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As a courtesy to our constituents, we are able to request for flags to be flown over the Capitol. Please fill out the [REQUEST FORM](#) , which includes information about flag sizes and prices. To order a flag, simply fill out the request form and mail a check payable to:

Peter DeFazio, Account # OR-0430

Mail to:

Office of Congressman Peter DeFazio
2134 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC. 20515.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact my Washington D.C. office at (202) 225-6416. We are open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pacific Time.

Tours

Are you planning a trip to Washington D.C.? My office would be more than happy to help you plan your trip to our nation's Capital. Please find information below regarding various tours that are available throughout the city, as well as contact information for each. If you would like help setting up any of these tours, or if you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our phone number is (202)225-6416. We are open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pacific Time.

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U.S. Capitol Building Tours:

Capitol Building tours for the public are available Monday - Saturday 8:50 a.m.-3:20 p.m. All guests must check in at the Capitol Visitor's Center on the East Front at First Street and East Capitol Street, NE. To make a reservation online visit <http://www.visitthecapitol.gov> . You must have gallery passes from your Representative and Senator to view the galleries. The Capitol is strict on items it will allow through security. The following items are not permitted:

- Large backpacks
- Liquids of any kind (includes open and unopened water bottles, lotions, hair spray, *eye drops, etc.)
- Knives, weapons (includes Swiss Army knives, Leatherman tools, nail clippers, etc.)
- Food or beverages of any kind.

*All prescription drugs and prescription eye drops are fine to take with you.

You can also arrange a staff-led tour of the Capitol building. This tour leaves here from Congressman DeFazio's office, 2134 Rayburn House Office Building. Due to a lack of parking, we encourage you to use the metro to the Capitol South Metro Stop on the Orange and Blue line. From there, walk out straight to corner, which will be 1st and C St., S.E. Make a left on C St. and Rayburn will be your third building on the right. Take a right on South Capitol Street and the public entrance will be half way up on the left. The Capitol Police Officers are always very helpful should you get lost. **Metro Stop:** *Capitol South Metro*

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White House Tours:

The White House is once again offering self guided public tours. Tours are offered Tuesday-Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. The availability of these tours depends upon public demand and will be granted on a first requested basis. The tours must be requested through your Representative or Senator's office. They ask for a minimum 28 days notice however, it is highly recommended that you request a tour six months in advance.

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Supreme Court:

The Supreme Court offers Congressional tours on days when the Court is not hearing arguments. These days for tours vary, so please call my Washington D.C. office if you are interested in one of these tours, or have questions about attending public lectures or oral arguments. **Metro Stop:** *Capitol South Metro, Union Station Metro*

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Bureau of Engraving:

The Congressional tour is a 40-minute tour that is designed for the family members and constituents of Congressional Representatives and Senators. Congressional tours are conducted Monday - Friday, at 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and are closed on weekends and Federal holidays. During the months April through August, a 4:00 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 4:45 p.m Congressional tour is offered as well. All Congressional tours must go through Congressional Representatives and Senators offices. The tour will meet at the BEP building, which is located on 14th and C Street, SW. **Metro Stop:** *Smithsonian Metro*

General Tours-Peak Season (Tickets are required March-August)

Tickets are required for all tours from the first Monday in March through the last Friday in August, on a first-come, first-served basis. The ticket booth is located on Raoul Wallenberg Place (formerly 15th Street). We offer same day tickets only. The Ticket Booth opens at 8:00 a.m. and lines form early and tickets go quickly. Most mornings, daytime tickets are gone by 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

General Tours-Non-Peak Season (No tickets required September-February)

You may line up at the Visitors' Entrance on 14th Street. (Bus drop off for groups is still on 15th Street during this time). Please allow 45 - 50 minutes from the time you enter the building to the

end of your tour. Individuals that would like to visit the Visitors' Center ONLY must enter on the 14th Street side of the building at the visitor's entrance. The Visitor's Center will open from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Visitors' Center contains exhibits and shops where items such as uncut currency, shredded currency, collectors' editions, and novelty items can be purchased.

More info can be found at the [U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing Website](#) .

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Pentagon:

The Pentagon does not offer walk-up tours. Congressional tours can be arranged through your Representative and Senator's offices. These tours are available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Check in for all tours is at the Pentagon Tours window (in the Pentagon Visitor Center at the Metro Entrance) unless special arrangements for pickup at another building location have been made in advance.

More information can be found at the [Pentagon's website](#) .

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Library of Congress:

Tours can be arranged through your Representative and Senator's offices. These tours are available at 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The tour will meet at the Thomas Jefferson Building, Visitor's Center. The entrance is on 1st St. facing the Capitol. ***Capitol South Metro***

Docent Led public tours are offered at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 Monday - Friday and 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30 on Saturday. Tours are limited to 50 people and the contact number for them is (202) 707-9779/0919.

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Kennedy Center

Just visit the Tour Desk on the A Level of the Kennedy Center. A Friends tour guide will be waiting for you. Tours go out every 10 minutes between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on weekends.

More information is available at the [Kennedy Center's website](#) .

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National Parks Tour

Tours are available at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. This tour lasts until 3:30 p.m. The tour consists of:

- Washington Monument
- Jefferson Memorial
- Ford's Theater
- FDR Memorial

- Veteran's Memorial

- Korean War Memorial

The tour will leave from the Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., N.W. You should arrive at 8:30 a.m. and report to the Guards Desk at the C Street Entrance - the tour will begin approximately at 9:00 a.m. A tour guide will select the place for lunch. The tour will last until approximately 3:30p.m. Dress is casual, and backpacks and cameras are welcome. **Metro**

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National Cathedral

Congressional tours are available Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. (a suggested donation of \$3 adult, \$1 child). You will meet for your tour at the National Cathedral. Parking is available, but limited. *They recommend taking the Metro to the Tenleytown-AU, and then take any 30-series bus south on Wisconsin Ave*

Public tours are at 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., and 12:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Monday - Friday.

For more information visit the [National Cathedral's website](#).

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Department of State

Congressional tours are available 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 2:45 p.m. (approximately 45 min.) Monday - Friday. Please allow a few weeks notice to get a tour. You will need to have the full name for each person on the tour. This is primarily an art history tour and is not recommended for groups with small children.

The tour will meet at the Dept. of State building at the 23rd Street entrance a half hour before the tour is to begin. **Metro Stop:** *Foggy Bottom Metro*

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U.S. Marine Corps Band

The U.S. Marine Corps Marching Band holds its annual summer concert series through the months of June, July and August. These concerts take place every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol Building (except July 2, 2003) and every Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Sylvan Theater, which is on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

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The National Archives

Congressional tours are available at 9:45 a.m. Monday - Friday and it is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The full tour will allow you to view both the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence. Meet your tour group at 7th and Pennsylvania Ave. 15 minutes early. **Metro stop:**   *Archives Metro*

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Kennedy Space Center- Florida

For general informaion, call 1-321-449-4444 and for ticket sales you can contact 1-866-737-5235. Or you may visit the [Kennedy Space Center website](#) .

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Marine Corps Parade

The Evening Parade is held every Friday evening from May through August. The ceremony starts at 8:45 p.m., beginning with a concert by the United States Marine Band. The Evening Parade, held every Friday evening during the summer, has become a universal symbol of the professionalism, discipline, and Esprit de Corps of the United States Marines. The story of the ceremony reflects the story of Marines throughout the world. Whether they are aboard ships, in foreign embassies, at recruit depots, in divisions, or in the many positions and places where Marines project their image, the individual Marine continually tells the story of the Corps. The Barracks is located on 8th and I street.

For more information, visit the [Marine Barracks website](#) .

Other Useful Information

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