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QuickStart Guide
Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it

Explore Washington, DC
The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood

Top Sights
Make the most of your visit

Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Washington, DC
The city’s highlights in handy lists to help you plan

Best Walks
See the city on foot

Washington, DC’s Best...
The best experiences

Survival Guide
Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience

Getting Around
Travel like a local

Essential Information
Including where to stay
Our selection of the city’s best places to eat, drink and experience:

- **Sights**
- **Eating**
- **Drinking**
- **Entertainment**
- **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- Parking
- Nonsmoking
- Internet Access
- Wi-Fi Access
- Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu
- Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- Metro
- Subway
- Tram
- Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:

**Bar Hemingway**

Legend has it that Hemingway himself, wielding a machine gun, once operated this timber-paneled bar during World War II. A showpiece is a bottle of whisky given by Papa to his closest pal in town. Dress down, phone: 662-3014; Métro: Pigalle; 6.30pm-2am

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Welcome to Washington, DC

The USA’s capital teems with iconic monuments, vast (and free) museums and the corridors of power where visionaries and demagogues roam. Seeing the White House and soaring Capitol will thrill, but it’s the cobblestoned neighborhoods, global cafes and jazzy bohemian quarters that really make you fall for DC, no matter what your politics.

Washington Monument (p28) and the Reflecting Pool (p24), viewed from the Lincoln Memorial (p24).

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Top Sights

IN THIS TEMPLE
AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
IS ENSHRINED FOREVER

Lincoln Memorial
(p24)
Reflect at Abe’s hallowed shrine.

National Air & Space Museum
(p30)
Rockets, airplanes and spaceships galore.