

## Washington DC Activities & Sights for Children

**Air and Space Museum** - The most visited museum in the world. See planes and rockets from the Wright Brothers' airplane to the Spirit of St. Louis (Lindbergh) and Apollo. Don't forget to touch the moon rock on display or get a set of customized Dog Tags made to remember your visit to the museum. There is an IMAX movie theater and a planetarium. Daily 10am to 5:30pm. Please inquire for specific movie and planetarium times. On the Mall, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue, SW.



Air and Space Museum Annex: The Steven F. Udvar Hazy Center houses over 200 aircraft and 135 spacecraft when filled to capacity. The Space Shuttle Enterprise, an SR-71 Blackbird, the Enola Gay and an Air France Concorde are all on display. Located near Dulles International Airport approximately 20 miles from the Four Seasons. Daily 10am to 5:30pm. Parking: \$15.



**Bureau of Engraving and Printing** – Printing site of billions of U. S. dollars and stamps! This tour is in high demand, arrive early at  $15^{th}$  and C Streets, NW for same day passes. (The line begins to form as early as 6am. One person may get a maximum of four passes.) Please contact the Concierge on extension 2050 to arrange a courier to stand in queue instead! April through August: 9am – 10:45am, 12:30pm – 3:45pm, & 5pm – 7pm. (Closed weekends.)

**International Spy Museum** – Dedicated to the craft, practice and history of espionage. Items on view include the WWII German cipher machine Enigma, a Soviet shoe transmitter and an East German camera capable of photographing through walls. Daily 10am to 8pm, last entry at 6pm. 8<sup>th</sup> and F Streets, NW.

**Ford's Theatre (Museum)** – See where John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln and where President Lincoln died at the Peterson House (across the street) in 1865. Visit the Lincoln Museum on the lower level of Ford's Theater to learn about the 16<sup>th</sup> President, see exhibits on the Civil War, and view the pistol used in the assassination. Daily 9am to 5pm. 517 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.



**Natural History Museum** – See the Sant Ocean Hall, whales, dinosaurs, gems & minerals, and the Johnson IMAX movie theater. Don't forget to see the massive blue Hope Diamond at more than 45 carats – the largest in the world. Daily 10am to 7:30pm. On the Mall, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.



**Museum of American History** – See the Star-Spangled Banner, Dorothy's ruby slippers, The American Presidency (extensive exhibit), First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image (including some inaugural gowns and political memorabilia), and famous television memorabilia. Don't forget to visit the simulators where you can drive a racecar or ride a roller coaster! Daily 10am to 6:30pm. On the Mall, 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.

**National Geographic Society** - Step right into this famous magazine! Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm. Sunday 10am to 5pm. 17<sup>th</sup> and M Streets, NW.

**National Archives** – Peek into American history all the way back to pre-Revolutionary days. America's most important documents are housed here, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in the newly renovated grand rotunda. Daily 10am to 5:30pm. Constitution Avenue at 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.



**Albert Einstein Statue** - Almost comical to look at and large enough to sit in! 24 hours/day. National Academy of Sciences, Constitution Avenue between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets, NW.



**National Zoological Park** - 163 lush acres right in the middle of town! See the giant pandas, high flying orangutans move above the zoo from the Think Tank to the Ape House (at the bottom of the park), elephants, giraffes, and reptiles galore! Buildings open 10am to 6pm. Grounds open 6am to 8pm. 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW.

**Walk along the C&O (Chesapeake and Ohio) Canal** – View the local series of locks which were integral for this commercial waterway or hitch a ride on a mule drawn barge. The National Park Service Information Center is located at 1057 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, on the canal three blocks from the hotel.

**Washington Monument** – PASSES REQUIRED to visit Washington's most spectacular view! Timed same day passes are available at the kiosk near the monument's base. The Monument is open 9am to 4:45pm (10pm during Summer); the line begins to form as early as 6am. Please contact the Concierge on extension 2050 to arrange a courier to stand in queue instead!



**Millennium Stage** – Free live performances many geared towards younger audiences. Daily at 6pm. The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts at New Hampshire Avenue, NW.



**Mount Vernon** – Visit the plantation home of our founding father George Washington. The house is perched above the Potomac River and features 14 rooms, slave quarters, gardens, the tombs of George & Martha and George's wooden teeth. Approximately 20 miles from the Four Seasons Hotel along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. See the concierge for driving directions or alternative tour options. Daily 9am to 5pm.

**Ride the Carousel** - Outside the Smithsonian Castle (information center) weather permitting from March 1 to September 1. On the Mall, 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW (close to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue, SW).

**Crime and Punishment Museum** – Explore the history of crime and punishment, experience driving and shooting simulators, and learn the real CSI procedures. Trace the roots of crime-fighting techniques through the Wild West and today, and be sure to visit a the crime lab and the filming studios for America's Most Wanted, and hundreds of interactive displays and artifacts.



**Rose Park** – A lovely park west of Rock Creek Parkway, within walking distance of the Four Seasons Hotel. There is a small baseball diamond, a fenced-in playground, several tennis courts and plenty of shaded space for picnicking, chasing the little ones around, or just taking time to relax in a busy city! Open during daylight hours.



**Open Top Sightseeing** – Explore Washington DC from the top of an open-top double-decker bus. Hear about the people and places that make up the nation's capital, from historical buildings to modern urbanism. The bus leaves from the front of the Four Seasons Hotel every 30 minutes and provides hop-on, hop-off service to the major attractions in the city. Tickets are valid for two consecutive days, seven days a week, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

**Gravelly Point Park** – While it affords a lovely view of the Washington skyline, the main attraction of this little park, just north of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, is the airport's runway, just 400 feet away. Depending on wind direction, planes either take off or land there, sweeping by at 150 mph and as low as 100 feet overhead! Open during daylight hours.

**Newseum** – The museum dedicated to news offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. It features seven levels of galleries, theaters, and interactive exhibits which offer a unique environment that takes museumgoers behind the scenes to experience how and why news is made. Grab a microphone and get the chance to present your own newscast in front of the camera!





**Potomac Cruise** – Behold the splendor of America's monuments and the city of Washington aboard a narrated cruise on the Potomac River. Stopovers are allowed with round-trip tickets, so there is time to shop, dine, and sightsee in Alexandria, then board a later cruise returning to Georgetown. Sunset, evening and moonlight tours of the illuminated monuments are especially popular.

**ESPN Zone** – Play dozens of interactive and video sports games in a plush 11,000 square foot arcade. Great all-American food and TV are there in abundance. Daily 11:30am to 11pm. 11<sup>th</sup> and E Streets, NW.

**Nationals Park** – Take the Nationals Park Ballpark Tour for a behind-the-scenes look at Nationals Park. Some of the highlights of the tour include the Media Center, dugout, clubhouse. You can even throw a pitch in the in the Nationals Bullpen and experience the indoor batting cages!



**Discovery Theater** – The Smithsonian's Discovery Theater, located in the Ripley Center on the National Mall in Washington, DC, is a live theater geared towards school-age children. Classic stories and folktales are told through puppet shows, storytellers, dancers, actors, musicians, and mimes. All shows are Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



**C&O Canal Boat Ride** – Take a trip back in time to the 1870s by riding along the historic C&O Canal in a boat pulled by mules and experience rising 8 feet in a lock. Hear park rangers in period clothing describe what life was like for the families that lived and worked on the canal. Enjoy life at a slower pace. An easy walk from the hotel at 1057 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW.

**Baltimore Inner Harbor** – About an hour's drive from Washington, DC, the Inner Harbor is home to the *National Aquarium*, where you will find more than 16,000 creatures, including sharks, stingrays, sea turtles, iguanas, and monkeys. Be sure to catch the live Dolphin Show! At the *Maryland Science Center* there are three floors of demonstrations to exercise your imagination and challenge your mind. Fun for all ages, the interactive museum has houses fantastic hands-on exhibits and spectacular displays.

**Amusement Parks** - *Six Flags* in Mitchellville, MD (45minute drive) has more than 100 rides, seven roller coasters, shows, and the largest water park in the Washington, DC area. New to the park is Thomas Town, a family entertainment area based on the popular Thomas & Friends brand. *Kings Dominion* in Doswell, VA (90-minute drive) offers a full day of fun with more than 50 rides, seven roller coasters, live family entertainment and a 19-acre water park.



## Family – friendly dining (\*) denotes walking distance from the Hotel

BEN & JERRY'S* Possibly the world's best ice cre	<b>3135 M Street, NW</b> am and the most unusual flavor	<b>202-965-2222</b> <sup>r</sup> S.
<u>CLYDE'S</u> * A Washington institution serving	<b>3236 M Street, NW</b> American fare right here in Ge	<b>202-333-9180</b> orgetown.
FILOMENA* 106 Enjoy a wonderful selection of h	<b>3 Wisconsin Avenue, NW</b> ome-made pasta dishes in a co	<b>202-338-8800</b> zy atmosphere.
FIVE GUYS* 135 Some of the best burgers and sa	5 Wisconsin Avenue, NW andwiches in the DC area.	202-337-0400
GEORGIA BROWN'S Southern cooking with flair. Fan	<b>950 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW</b> tastic finger appetizers.	202-393-4499
<u>HARD ROCK CAFÉ</u> Rock n' Roll memorabilia cover t		
<u>J. PAUL'S</u> * All-American food in a pub atmo	3218 M Street, NW sphere.	202-333-3450
JOHNNY ROCKETS* Shakes, burgers, and fries, serv		
OLD EBBITT GRILL675 15th Street, NW202-347-4801A great place to see Washington work at lunch or dinner, serves American fare.		
<b>OLD GLORY</b> * All-American ribs, chicken, beef,	<b>3139 M Street, NW</b> and pork BBQ.	202-337-3406
<b>PAPA-RAZZI</b> * 106 Low-stress Italian foods and pizz		202-298-8000
PAOLO'S* 130 Italian fare in a stylish atmosphe	<b>3 Wisconsin Avenue, NW</b> ere.	202-333-7353
<b>PIZZERIA PARADISO</b> * Hand-made brick oven pizzas.	3282 M Street, NW	202-337-1245
SERENDIPITY 3* A New York favorite that's great	<b>3150 M Street, NW</b> for dinner and even better for d	<b>202-333-5193</b> lessert!