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WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, DC, the U.S. capital, is a compact city on the Potomac River, bordering the states of Maryland and Virginia. It's defined by imposing neoclassical monuments and buildings - including the iconic ones that house the federal government's 3 branches: the Capitol, White House and Supreme Court. It's also home to iconic museums and performing-arts venues such as the Kennedy Center, per Google.

DAY ONE

Super early flight, check-in to AirBnB and drop off bags

10 AM - walk the [National Mall](#); full loop is 4 miles

- Start the loop and sights to see:
 - o [The Lincoln Memorial](#) - yes, you should climb all the steps but it's worth it
 - o [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#)
 - o [Korean War Veterans Memorial](#)
- Continue South a little out of the loop for [Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial](#)
 - o [National World War II Memorial](#)
 - o [The Washington Monument](#) → [facts](#)

Noon - [The White House](#)

- You may be walking back later in the evening - White House is gorgeous at night

1 PM Lunch: [The Old Ebbitt Grill](#) (\$\$, Bar & Sandwiches)

- The oysters are delicious

2 PM - [Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History](#); time spent is 3 hours, free

- The building behind this one is the U.S. Department of Justice
- Walk next door to Pavilion Cafe for a coffee and dessert
 - o The building behind this one is the National Archives Building

5:30 PM - [Smithsonian Castle](#); free

Stroll around [Tidal Basin](#)

- Sights:
 - o Cherry Blossoms (bloom in March through April)
 - o [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#); free
 - o [Thomas Jefferson Memorial](#)
 - o Take a paddle boat out if you have time

7:00 PM - Walk to the [U.S. Capitol Building](#) and take in all the sights

- Really gorgeous at night
- Behind this building is the Supreme Court of the U.S. and Library of Congress
- Don't worry - you're coming back for a tour

8 PM Dinner: [Birch & Barley](#) (\$\$\$, American) in Logan Circle

Bar: [DNV Rooftop](#) (\$\$\$, Rooftop Bar) just down the street

DAY TWO

9 AM - [The Pentagon Tour](#); time spent is 1.5 hours, free

- Must register in advance
- City within a city with drug stores, florists, candy shops and more
- Take a moment to reflect on where the 9/11 plane hit

11:30 AM - [Arlington National Cemetery](#); time spent is 1 hour

- Sight: [U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial](#)

Lunch: [Central Michel Richard](#) (\$\$\$, French) or [Zaytinya](#) (\$\$\$, Mediterranean)

2 PM - Back to the National Mall - there's so much here!

- So many museums, so see one that fits your interests:
 - o Smithsonian Arts & Industries Building
 - o Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum
 - o Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

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- National Museum of the American Indian
- Smithsonian's National Postal Museum
- National Gallery of Art
 - The building behind this one is Federal Trade Commission Library
- [The Newseum](#); time spent is 2 hours, \$25 USD
 - MUST; Actual sections of the Berlin Wall
 - Get to the top for a great view
- [Smithsonian National Museum of American History](#); time spent is 2 hours
 - MUST
- Other options: National Geographic Museum, International Spy Museum, Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters and the National Building Museum

6:30 PM - [Library of Congress](#)

- Look up at the most beautiful ceiling you'll ever see

Dinner: [Good Stuff Eatery](#) (\$\$, Burger) or [We. the Pizza](#) (\$, Pizza)

Evening activities options:

- See a show at [Ford's Theater](#)
- Nightlife: Adams Morgan neighborhood

DAY THREE

Breakfast at [Union Market](#)

9:30 AM - Tour the [U.S. Capitol Building](#); time spent 1.5 hour, free

- Book in advance → [tickets](#)

Or take a Day Trip to [Georgetown](#)

Check out from the AirBnB

Goodbye Washington DC. Head home.