



Our favorite places to visit in...
Washington, D.C.
English Now!

Experience the rich history and culture of America right here in Washington, D.C.! There are many, many special places to visit here. Here is a list of some of the places not to miss, while visiting our nation's capital. Our Friday Outings often visit these destinations, and they all offer tours that you can join with friends or family. Also, see websites for tours offered in languages other than English.

- United States Capitol** Home of the U.S. Congress, the legislative branch of the federal government that makes the nation's laws. (TICKETS REQUIRED)
- Washington National Cathedral** Dating back to George Washington's vision to have "a great church for national purposes," the construction of the Washington National Cathedral began in 1907 and finished in 1990 after 83 years.
- National Mall** A length of green space stretching between the Potomac and the Capitol Building, the National Mall commemorates and celebrates the American people. Site of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech."
- Memorials** Around the National mall are a number of stunning, world-famous memorials, including the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.
- National Zoological Park** The National Zoo is one of the oldest zoos in the United States and home to many of America's most beloved animals, including the American bison, flamingo, bald eagle, and California sea lion.
- Rock Creek Park** Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Rock Creek Park is a great place to take family for a picnic or a hike out in American nature. (Check online for traffic directions. Sections of Beach Drive, Bingham Drive, Ross Drive, and Morrow Drive are closed to traffic on weekends).
- White House** The White House is the home and workplace of the President of the United States. (TICKETS REQUIRED for inside tour)
- Library of Congress** Research library of the United States Congress, and second largest library in the world.
- Arlington National Cemetery** A national shrine to those who have honorably served the American Nation during times of war, the cemetery is the final resting place of more than 400,000 active duty members, veterans and their families.

Smithsonian Museums A total of 19 museums and galleries, mainly concentrated around the U.S. capitol building. Our favorite museums to see are:

- African-American History and Culture Museum (TICKETS REQUIRED)
- Air and Space Museum
- American Art Museum
- Natural History Museum
- National Museum of the American Indian
- Renwick Gallery

United States Botanic Garden Established in 1820 by the U.S. Congress, the United States Botanic Garden is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America.

Supreme Court The highest court in the U.S. legal system. Plays an important role in our system.

SPECIAL DESTINATIONS WITH ENGLISH NOW!

The following destinations require special arrangements and may be best to visit as part of an English Now! Friday Outing. Ask about our next visits to the following:

NPR (National Public Radio) Interested in learning more about current events and the American National Public Radio

Voice of America Voice of America (VOA) provides programming for broadcast on radio, TV, and the internet outside of the United States in English and some foreign languages.

Newseum An interactive museum chronicling the history of American news and journalism. The mission of the museum is for the public and the media to understand one another better and to raise public awareness of the important role of free press.

University Tours: Georgetown & George Washington University & University of Maryland Interested in learning more about colleges in the D.C. area? Visit Georgetown University, George Washington University, or the University of Maryland-College Park.

NIH (National Institutes of Health) The National Institutes of Health is an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. NIH hosts world-class biomedical and health-related research just a few miles from our school.

For More Information. A great website to get more information about touring in Washington, D.C. is www.washington.org. Please let Paul or Kirstie know if you visit places that you would recommend to other students. We would love to hear about special places you discover!