

Washington DC on a Budget

Welcome to the Capital of Free

No city provides as many world-class activities for free as Washington DC. With unmatched access to incredible free museums, monuments, memorials and one-of-a-kind events, DC is in a class by itself. Discover your own free adventure in the nation's capital from the categories below, and make sure to see what free events are going on right now.

Free Things to Do: The Very Best of Washington DC

Discover the best free experiences, attractions and things to do in the nation's capital.

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Free Things to Do: Museums in Washington DC

Find out why DC is the capital of free museums and interactive exhibits, groundbreaking cultural museums and art.

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Free Things to Do: Outdoor Activities in Washington DC

The District is filled with plenty of outdoor adventures that won't cost you a cent.

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Free Things to Do:

Arts & Culture in Washington DC

From galleries and museums to Instagram-worthy sites and funky festivals, the District has it all.

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Getting around Washington DC

Explore budget-friendly ways to move around the US Capital.



Buses

The DC Circulator connects many neighborhoods and attractions. It costs \$1 for one regular fare. SmarTrip cards offer discounted rates from transfers. For bus charters, see the Bus Charter Rental listings beginning on page 115.



Cars

Taxis in DC accept credit cards. Fares start at \$3.50 and are metered. A 15-20% tip is customary. Uber and Lyft also provide service throughout the metro DC area, and include options ranging from rideshares to luxury SUVs.



On bike

Cruise around DC on a battery-powered scooter or one of the bike-sharing systems that serve the area, such as Capital Bikeshare. You can also rent wheels and a helmet from Unlimited Biking.



Metro

Metro transit services make DC accessible and easy to navigate. The underground train and citywide bus system (Metrorail and Metrobus) serve the area. Most major hotels and attractions are near Metrorail stops. Tip: The new Silver Line is projected to connect to Dulles International Airport later in the year.



On foot

Washington DC is a very walkable city and this is by far the best way to see and enjoy most of its beauty.

Some more highlights

If you want to immerse yourself in the spirit of the city.

Free Things to Do: Off the Beaten Path in Washington DC

Check out these free hidden gems and snap them.

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Free Things to Do: History & Heritage in Washington DC

Pay tribute to American history and heritage at these memorials and museums.

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Free Things to Do: Events, Festivals & More in Washington DC

Plan on enjoying plenty of museum exhibits, events and festivals.

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More budget saving offers



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Register before March 30, 2023 to benefit from the discounted rates.

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An affordable culinary adventure in the middle of Washington DC

Experience tasteful wines, the freshest seafood, the finest prime steak, and genuine service. We have gathered some resources to help you find affordable wine and dine places during your stay in the US Capital. Use [this link](#) to find the best deals for when you are in town.

Budget-friendly places

<https://dc.eater.com/maps/best-cheap-food-restaurants-affordable-dining-dc>

<https://washington.org/visit-dc/affordable-budget-friendly-che>

[ap-dining-in-washington-dc](#)

<https://travelnoire.com/the-best-cheap-eats-of-washington-dc>

<https://freetoursbyfoot.com/best-cheap-eats-in-dc/>

<https://www.opentable.com/lists/best-cheap-eats/washington-dc>



