seasonal. Please visit the Washington Walks website or call (202) 484-1565 for more information.

**Closings:** Seasonal, see website for schedule.

Address: Tour location varies.

Phone: (202) 484-1565

Website: www.washingtonwalks.com

## 21. National Building Museum

Admission to America's leading cultural institution devoted to the history and impact of building, engineering, construction & design.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours.

Getting In: Present your pass at the admission desk for entrance.

Notes: The Museum presents a special exhibit each summer, typically July 4 - Labor Day. The special exhibit is included

with your pass admission. See website for exhibit details.

**Hours:** Monday – Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm, Sunday: 11:00am – 5:00pm.

**Closings:** Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & for occasional private events.

Address: 401 F Street NW, Washington, DC

**Phone:** (202) 272-2448 **Website:** www.nbm.org

# 22. Key to the City Museum Pass

Museum pass featuring combined admission to 9 historic sites in Old Town Alexandria.

Getting In: Present your DC Explorer pass at the Alexandria Visitor Center.

**Hours:** Varies by site. Visitor Center open 10:00am – 5:00pm daily, with extended hours March – October on Thursday –

Saturday. Please visit website for updated hours.

Closings: Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.

Address: Alexandria Visitor Center: 221 King Street, Alexandria, VA

**Phone:** (703) 838-5005

Website: VisitAlexandriaVA.com/KTC

## 23. \$15 Toward Meal at Buca di Beppo

Head over to Buca di Beppo for an authentic Italian meal served with family-style portions and save \$15 off your meal.

**Getting In:** Present your pass to the host upon entering the restaurant.

Notes: Meal discount valid all hours.

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 11:00am - 10:00pm, Friday & Saturday: 11:00am - 11:00pm, Sunday: 11:00am - 9:00pm.

Address: 1825 Connecticut Avenue N.W. (few blocks from Dupont Circle and Mitchell Park, located between

Connecticut Avenue & Florida Avenue)

Phone: (202) 232-8466

Website: www.bucadibeppo.com/restaurants/dc/washington-d-c/

### 24. Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens

Experience the life led by Marjorie Merriweather Post whose passion for excellence, gracious hospitality, art, history, and gardens provided the perfect foundation for her mansion to become a museum.

**Duration:** Approximately 2 hours.

Getting In: Enter through the Visitor Center and present your pass at the front desk.

**Notes:** Full suggested admission is \$18.00 per adult. If you were to buy a museum ticket at the museum ticket counter instead of using your pass for admission, the amount you would pay would be up to you. Passes cannot be used for

festivals, special programs and workshops. Please check calendar of events for details.

**Hours:** Tuesday – Sunday: 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Closings: Mondays and most national holidays.

Address: Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens, 4155 Linnean Ave. NW, Washington, DC

**Phone:** (202) 686-5807

Website: www.hillwoodmuseum.org

## 25. Free Tours by Foot - Choose 1 of 3

Admission to enjoy the darker side of the historic, humorous and haunted areas on your choice of 1 of 3 Washington DC Ghost Tours.

**Duration:** Approximately 90 minutes.

**Reservations:** Reservations are required in advance. These can be made day of the tour, space permitting. Walk ups may be allowed if space allows. In order to use your pass to make reservation, enter Promo Code DCGOCARD at time of booking. You will need to enter your pass number on reservation form. We have a strict 24 hour cancellation policy and cancellation within this time frame or not showing for the tour will count against your number of attractions.

Reservations without pass number will be cancelled. Tours cancelled by company will not count against your pass.

**Getting In:** Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your tour start time to check in with the tour guide. You will need to show your pass to the guide to complete check in process.

**Notes:** Choose from the following tours:

- **a. Ghosts of Georgetown Tour:** among the historic streets, manicured gardens and Victorian row houses of DC's finest neighborhood lie deep, dark secrets about a forgotten past.
- **b. Wicked Georgetown Tour (adults only):** stroll along the historic streets of Georgetown and hear long-ago tales and legends of tragedy, romance and lore.
- **c. Capitol Hills Ghost Tour:** explore Capitol Hill with your guide to talk about scandals, hauntings and history of the largest historic residential neighborhood in DC.

Hours: Dates and times vary. Please check the website for up-to-date tour listings.

Address: Tour meeting points will be advised at time of reservation.

**Phone:** (202) 370-1830

Website: www.freetoursbyfoot.com/washington-dc-ghost-tours