

# Washington DC Tourism



**The District of Columbia is a beautiful place**, designed to capture the spirit of a country in colonnaded architecture, domes, and obelisks. The city includes world-famous museums and breathtaking monuments, as well as charming neighborhoods and parks. Washington is also a company town for the U.S. government. Put this all together, and you have one of the best tourist destinations in the world.

Washington's broad avenues and circles were designed by Pierre-Charles L'Enfant, whose vision included two focal points: the Capitol and the President's Mansion. These two buildings are placed within view of each other, but far enough apart to signify the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government.

Many of the other well-known sites are part of (or close to) the National Mall, an open area with the Capitol at the east end, the Lincoln Memorial at the west end, and the Washington Monument roughly in the middle.

The best way to navigate the District is by the Metrorail and Metrobus; both of which will get to you just about anywhere in and around the District. Metrorail is an efficient, economical, safe, and architecturally interesting subway. The Metrobus system connects all parts of the District, including Metrorail stations.

Apart from extraordinary monuments and intriguing historical and educational museums, Washington offers an alluring cultural scene, enticing food options from around the world, and abundant nightlife. Chinatown and Eastern Market bring the melting pot of cultures in the District alive for visitors. Many famous chefs such as Wolfgang Puck and upcoming celebrity chefs like Spike Mendelsohn have restaurants in the District. The District also features its own brewery, multiple brew pubs, and alluring night spots (Adams Morgan, Dupont, Georgetown) for a dance or quick cocktail.

