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If you haven't been on a **Washington Walk**, you haven't been to Washington.

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Founded in 1999, Washington Walks is the largest walking tour company in the nation's capital. With more than a dozen tours of the city's most sought-after locations, we guarantee an unforgettable experience in Washington, D.C.

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Walking tours are the perfect alternative for visitors who have been to Washington, D.C. previously and crave a new experience. Our walks provide an up-close, local's perspective that allows participants to learn about and see a great deal in a short period of time — and to have fun doing it.

For groups planning to tour D.C. via motor coach, our four bus tours offer a memorable addition to the trip itinerary.

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Our official season of public walks is April 1 through October 31. Groups are welcome to take a Washington Walk at the same time it is offered to the general public. (Visit washingtonwalks.com for the public walks schedule.) All of our walks and bus tours can also be booked privately year-round on a day and at a time of your choice.

how

If your group would like to join a public walk, contact us in advance so we can provide an extra guide if necessary.

Groups can also book any of our walks or bus tours by reservation on a day and at a time of their choice. We specialize in groups of 50 or less and always keep the guide-to-walker ratio at one guide to 25 adults.

fees

PUBLIC TOURS

\$10 unless noted, kids 3 and younger free

PRIVATE TOURS

TWO HOUR WALK: \$250 for up to 25 participants \$200 for each additional guide needed

THREE HOUR WALK OR BUS TOUR: \$300 for up to 25 participants/one busload unless noted \$250 for each additional guide needed

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**Want to book a tour?
Need more information?**

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Arlington Cemetery *Two hours · \$250 for up to 25 participants · \$200 for each additional guide needed · Be prepared for hilly terrain* Arlington Cemetery is alive with stories and we love to share them. Behind the cemetery's tranquil and reverent face pulses every gem, flaw and quirk of the human character. With us you'll find the graves of boxer Joe Louis, and hear about the friends who didn't forget; of schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe and her fellow Challenger astronauts; of Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James and his Tuskegee Airmen; of Cmdr. John Rodgers and his true-life tale of survival trying to become the first to fly to Hawaii; of actor Lee Marvin and of Audie Murphy, the Hollywood heartthrob who, at 5'5" and 110 pounds, was the most decorated serviceman of World War II. Our guides will go with you to watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and will show you the best place we know to view this venerable ceremony. We'll end the walk at John F. Kennedy's eternal flame, surrounded by the words of former president and of his brother Robert, and marvel at what is indeed a magnificent view. (Be prepared to climb hills and stairs.)

Before Harlem, There Was U Street *Two hours · \$250 for up to 25 participants · \$200 for each additional guide needed* Take a walk along Washington's "Black Broadway," where Duke Ellington grew up and was inspired, where musical greats such as Cab Calloway and Dizzy Gillespie played local clubs into the wee hours of the morning, and where movie palaces mingled with pool halls, restaurants and barber shops. Here in the shadow of Howard University, African Americans created a strong community that produced leaders for the city and the nation. You'll see the Lincoln Theatre, a 1922 movie palace, restored to its gilded glory; the Thurgood Marshall Center, a grand historic building that once housed the first full-service African American YMCA; and The African American Civil War Memorial, the only national monument to Black Civil War soldiers. SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON WALKS AND CULTURAL TOURISM DC

Capital Hauntings *Two hours · \$250 for up to 25 participants · \$200 for each additional guide needed* Violent quarrels, vicious attacks, murder, suicide—why is it such turbulent events in Washington history seem concentrated around the seven acres of Lafayette Park? During the day, it bustles with White House staff, visitors and office workers. As evening descends, however, so does an almost tangible drape of stillness; it's not hard to imagine the park's inky expanse of yesteryear. Indeed, it is the most haunted site in the city. How the ghosts and spirits came into being is the subject of this eerie perambulation. You'll hear the tale of a wayward, larger-than-life congressman from New York, his beautiful and very young wife, and the son of the man who wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner;" of the night of April 14, 1865 and how the grim reaper stalked more than Abraham Lincoln; and how the White House could be enshrouded by "the Presidential Circle of Death" And that is just the beginning.

Capitol Hill *Two hours · \$250 for up to 25 participants · \$200 for each additional guide needed* Most people think of Capitol Hill as a place where business is done, laws are passed, and deals are sealed. But "the Hill," as locals call it, represents much more. A neighborhood that has been alive and kicking since the 18th century, it still has the houses to prove it. See the historic Marine Corps barracks and Commandant's home, an alley that once housed more than 100 people, a charming Gothic Revival church, and Eastern Market, a centuries-old shopping center, where you can grab a cannoli, crab cake sandwich, or just breathe in the sights and smells of fresh meat, cheese, pasta, and produce. SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON WALKS AND CULTURAL TOURISM DC

Embassy Row *Two hours · \$250 for up to 25 participants · \$200 for each additional guide needed* The nouveau-riche crowd has made many an eyeball roll reflexively skyward. Call them robber barons or captains of industry, dub their heyday industrial or gilded, today we can revel in the Beaux-Arts grandeur of Washington's Massachusetts Avenue, better known as Embassy Row. We'll meet at Dupont Circle and introduce you to the families who decided to showcase their fortunes in the nation's capital: members of the first ranks of mining, railroads, banking, publishing, politicians and speculators in the 1880s and 90s. Spendthrift offspring, the Great Depression and other misfortune eventually drained the resources of many families. Only 50 years later, embassies, clubs and other institutions were buying up their mansions for as little as 10 cents on a dollar. But in between, the high life and high architecture has made for some great stories. Alice Longworth Roosevelt delivered her famous line here – "If you don't have anything nice to say, sit next to me" – and spirited chum Evalyn Walsh McLean lived a few doors up where she kept the Hope Diamond. Our walk ends outside the magnificent Phillips Collection museum, former residence of steel heir and avid art collector Duncan Phillips.

Georgetown *Two hours · \$250 for up to 25 participants · \$200 for each additional guide needed · Be prepared for hilly terrain* To put it simply, a walk through Washington's tony Georgetown neigh-borhood is a venture through time—of 200-year-old mansions and their eccentric owners, of fortunes in trade won and lost, of marvelous architecture from Federal to Victorian, of the once-bustling freedman community Herring Hill, of political intrigue, of green preservation and urban renewal. And of course no one can mention Georgetown without the Kennedys. In the 1950s John F. Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline almost single-handedly turned the neighborhood into the city's politically fashionable place to live. We'll point out the houses of the movers and shakers, as well as the remarkable historic properties here that are open to the public (and yes, The Exorcist steps!). This two-hour, two-mile tour winds up in Georgetown's shopping and restaurant district just in time for lunch. Or if you're on a roll, we can point you to the C&O Canal, the historic and bucolic waterway. (Be prepared to climb a hill or two.)

Jacqueline Kennedy's White House *Two hours · \$250 for up to 25 participants · \$200 for each additional guide needed* First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's appreciation of 19th-century architecture and enthusiasm for White House history inspired her redecoration of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The subsequent televised tour of the newly-restored public rooms made an enormous impression on the American public and is now considered one of Mrs. Kennedy's most significant contributions as First Lady. What is less known is Mrs. Kennedy's involvement with in the fate of Lafayette Square, the historic neighborhood adjacent to the White House. This walking tour tells the story of both accomplishments and how Mrs. Kennedy's influence can still be seen both at the White House and in Lafayette Square today. This walk includes a tour of the Stephen Decatur House, the first private residence built on Lafayette Square and a National Trust for Historic Preservation property.

Moveable Feast *Three hours · \$300 for up to 25 participants · \$250 for each additional guide needed* Come along on this three-hour nibble-and-nosh fest to DC phenomena that celebrates the locally grown and locally invented. We'll stay on the move, serving up some of our favorite tales of gastronomic history along the way – from the inaugural party turned food fight to Mrs. Terrell's quiet milestone in civil rights. Our territory first covers the heart of downtown, where nary a suit in the lunch-hour crowd realizes he's swarming in Washington's former market neighborhood. These days, think bubble tea, ginger scones and coffee roasted only a stone's throw away. Bring along a subway fare card, as we'll next be hopping the Metro to catch two of DC's most famous drop-in eateries. We'll introduce you to an edible creation known as a half-smoke then stop in for a dessert course at the bakery/café founded by DC's current Food Network celebrity. Munch, sip, walk, repeat. Who's counting calories with rhythm like that? (COST OF SNACKS NOT INCLUDED IN WALK FEE.)

National Mall Memorials *Three hours · \$300 for up to 25 participants · \$250 for each additional guide needed* A stroll to the major memorials along the National Mall that combines history, fun facts and the stories behind the creation of each breathtaking site. Included are the Washington Monument, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Abraham Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and the newly-dedicated National World War II Memorial. The classic Washington excursion!

H O L I D A Y

A Nation's Capital Christmas *Three hours · \$300 for up to 25 participants · \$250 for each additional guide needed* Although politics and the Redskins may be Washington's most well-known traditions, when it comes to Christmas, the nation's capital offers a festive array of annual events. Come along on this holiday walking tour and hear about Christmas at the White House, carols and pageants at the "Church of the Presidents," and why Washington's earliest residents never put up a Christmas tree. Get some gift buying done at the Decatur House Museum Shop (you can purchase the official White House Christmas ornament there) as well as at the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery of Arts and Crafts. We'll also stop at the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum to view antique-filled period rooms decorated for the season. The walk will conclude at the White House Christmas tree, where you can see over 50 individually-decorated trees dedicated to each U.S. state and territory or warm yourself by the blazing Yule log.

The Blossom Secrets Stroll *Two hours · \$250 for up to 25 participants · \$200 for each additional guide needed* The annual cherry blossom display is guaranteed to dazzle your senses. But have you ever wondered why the trees are planted along the Tidal Basin? Why cherry trees? Whose idea were they anyway? Hear the stories and secrets behind the delicate blossoms during a walking tour featuring not only cherry trees, but also noteworthy arboreal cousins. Learn about the woman whose cherry tree vision lives on today, a Japanese lantern older than the United States itself, and where you can discover even more pink and white blooms. OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL



Civil War Washington: Soldiers and Citizens *Three hours · \$450 weekdays · \$650 weekends · cost of bus extra if provided by Washington Walks*

Follow the historic roads that took soldiers to and from Washington's Fort Stevens, where President Lincoln stood on the ramparts as Union forces repelled the advancing enemy. Next take an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Lincoln Cottage, the 16th president's retreat on the bucolic campus of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home. A National Trust for Historic Preservation site, Lincoln Cottage is undergoing a complete restoration. A Trust expert will share details about the project as well as revealing facts about the Lincoln's time there. The African American Civil War Memorial, the only memorial for the war's United States Colored Troops, is also included, along with stories about Matthew Brady's attempts to photograph the battlefield, Clara Barton's tireless efforts on behalf of missing persons, and John Wilkes Booth's assassination of President Lincoln. (SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON WALKS AND CULTURAL TOURISM DC)

Duke Ellington's D.C. *Three hours · \$300 · \$250 for each additional guide needed · cost of bus extra if provided by Washington Walks*

Take a trip back to Washington's Black Broadway, boyhood home of jazz master Duke Ellington and, thanks to nearby Howard University, the heart of African American culture in the nation's capital. U Street once throbbled with nightclubs and theaters where the great African American entertainers headlined. The jazz scene continues to thrive on the "New U" and we'll show you where. In addition to the seeing the house where Ellington was born, we'll visit other elegantly restored landmarks, including the gilded Lincoln Theatre, the Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage (home of the nation's first black YMCA), and the only memorial to African American Civil War soldiers. Nearby is the home of the remarkable Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the National Council of Negro Women. A National Park Service ranger will provide a guided tour of the site. SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON WALKS AND CULTURAL TOURISM DC

Different Views, Different Voices: Historic Anacostia *Three hours · \$300 · \$250 for each additional guide needed · cost of bus extra if provided by Washington Walks*

Cedar Hill, the grand, hilltop home of famed abolitionist, orator, and editor Frederick Douglass is the centerpiece of this tour of a Washington visitors seldom see. This excursion will take you through Anacostia, a neighborhood created in 1854 as the first suburb of the nation's capital, and reveal the stories of the English planters, Native Americans, and African Americans who have called it home. Besides affording some of the best views of city, the tour includes the site of a major Civil War fort, the 19th-century architecture of historic Uniontown, and a visit to the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum and Center for African American History. SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON WALKS AND CULTURAL TOURISM DC

Eleanor Roosevelt's Washington *Three hours · \$300 · \$250 for each additional guide needed · cost of bus extra is provided by Washington Walks*

Eleanor Roosevelt reinvented the role of First Lady. She led women's organizations, fought for consumer welfare, civil rights, and improved housing. She has been called the eyes and ears of her husband, President Franklin Roosevelt. She lived in Washington, D.C. twice, first when her husband served as assistant secretary of the Navy and then as First Lady. Among the places you'll see are the home on a quiet street near Embassy Row where her world changed forever, the Dupont Circle office building where she briefly held a paying job, the White House, and DAR Constitution Hall, where singer Marian Anderson was denied a chance to perform and whose cause Roosevelt championed. The tour concludes with a guided visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, dedicated to the work of her husband, yet also featuring a statue of Eleanor Roosevelt herself – the only First Lady so honored.