

Thank you for choosing the DC Explorer Pass!

Welcome to Washington, D.C., a fun and exciting place to explore U.S. history of the past and present. From museums and national monuments to the beautiful parks and landscape of D.C.—it's easy to plan a fun-packed and patriotic trip to the nation's capital.

Choose attractions as you go and take your time. Once you activate your pass by visiting your first attraction, your pass is good for 30 days. Choose from lots of popular attractions, including a Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Tour, the Newseum, International Spy Museum, Madame Tussauds DC and more.

Washington DC Explorer Pass®



This packet contains your admission pass(es)

Your pass is required for admission at each attraction. Please print it out, carry it with you and retain it after each visit.



How to use your admission pass

Every pass has a unique code. A representative at the attraction will scan the code on each traveler's pass, granting you admission. For special offers at shops and restaurants, show your pass to your server or cashier.



Be aware of admission policies

Please read attraction information for hours, closings, and special admission instructions. Attractions with the **R** symbol require reservations. Attractions displaying **T** require you to pick up tickets at a separate location.



Pass expiration

Visiting your first attraction activates your pass. You have 30 calendar days to use your pass. You may visit each attraction once with the exception of shows at the V Theater; each show counts as one attraction. You have one year from the purchase date to use your pass.



Need help?

If you need assistance with your pass please call us at 866-628-9036. If you lose your pass, reprint it at any time from your order confirmation email, or by using Order Lookup at smartdestinations.com.

Washington DC Explorer Pass Guidebook

Included Attractions

1b. Big Bus DC Panoramic Night Tour

Getting in: Present your pass at the Big Bus kiosk at Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue. The Big Bus representative will give you your Big Bus Panoramic Night Tour ticket.

[Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave 89801](#)

1 (877) 332-8689

Open: 6:30 Departure currently, 7:30 Departure beginning on April 1st.

Closed: New Year's Eve, 4th of July

1a. Hop-On Hop-Off Big Bus Washington DC: 1-Day Classic Patriot Tour

Getting in:

Present your pass at any Big Bus kiosk at Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue. The Big Bus representative will give you your Big Bus ticket.

Ticket pick-up is available from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Your Big Bus ticket starts at time of redemption. You will need to show only your Big Bus ticket to the driver when boarding a Big Bus. **Please note**, you may redeem your pass for a Big Bus ticket only once per life of card.

Open: Open Daily, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. See Big Bus DC website for extended seasonal hours.

Closed: Service may occasionally be disrupted due to severe weather, major city events, or festivals outside of the control of Smart Destinations or Big Bus.

Notes: The Patriot Tour includes the Red Big Bus loop. See the Big Bus website for a map of this route and nearby attractions. Multi-lingual recorded tours available; ask your bus driver. Factors such as traffic or weather can lengthen the amount of time between each stop so please plan accordingly.

[Union Station](#)
[50 Massachusetts Ave NE](#)
[Washington, DC 20002](#)

(877) 332-8689

3. Madame Tussauds DC

Getting in: Present your pass at the desk for admission.

Open:
Daily, 10:00 am-6:00 pm.

Seasonal hours subject to change. Madame Tussauds may be occasionally closed due to private events. Please consult [website](#) for updated hours and closures.

Notes: Children ages 4 and older must have a DC Pass or paid ticket for entry.

[1001 F Street NW](#)
[Washington, DC 20004](#)

(202) 942-7300

4. Newseum - 2 Day Admission

Getting in: Present your pass at admissions desk for admission. You will receive a 2-Day ticket.

Open: Daily, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Inauguration Day.

Notes: DC Pass admission includes a second consecutive day for free! Children ages 6 and under are always free. July 1 through Labor Day, the Newseum waives admission for youth ages 18 and younger accompanied by an Adult or Senior admission.

[555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW](#)
[Washington D.C 20001](#)

(202) 292-6100

5. International Spy Museum

Getting in: Present your pass at the front desk for a timed general admission ticket. Please note, lines may be long during busy season; make sure to arrive early!

Open:

Spring/Summer: / Daily, 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Fall/Winter: / Daily, 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Hours subject to change. Please check [website](#) for updated hours.

Closed: Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Notes: Self-guided tour. During peak touring seasons (such as Spring Break and major holidays), guests may experience a wait to enter the general exhibition. It is recommend that you visit early or late to avoid lines. Children ages 6 and under are admitted free.

[800 F Street NW](#)
[Washington DC 20004](#)

(202) 393-7798

6. George Washington's Mount Vernon

Getting in: Present your pass at the ticket window, where you will be given a ticket with a mansion tour time. Tour time is subject to availability based on the volume of visitation. The remainder of your visit is self-guided at your leisure.

Reserve Advance reservations are not available.

Open: April-October: Daily, 9:00 am-5:00 pm / November-March: Daily, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Closed: Open 365 Days a year.

Notes: Admission includes a Mansion tour, and access to the grounds, Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center, George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill (April - October) and other buildings. Programming and access vary by month and season. During peak times, Mansion tours may be abbreviated. Please see website for programming schedule and more details. Children ages 6 and older must have a DC Pass or paid ticket to Mount Vernon.

[3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway](#)
[Mount Vernon VA 22121](#)

(703) 780-2000

7 Washington Monuments Cruise by Potomac Riverboat Company

Getting in: Present your pass at the Potomac Riverboat Company ticketing cart, at the Georgetown dock located at The Washington Harbour OR at the Alexandria City Marina. In spring and fall, please go directly to the boat if the cart is not present.

Open: This is a seasonal cruise. Cruise times vary by month and day. Please check [website](#) for departures during your visit, especially on holidays.

Closed: November 1 - March 31, June 4, 2017 - 1:30pm/3:30pm Georgetown

Notes:

Your Pass is valid for select cruises only (see Hours for times.) Capacity is very limited and seating is subject to availability on a first-come, first-served basis only. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to departure time for your best chance to cruise. On holidays and summer weekends, please plan to arrive at least an hour prior to cruise time for your best opportunity to be ticketed.

Valid for departure from either:

- Washington Harbour
31st Street and K Street NW
Washington DC 20007
(Your pass is not valid on the final cruise each day from Georgetown.)
- OR
- Alexandria City Marina
105 North Union Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Behind the Torpedo Art Center
- The US Coast Guard requires all passengers to have a ticket. Children ages 2 and older must have a Pass or paid Potomac Riverboat Company ticket to cruise. Infants up to age 24 months will be provided a ticket at no charge at the ticket cart. Simply let the agent know you have an infant when redeeming your Passes.
- Cruise times vary by month and day. Please check [website](#) for departures during your visit, especially on holidays.

[Georgetown Dock at The Washington Harbour](#)
[31st Street and K Street NW](#)
[Washington DC 20007](#)

(703) 684-0580

8 Bike and Roll DC Bike Rentals

Getting in: Present your pass to Bike and Roll DC staff to set up your rental.

Open: Seasonal. Please call (202) 842-2453 for updated hours of operation.

Closed: Seasonal. Tours offered daily, March 14-December 6. Closed July 4th and November 26th.

Notes: Your Pass includes a 3-Hour Trek hybrid bike rental with small handlebar bag & rack, helmet, u-lock & city map. You can upgrade your 3 hour rental to a full day rental for \$16 per bike; please speak with a Bike and Roll DC team member for more details. A credit card is required, Bikes subject to availability. Kids bikes and trailer attachments are available for an additional fee.

[National Mall](#)
[955 L'Enfant Plaza](#)
[Washington D.C.](#)

(202) 842-2453

9 National Geographic Museum

Getting in: Present your pass at the ticket desk for admission.

Open: Daily, 10:00 am-6:00 pm. Last entry at 5:15 pm.

Closed: Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Notes:

The museum features changing exhibits. Please see website for current exhibition details. Children ages 5 and older require a DC Explorer Pass or paid ticket for admission. An accessible entrance is located on M Street.

[1145 17th Street, NW](#)
[Washington, DC 20038](#)

(202) 857-7700

10 The Capital Wheel

Getting in: Present your pass at the ticket booth.

Open:

Memorial Day-Labor Day: 10:00 am-12:00 midnight / Winter Hours: Monday-Friday, 4:00 pm-10:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday, Noon-10:00 pm / Fall Hours: Sunday-Thursday, 11:00 am-10:00 pm; Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am-11:00 pm.

Hours are seasonal and subject to change.

Closed: Open 365 days-a-year unless there is inclement weather. Please call or check The Capital Wheel's Facebook page for current updates.

Notes: Children ages 3 and older require a Pass or paid ticket for admission.

[116 Waterfront Street](#)
[National Harbor MD 20745](#)

(301) 842-8650

11 Washington Walks

Getting in: Meet your Washington Walks guide at the departure location for the tour you choose (see website for schedule and location). Present your pass for a place on that tour.

Open: Hours of operation vary. Please visit the Washington Walks [website](#) or call (202) 484-1565 for more information.

Closed: Seasonal, see website for schedule.

Notes: See the Washington Walks [website](#) for a full list of available tours and schedule. Meet your guide at the departure location. Tours take place rain or shine.

[Tour location varies. See Details tab for more info.](#) (202) 484-1565

12 National Building Museum

Getting in: Present your pass at the admission desk for entrance.

Open: Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed: Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and for occasional private events

Notes: The Museum presents a special exhibit each summer, typically July 4 - Labor Day. The special exhibit is included with your pass admission. See website for exhibit details.

[401 F Street NW](#)
[Washington DC](#) (202) 272-2448

13 Round Trip Mount Vernon Cruise

Getting in: Present your pass at **1)** the Potomac Riverboat Company **ticketing booth in Alexandria** at the Alexandria City Marina OR at **2) National Harbor at the National Harbor Ticket Booth located in front of McCormick and Schmicks OR 3)** on the **Gaylord National Resort - Marriott's Pier** IF you are a GUEST.

Open:
Daily Departures (except Mondays through September 4) from Alexandria City Marina -10:30 am/11:00am Gaylord National Resort/11:10 am National Harbor. The vessel returns from MOUNT VERNON at 4:00pm.

Dock Locations

Alexandria City Marina / 105 North Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 / Behind the Torpedo Art Center

Dates of Operation

This is a seasonal cruise. Cruise times vary by month and day. Please check [website](#) for departures during your visit, especially on holidays.

Closed: Please check [website](#) for details during your visit.

Notes:

Features 4 hours at Mount Vernon. This cruise DOES NOT INCLUDE ADMISSION TO MOUNT VERNON. Your DC Pass will be scanned at the Mount Vernon dock and will count as a second choice on your DC Pass. You MUST have a valid DC Pass for admission at Mount Vernon. There is no box office or tickets sold at the Mount Vernon dock. The box office and main entrance is inaccessible from the boat dock.

This is a seasonal cruise. Cruise times vary by month and day. Please check [website](#) for departures during your visit, especially on holidays.

[Alexandria City Marina](#)
[105 North Union Street](#)
[Alexandria VA 22314](#) (877) 511-2628

14 Washington Nationals Ballpark Tour

Getting in:
Present your pass at the Nationals Box Office

Note: Tours embark from the Media and Suites entrance on South Capitol St. Monday through Friday on gamedays and non-gamedays. On Saturday and Sunday tours depart from Media and Suites entrance if it is a gameday and from Right Field Gate on 1st St. SE on non-gamedays.

The tour does require a lot of walking but is both wheelchair- and stroller- accessible. Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour time.

Open: Hours: Game days: Tours depart at 10:00 am / Non-game days: Tours depart at 10:00 am and 1 pm; passes are not valid for Sunday tours

Closed:

December through March, additionally on some holidays; Check the website for the most up to date hours of operation.

Nationals Park Tours run from April through November.

Notes: Note: All tours are subject to availability and spaces are limited. Please call (202) 640-7369 ahead of time to check availability. www.nationals.com

[Nationals Park](#)
[1500 South Capitol Street, SE.](#)
[Washington DC 20003](#) (202) 640-7369

15 Politics & Pints Capitol Hill Tour **R** RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Getting in:
Meeting point:
In front of the Capitol Building at the corner of First St NE and East Capitol St NE

Starting time: 3:00 PM

Ending point:
Molly Malones, 713 8th St SE, Washington, DC

Reserve Reservations are required please click [here](#) and use the code: DCEXPLORERPASS

[In front of the Capitol Building at the end of the corner of First St NE and East Capitol St NE](#) (202) 810-1700

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ATTRACTIONS

1 BIG BUS TOURS

1a. HOP-ON HOP-OFF BIG BUS WASHINGTON DC: 1-DAY PATRIOT TOUR

1b. 2-HOUR PANORAMIC NIGHT TOUR

2 MADAME TUSSAUDS DC

3 NEWSEUM

4 INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

5 GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON

6 WASHINGTON MONUMENTS CRUISE BY POTOMAC RIVER BOAT COMPANY

7 BIKE AND ROLL DC BIKE RENTAL

8 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

9 THE CAPITAL WHEEL AT NATIONAL HARBOR

10 WASHINGTON WALKS WALKING TOURS (multiple departure locations)*

11 NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

12 MOUNT VERNON CRUISE BY POTOMAC RIVER BOAT COMPANY: ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION ONLY

13 WASHINGTON NATIONALS BALLPARK TOUR

**Not shown on map.*