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Washington, DC



1 Old Post Office Tower 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004
<http://www.oldpostofficedc.com/>
 Hours: Monday - Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm
 Sunday, 10 am - 6 pm

Originally built in 1899, The Old Post Office Pavilion embodied the modern spirit that was sweeping the country. Today, our architecture and spirit of innovation continues to evolve and thrive. Once the first government building to have its own electric power plant, today we continue to electrify — with the help of The DC Preservation League. A highlight of the Old Post Office Pavilion is its 315 foot Clock Tower and unparalleled vistas. Offering a sweeping 360 degree view, National Park Service Rangers give free Clock Tower tours everyday! From individuals to large tour groups, all are welcome.



2 Smithsonian American Art Museum & National Portrait Gallery Normal Foster courtyard addition
<http://americanart.si.edu/>
 Hours: Open daily 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum displays its collections and presents special exhibitions in two locations in Washington, D.C. Its main building is located at the heart of a vibrant downtown cultural district, while its branch museum for contemporary craft and decorative arts, the Renwick Gallery, is located nine blocks west, near the White House.



3 Hirshhorn Museum <http://hirshhorn.si.edu/>
 National Mall at the corner of 7th Street and Independence Avenue SW.
 Hours: Museum: 10 am to 5:30 pm
 Plaza: 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
 Sculpture Garden: 7:30 am to dusk

At the Hirshhorn we seek to share the transformative power of art with all of our visitors, whether you are completely unfamiliar with the world of contemporary art or you are a devoted art aficionado. During your visit, be sure to go to all three floors of gallery space, the Plaza, and bi-level Sculpture Garden, taking time to see the diversity of our special exhibitions and collection, which contains everything from painting to conceptual photography to sculpture to digital and video art. The work on view changes continuously, so be sure to come back often. We welcome people of all levels of understanding to spend time with these works of art, and encourage you to connect with the art in your own personal way.



4 The US Institute of Peace <http://www.usip.org/pages/visit-us>
 – architect: Moshe Safdie
 2301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037
 Hours: 24 Hours
 Note: not available for public interior tour

USIP is the independent, nonpartisan conflict management center created by Congress to prevent and mitigate international conflict without resorting to violence. USIP works to save lives, increase the government's ability to deal with conflicts before they escalate, reduce government costs, and enhance our national security.



5 Eastern Market 225 7th Street SE, Washington, DC 20003.
<http://www.easternmarket-dc.org/>
 Hours: Tuesday-Sunday indoor market open until 5PM
 Saturday-Sunday outdoor market open all day

Located in the heart of the historic Capitol Hill neighborhood, Eastern Market is DC's destination for fresh food, community events, and on weekends, local farm fresh produce and handmade arts and crafts. From Tuesday through Sunday, visitors flow through the South Hall Market, where merchants serve the finest meats, poultry, seafood, produce, pasta, baked goods and cheeses from around the world! On weekends, Eastern Market buzzes with excitement, live music, and local flair! Outside of the market, area farmers empty their trucks with recently harvested produce... direct from farms in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. Beyond fruits, veggies, and fresh flowers, over 100 exhibitors of handmade arts, crafts, jewelry, and antiques offer something for everyone!



6 Georgetown: Waterfront Park <http://www.georgetownwaterfrontpark.org/>
 Hours: 24 Hours

The park curves along 10 acres of the Potomac extending from the Washington Harbour complex to Key Bridge, creating the vital last link in 225 miles of parkland from Mt. Vernon, Virginia, to Cumberland, Maryland. The Georgetown Waterfront Park provides a green space for visitor recreation and contemplation. Cyclists, skaters, and pedestrians have their own car-free pathways with views of individual boaters, kayakers and competitive crews as well as of Roosevelt Island and the magnificent Key Bridge.



7 Georgetown: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal 1057 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW Washington, DC 20007
<http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/georgetownvisitorcenter.htm>
 Hours: 24 Hours

Established in 1751, Georgetown flourished as a tobacco port until the middle of the 19th century. Because of natural obstructions to transportation further up the Potomac River, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal began here its 184.5-mile journey to the reaches of Western Maryland. Explore the beautiful architecture, rich history and vibrant commercial life that Georgetown offers.



8 The Phillips Collection <http://www.phillipscollection.org/> Admission: \$10
 1600 21st Street, NW | Washington, DC 20009
 Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm
 Thursday 10 am-8:30 pm
 Sunday 11 am-6 pm

The Phillips Collection invites visitors to experience an extraordinary collection ranging from masterpieces of French impressionism and American modernism to art of the present day. Today, the museum's collection includes nearly 3,000 works by American and European artists—among them, Degas, Cézanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Bonnard, Matisse, Picasso, Braque, Klee, Homer, Whistler, Hopper, Stieglitz, O'Keeffe, Calder, Rothko, and many others. New pieces continue to be added, including a significant number of photographs in recent years.



9 Self-guided Embassy walking tour For a full list and interactive map of the Embassies, please visit <http://dc.about.com/library/maps/blmapEmbassyRow.htm>
 Hours: 24 Hours

Embassy Row in Washington DC refers to a part of the city where many of the foreign embassies are located, along Massachusetts Avenue extending from Dupont Circle toward the National Cathedral. Washington, DC has more than 175 foreign embassies, residences, chanceries, and diplomatic missions. Less than half of the embassies of Washington DC are actually located along Embassy Row.



10 Self-guided U-Street walking tour <http://www.culturaltourismdc.org/things-do-see/trails-tours/neighborhood-heritage-trails/city-within-city-greater-u-street-heritage-t>
 The first stop of the tour (marked by an informational sign) is located at 13th and U Streets, NW Washington, DC 20009. For a full map of the tour, download the .pdf at the link listed above.
 Hours: 24 Hours

For the first half of the 20th century, this neighborhood inspired and sustained the rich social, civic, and cultural life of Washington's African American community. During the years of segregation, U Street was Washington's "Black Broadway" and the heart of African American business and culture. In addition, the trail features a wide variety of Victorian architecture, much of which was designed by black architects, and Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park with its dramatic water cascade.



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 Meet us Saturday
 May 19 at 830AM in
 the Emerging
 Professionals' Lounge
 to walk over or meet
 us at the Tower for
 the 9AM tour.

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