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SPECIAL EVENTS

National Cherry Blossom Festival: Spring is arguably Washington, DC’s most anticipated season, arriving with spectacular beauty heralded by nearly 3,000 blooming cherry trees along the city’s Tidal Basin. More information is available at nationalcherryblossomfestival.org and washington.org.

White House Spring and Fall Garden Tours: Tours include the Jacqueline Kennedy Rose Garden and the West Lawn Gardens. Call (202) 208-1631 for more information.

National Christmas Tree Lighting: The nation’s chief executive opens the holiday season with the lighting of the National Christmas Tree accompanied by the Pageant of Peace. From early December to New Year’s Day, the White House Ellipse Visitor Pavilion features lit trees from each state and territory; a nativity scene, live reindeer, a burning yule log, and choral concerts. Call (202) 418-7222 for more information.
National Mall Sites

Washington Monument | www.nps.gov/wamo | (202) 326-1710
Tours to the top of the monument are available daily except Independence Day and Christmas Day. Advance reservations, often necessary during the busy summer months, are available at www.recreation.gov. Advance reservations are $1.50.

National World War II Memorial | Middle of the Mall | www.nps.gov/wwii
Jefferson Memorial | 701 East Basin Drive SW | www.nps.gov/jefe
Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial | 1850 West Basin Drive SW | www.nps.gov/frde
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial | 1964 Independence Avenue SW | www.nps.gov/mlkm
Korean War Veterans Memorial | West end of the Mall | www.nps.gov/kowm
Vietnam Veterans Memorial | West end of the Mall | www.nps.gov/vive
Lincoln Memorial | West end of the Mall | www.nps.gov/lin
United States Botanic Garden | 100 Maryland Avenue SW | www.usbg.gov | (202) 684-4800
The nation's oldest continuously operating public garden. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

National Archives | 7th Street & Constitution Avenue NW | www.archives.gov | (877) 487-7689
The original documents of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights are on display. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

National Gallery of Art | 9th Street & Constitution Avenue NW | www.nga.gov | (202) 737-4215
Features paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, and works on paper from the Middle Ages through the present. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

Holocaust Museum | 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW | www.ushmm.org | (202) 488-0400
A living memorial to the Holocaust, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum inspires citizens and leaders worldwide to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. daily except Yom Kippur and Christmas Day. Advance reservations are $1.00.

Smithsonian Museums | Most located on the Mall | www.si.edu | (202) 633-1000

Other Sites

Supreme Court of the United States | 1 1st Street NE | www.supreme.gov | (202) 479-3030
Trained docents lead 30-minute programs for all ages. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, with tours departing every half hour. A calendar of oral arguments is available at www.supremecourt.gov/oralArguments/argument_calendars.aspx.

Arlington National Cemetery | Arlington, VA 22211 | www.arlingtoncemetery.mil | (703) 607-8648
The cemetery's rolling hills mark the final resting place for more than 14,000 veterans, including many who fought in the Civil War. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Eternal Flame at the grave of President John F. Kennedy are located here. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Summer hours: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.

Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) | 701 Navy Memorial Dr | www.navy.mil | (202) 770-2000
The cemetery's rolling hills mark the final resting place for more than 14,000 veterans, including many who fought in the Civil War. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Eternal Flame at the grave of President John F. Kennedy are located here. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Summer hours: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.

National Archives and Records Administration | National Archives Building | www.archives.gov | (202) 501-3000
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

National Archives and Records Administration | National Archives Building | www.archives.gov | (202) 707-5000
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Summer hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center | 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, VA 20151 | www.nasm.si.edu/udvarhazy | (703) 371-4118
Thousands of aviation and space artifacts on display. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Summer hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Parking costs $15.

National Zoo | 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW | nationalzoo.si.edu | (202) 633-4888
Visitors can park and enter the grounds starting at 8:30 a.m. Exhibits are open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

Georgetown
Visit the Old Stone House, Dumbarton House, and other historical sites from early American History. The C&O Canal and Mount Vernon Trail have over 180 miles of hiking and biking trails.

Old Town Alexandria
This town looks much the same way it did in the latter part of the 18th century, with historic homes, churches, businesses, and museums. It was the former home of George Washington.