In This Book

QuickStart Guide

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



Need to Know Tips for a

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighborhoods What's where

Explore Washington, DC

The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



Top SightsMake the most of your visit



Local LifeThe 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:



Eating

Orinking

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
 M Metro
- S Subway
- Tram
- 🗩 Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



Lonely Planet's Washington. DC

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighborhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Washington, DC.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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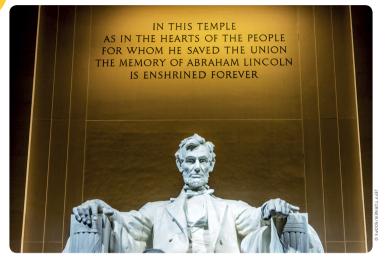
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Welcome to Washington, DC

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).

Washington, DC Top Sights



Lincoln Memorial (p24)

Reflect at Abe's hallowed

National Air & Space Museum

(p30)

shrine.

Rockets, airplanes and spaceships galore.

