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An elephantine welcome at the National Museum of Natural History

## MINI GUIDE

# Museums in Washington, D.C.

Largely thanks to the heavy-hitting and multibranch Smithsonian Institution, America's capital has become synonymous with world-class museums worth planning a trip around.

## Kid-Friendly

### 4 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Egyptian mummies, a giant squid and tarantula feedings thrill young minds at this universally loved venue. Don't miss the 45-carat Hope Diamond (a rare blue type), the Easter Island heads and the enormous stuffed creatures in the Mammal Hall ([mnh.si.edu](http://mnh.si.edu); corner 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 10am–5:30pm, see website for extended hours calendar; free).

### 5 NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

This museum inspires kids with moon rocks, spaceships and wild simulator rides. Everyone flocks to see the 1903 Wright brothers' flyer, Amelia Earhart's red 5B Vega and the Apollo 11 Command Module, Columbia. There's also an annex 31 miles away in Chantilly, Va. ([airandspace.si.edu](http://airandspace.si.edu); corner 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 10am–5:30pm, see website for extended hours; free).



See milestones of flight at the National Air and Space Museum

### 6 NEWSEUM

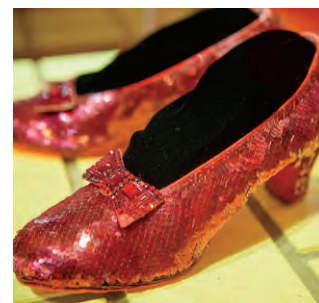
This museum, charting the history of news and journalism, offers budding journalists the chance to report "live from the White House" via the TV studio. The rest is impressive for kids and adults alike, with Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalism, a 9/11 gallery and reams of interesting footage on historic events ([newseum.org](http://newseum.org); 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 9am–5pm; adults/children 7–18 \$22.95/\$13.95).

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## History

### 1 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

The centerpiece of this popular Smithsonian member museum is the flag that inspired "The Star-Spangled Banner." Other highlights include Abraham Lincoln's top hat and Dorothy's slippers from *The Wizard of Oz* ([americanhistory.si.edu](http://americanhistory.si.edu); National Mall, at 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 10am–5:30pm, see website for extended hours; free).



Ruby slippers at the National Museum of American History

### 2 U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

This harrowing museum deepens understanding of the Holocaust – its victims, perpetrators and bystanders. The galleries use artifacts, historic film footage and witness testimonies. Between March and August, you will need a timed pass to see the permanent exhibition: book well ahead online ([ushmm.org](http://ushmm.org); 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW; 10am–5:20pm; entry free; online advance timed pass, \$1).

### 3 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

The newest Smithsonian museum covers the experience of African Americans, from the Revolutionary era to the present. Until the new building opens in late September 2016, the collection is housed across the street in the National Museum of American History ([nmaahc.si.edu](http://nmaahc.si.edu); Constitution Avenue between 14th & 15th Streets NW; 10am–5:30pm; free).

## Off the Beaten Track

### 7 DEA MUSEUM

This museum showcases the War on Drugs campaign, brought to you by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Exhibits cover the last 150 years of drug abuse, addiction and drug law enforcement, including Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" commercials from the 1980s and relics from old opium dens ([deamuseum.org](http://deamuseum.org); 700 Army Navy Dr., entrance on S. Hayes Street; 10am–4pm Tue–Fri, closed Sat–Mon; free).



The hilltop Frederick Douglass National Historic Site

### 8 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS

The only U.S. museum exclusively devoted to women's artwork fills this Renaissance Revival mansion. Its collection – more than 4,000 works – moves from Renaissance artists such as Lavinia Fontana to 20th-century pieces by Frida Kahlo and Georgia O'Keeffe ([nmwa.org](http://nmwa.org); corner 13th Street NW & New York Avenue; 10am–5pm Mon–Sat, from noon Sun; \$10, free first Sun of month).

### 9 FREDERICK DOUGLASS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Escaped slave, abolitionist, author and statesman Frederick Douglass occupied this house in the Anacostia neighborhood from 1877 until 1895. Original furnishings, books, photographs and other personal belongings paint a compelling portrait of this great man. The museum is a bus or rail ride from D.C.; visits are by guided tour ([nps.gov/frdo](http://nps.gov/frdo); 1411 W. St. SE; free, \$1.50 guided tour reserved tickets).

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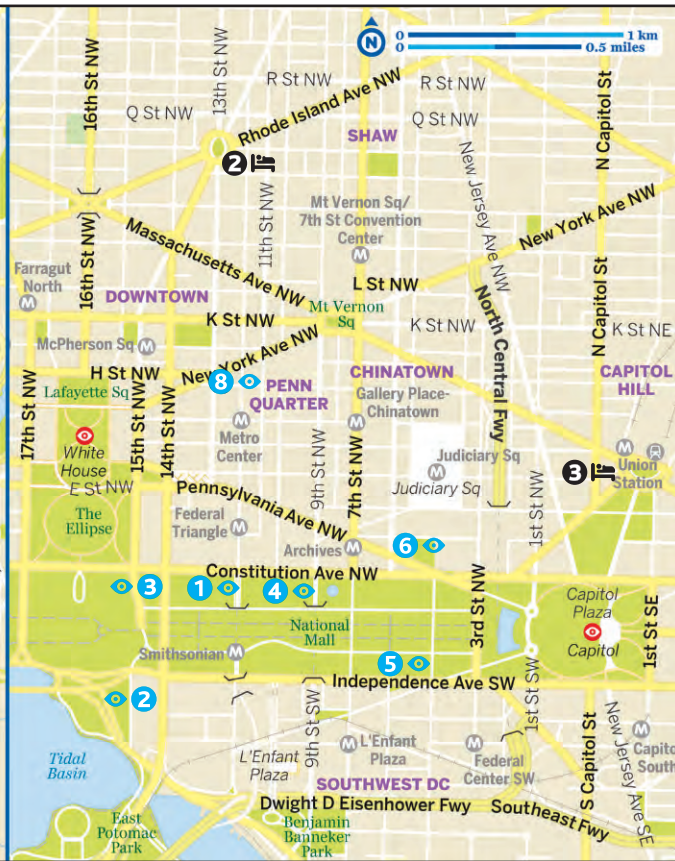
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Museums in Washington, D.C.

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## Essentials

**1** **GETTING THERE & AROUND**  
Washington Dulles International Airport is about 24 miles west of central D.C.; Baltimore's airport, about 33 miles to the northeast, can also be handy. From Dulles, the Silver Line Express bus runs to Wiehle-Reston East metro station, from where it's possible to catch a train to the downtown area, taking 60–75 minutes in all (bus and metro around \$9; [flydulles.com/iad/about-washington-flyer](http://flydulles.com/iad/about-washington-flyer)). A taxi from the airport is \$58–\$82. Fares on D.C.'s metro system start at \$1.75 ([wmata.com](http://wmata.com)). SmarTrip cards entitle users to a discount off the paper metro fare.

### WHERE TO STAY

**1** On a shady residential street in the lively suburb of Adams Morgan, **Adam's Inn** has inviting, homey rooms in two adjacent townhouses and a carriage house, plus a garden patio ([adamsinn.com](http://adamsinn.com); 1746 Lanier Place NW; from \$99).



The George is one of the top boutique hotels in Washington

**2** **Chester A. Arthur House B&B** offers four rooms in a beautiful row house. The 1883 abode has a mahogany paneled staircase and is stuffed with crystal chandeliers, antique oil paintings and oriental rugs ([chesterarthurhouse.com](http://chesterarthurhouse.com); 23 Logan Circle NW; from \$115).

**3** Chrome-and-glass furniture and modern art frame the bold interior of **The George**. Its Capitol Hill location is perfect for museum sightseeing. There are a few free bicycles available for guests to use ([hotelgeorge.com](http://hotelgeorge.com); 15 E. St. NW; from \$139).

## The Know-How

### IN MEMORIAM

D.C. is America's memorial capital; don't miss these:

- **Lincoln Memorial** Abraham Lincoln gazes peacefully across the Mall from his Doric-columned stone temple.
- **Vietnam Veterans Memorial** Simple and moving, this black wall reflects the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died in the Vietnam War.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial** Dr. King's likeness emerges from a mountain of granite.
- **World War II Memorial** Soaring columns and stirring quotes mark this memorial in the heart of the National Mall.
- **Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial** FDR's monument is an oasis of alcoves, fountains and contemplative inscriptions.
- **Marine Corps War Memorial** A statue group recreates the famous photo showing the capture of the Japanese island of Iwo Jima in 1945.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Discover more of Washington, D.C., with Lonely Planet's *Guides* app ([lonelyplanet.com/guides](http://lonelyplanet.com/guides)), featuring essential information, offline maps and must-see sights curated by on-the-ground experts. Lonely Planet's *Washington, D.C.* guidebook (\$19.99) has in-depth coverage of D.C.'s museums, while *Pocket Washington, D.C.* (\$13.99) and *Make My Day Washington, D.C.* (\$9.99) are more condensed guides.



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