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# Washington, D.C.

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A Field Trip Itinerary for Educators  
Returning to In-Person Learning



Washington, D.C. is one of the most popular field trip destinations in the United States. This suggested itinerary will help you get the most out of your time in our Nation's Capital.

Included in this itinerary are also safety precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19.



# Before You Go

- [Charter a bus](#) to transport your group.
- Contact the National Parks Service at [Ford's Theater](#): (202)-426-6924.
- Contact the Smithsonian Institution or contact specific departments in the American History Museum about field trip [groups](#).
- Show your class our [Civil War Animated Map](#).
- Utilize our [Civil War Curriculum](#).
- We encourage you to apply to our [Field Trip Fund](#)!
- Contact your lodging and restaurant reservations to ensure everything is in order.
- Monitor D.C. [public health notices](#).

# Covid-19 Precautions

## **Before Your Trip:**

- Each participant should limit contact with people outside of their household within 14 days of departure.
- Limit visits to public places within 14 days of departure.
- If an attendee becomes symptomatic of, or tests positive to Covid-19, they should not travel with the group.

## **During Your Trip:**

- Ensure that any adult or student on the trip that shows symptoms of Covid-19 gets tested for the virus and safely isolates from others.
- Be sure to maintain excellent personal hygiene, set up open communication protocols, stay up to date on closures throughout Washington, D.C., and provide teachers and parents with safety plans to manage Covid -19 risks.

## **After Your Trip:**

- Each person who attended the trip should closely monitor their symptoms and follow all local, state and federal laws for returning home.



# Now, Let's Look at Your Future Itinerary



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# Ideal Itinerary if You are Visiting for One Day:

\*Ensure that you contact these locations prior to your trip to inquire about openings and closures

**Time: 5-6 hours**

What to do:

- When they are allowing large groups (call ahead), visit some of the FREE museums on the National Mall.

## [American History Museum](#)

- 1300 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.
- 202-633-1000
- [info@si.edu](mailto:info@si.edu)

## [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

- 1400 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20560
  - 1-844-750-3012
- Walk towards some of the FREE monuments and memorials in the National Mall.
    - Visit the Washington Monument
    - Explore the Lincoln Memorial and the Reflecting Pool

# If You are Visiting for More Than One Day:

\*Ensure that you contact these locations prior to your trip to inquire about openings and closures

Use the one-day itinerary for the first day in addition to the following:

- Get tickets to tour [Ford's Theater and the Petersen House](#) where Abraham Lincoln was shot and eventually succumbed to his wounds.
  - For groups larger than 6, email [groupsales@fords.org](mailto:groupsales@fords.org)
  - Participate in a Ranger Program [here!](#)
  - 511 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20004
  - 202-347-4833
- Book a tour of the [Arlington Cemetery](#).
  - To book group tours of 20+: <https://www.arlingtontours.com/group-tours-charters>
  - 1 Memorial Ave. Arlington, Virginia 22211
  - 1-877-907-8585

# Restaurants that Serve Groups

Call ahead or visit their websites to make reservations.

- Hard Rock Cafe
  - <https://www.hardrockcafe.com/parties-and-events.aspx>
  - 999 E St NW, Washington, DC 20004 US
  - 202-737-7625
- The Hamilton
  - <https://www.thehamiltondc.com/eat/>
  - 600 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington D.C., 20005
  - 202-787-1000
- D.C. Visitor and Convention Bureau
  - <https://washington.org/visitors-guide>
  - 202-789-7000



# Hotels

There are hotels located directly in D.C. as well as in neighboring Virginia and Maryland.

- [Holiday Inn](#)
  - 1501 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington D.C. 20005
  - 202-483-2000
- [Fairfield Inn & Suites](#)
  - 23000 Indian Creek Dr, Sterling, VA 20166
  - 703-435-5300
- [Hyatt Regency](#)
  - One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814
  - 301-657-1234

Visit the D.C. Visitor and Convention Bureau [website](#) for additional lodging options.

# Travel Tips

- Renting a bus can be costly in the Washington DC area. Budget accordingly.
- Vehicle traffic is very heavy, and roads are congested throughout the day, especially during rush hour.
- The Mall is much larger than it looks on a map, and the distance between the Capitol Building and the Lincoln Memorial tricks many first-time visitors. Plan your time and transportation methods accordingly.
- Get started early in the day. Crowds are smaller earlier in the day, which will allow you to explore sites more freely.
- Most major Washington museums have security check points with metal detectors. On busy days, it can take a while to get through security.
- April-June are the busiest months for field trips. Additionally, with the National Cherry Blossom Festival and vacationers, the historic sites in D.C. can become extremely congested.
- Washington was built on swamp land, which means it can be both hot and humid. Check the weather beforehand and dress accordingly.
- Food carts and trucks around the Mall and other parts of Washington carry a wide variety of food and beverage. Most museums also have cafeterias and snack bars.
- Many of the Smithsonian museums carry band aids, sunscreen, umbrellas, and other necessities in their gift shops.

Learn more about how the American Battlefield Trust can help you fund your school trip to Washington, D.C.

Check out our [Field Trip Fund!](#)







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