



## Tour Name

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Lonely Planet Experiences Private Washington Tour: American Politics & Debate on Capitol Hill

## Tour City

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Washington, D.C.

## Tour Snapshot

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Stroll the streets of Washington, DC's oldest residential neighborhood as we discover the birthplace of American politics. See the iconic U.S. Capitol Building, the Supreme Court, and Library of Congress. Engage in a lively discussion and debate about historic and current American politics, all led by a local guide. After the walking tour, continue the conversation at a locally-owned café, bar, or restaurant on DC's historic Barracks Row.

*This tour is priced for a minimum group size of two travellers. A solo traveller may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for two travellers.*

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## Highlights

- Learn about the U.S. government and its frequently controversial politicians and policies

- Engage in some friendly debate on American politics and issues
- Discover the origins of the nation's capital
- Wander through the beautiful, historic Capitol Hill neighborhood and discover local shops and restaurants
- Discover a neighborhood hangout and see where locals spend their downtime
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Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide.

Exclusions: Food and drinks, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration: 2 hours
- Meeting point:  
On the east side of Capitol building between the guard posts on the Capitol side of the intersection, where First St. NE, First St. SE, and East Capitol St. NE meet
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///modern.hills.sums](https://www.what3words.com/#!/modern.hills.sums)
- Starting time: 3.00 PM
- Ending point:  
Marine Barracks, 8th & I St. SE, Washington, DC

### **Full Itinerary**

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Washington, DC is the center of American government and politics – and this tour will let you experience all the political action and participate in the debate! Our guides will act as educators and facilitators and give you all the information, history, and context you need to have a lively debate with your fellow guests and, who knows, we may solve some issues while we're at it!

Even if we don't change any policies, we'll still end the tour at a local neighborhood business and celebrate the bonds of friendship.

Your Washington, DC tour begins at the heart of the city, the U.S. Capitol Building. Here, you'll discover the origins of the city, the inner workings of the American government, and some incredible stories about U.S. politics as you stand right in front of the building that started it all. Discuss the development of the city as you gaze upon the Capitol, Supreme Court, and Library of Congress.

Next, we'll wander up one of the most historic streets in the city while engaging in a lively political discussion and debate, all led by your guide. Opinions welcome, but keep it friendly!

During our journey we'll pass and discuss some of the most historic places of Capitol Hill, including the Eastern Market, the Old Navy Hospital, and the Marine Core Barracks. Find out where all the movers and shakers meet outside the office, and uncover the changes the neighborhood and city have undergone. You'll be fascinated by how you can see the origins of the city in the Capitol Hill neighborhood.

Finally, we'll check out the oldest commercial district in the city, Barrack's Row. There, your local guide will point out some of the best spots to eat, drink, and socialize in the city, before ending your Washington tour at one of our favorite cafes, bars, or restaurants on the Row.

*(If you'd prefer to travel as part of a regular group experience, please book our [Politics & Pints Capitol Hill group tour](#).)*

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### **Additional information**

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide.

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Dress standard: Please dress comfortably and appropriate for the weather, as much of the tour takes place outside.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing any children under 6 years of age. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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