

## INFORMATION ON WALKUP AND PUBLIC TOUR TICKETS

### White House

An alternative to touring the White House that I recommend you consider is the White House Visitor's Center. The Visitor's Center is open to the public and does not require reserved tours. The Center is located at the southeast corner of 15th and E Streets, NW. The location is easy to find by looking for three American flags and the blue awnings. It is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and features many aspects of the White House, as well as a thirty-minute video. I would recommend allowing between 20 minutes and an hour to explore the exhibits.

### Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Between the months of September and February, no tickets or reservations are required to tour the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Admittance is given on a first-come, first-served basis.

On this tour, you can see millions of dollars being printed as you walk along the gallery overlooking the production floor. The free 40-minute experience includes an introductory film and gallery tour of the production process. The Visitor Center includes exhibits and currency products for sale. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (door closes at 3:00) The BEP runs tours every 15 minutes from 9 to 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The Tour and Visitor Center is closed on weekends, Federal holidays, and the week between Christmas and New Years Day.

More information can be found at <http://www.moneyfactory.gov/tours/washingtonctours.html>.

### Kennedy Center

Guided tours of the Kennedy Center are offered Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. On weekends tours are available from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Public tours begin approximately every 10 minutes, and so they do not require reservations. To get to the Kennedy Center, take the Metro to the Foggy Bottom/GWU station. A free shuttle stops at the Metro station every 15 minutes starting at 10:00. You can find more information at [www.kennedy-center.org/visitor/tours.html](http://www.kennedy-center.org/visitor/tours.html).

There are also free nightly performances at 6:00 on the Millennium Stage. To view the schedule, please click here: <http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/schedule.html>.

Congressional reservations are also available for special tours on weekdays at 9:30 and 4:30. The 9:30 tour allows you to enter the building before the general public. If you choose the 4:30 tour, this is a convenient time to stay after and see the free concert on the Millennium stage at 6:00. Please let me know if you would like our office to schedule a tour of the Kennedy Center for your family.

### Library of Congress

Reservations are not required for visits to the Library of Congress. Visitors are welcome to walk around the Library and enjoy exhibits on their own. **Public tours are also available Monday-Saturday at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 3:30pm (except on Saturdays).** You should arrive at the main doors atop the Grand Staircase of the Thomas Jefferson Building on 1st Street SE, between

Independence Avenue and East Capitol Streets at least 25 minutes before the start of your tour to allow for lines and security. All visitors entering any Library building must pass through a metal detector and have their belongings screened by an x-ray machine. Food and beverages are prohibited, and photos can only be taken in specific parts of the library.

The tour starts with a video, and highlights the historical and architectural significance of the building. You will also see the Gutenberg Bible, the Giant Bible of Mainz, the visitors' gallery of the Main Reading Room, and Thomas Jefferson's donated book collection. Anyone exiting any Library building must pass through an electronic theft detection system and open all bags, etc., for inspection. For more information please visit <http://www.loc.gov/visit/tours/>.

### Pentagon

The Pentagon Memorial is open daily to the public. The Pentagon Memorial is designed so that the nation may remember and reflect on the events that occurred on September 11, 2001. The Memorial is free and open to the public seven days a week. Groups and individuals are welcome in the Memorial each day but guided tours are not offered; the Memorial is meant to be experienced on a more personal level. More information is available at <http://pentagonmemorial.org/>. The Pentagon Memorial is located at 1 Rotary Road on the Pentagon Reservation in Arlington, Virginia, on the west side of the Pentagon. No public parking is available, so please take the metro or park at the Pentagon City Mall.

### Supreme Court

Public tours are available at the Supreme Court Monday through Friday from 9:30am-3:30 pm at every hour on the half hour when the Court is not sitting. If you choose to go on one of these tours, you will need to report to the Supreme Court 15 minutes early to pass through security.

For more information about tours please visit [www.supremecourtus.gov/visiting/visiting.html](http://www.supremecourtus.gov/visiting/visiting.html).

If the Court is no longer hearing oral arguments, the Supreme Court offers a number of options when visiting. Although the Supreme Court does not offer guided walking tours, visitors are encouraged to tour the building on their own and take advantage of a variety of educational programs including Courtroom Lectures, a Visitors' Film and court-related exhibitions. The building is open weekdays from 9:30am-3:30 pm.

A theater is located on the Ground Floor featuring *The Supreme Court*, a 24-minute film produced by C-SPAN in cooperation with the Supreme Court. The film examines the history of the building and features interviews with the Chief Justice and both sitting and retired Justices. Showings are continuous from 9:15 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Open Captioning is provided. There are also different exhibits located on the ground floor; for a description visit: [http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/Current Exhibitions.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/Current_Exhibitions.pdf).

Thirty-minute courtroom lectures are also available daily, which are designed to introduce visitors of all ages to the judicial functions of the Supreme Court, the history of the Building, and the architecture of the Courtroom. Lectures are generally scheduled every-hour on the half-hour beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a final lecture at 3:30 p.m. On Court days, the lecture schedule is adjusted depending on the length of the session. Courtroom Lectures are available only after Court adjourns for the day. Please check the current

lecture schedule by calling (202) 479-3211. The daily schedule is also posted at the Information Desk on the Ground Floor.

When in session, the Court generally hears two one-hour arguments a day, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., with occasional afternoon sessions scheduled as necessary. Arguments are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in two-week intervals through late April (with longer breaks during December and February). All oral arguments are open to the public, but seating is limited and on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Before a session begins, two lines form on the plaza in front of the building. One is for those who wish to attend an entire argument, and the other, a three-minute line, is for those who wish to observe the Court in session only briefly. Please do not hold a space in either line for others who have not yet arrived. Seating for the first argument begins at 9:30 a.m. and seating for the three-minute line begins at 10 a.m. The locations for these lines are marked with signs and there is a police officer on duty to answer your questions.

Visitors should be aware that cases may attract large crowds, with lines forming before the building opens. Obviously there are unavoidable delays associated with processing and seating large numbers of visitors, and your cooperation and patience are appreciated. Court police officers will make every effort to inform you as soon as possible whether you can expect to secure a seat in the Courtroom.