



Tour Name

New York Times Journeys - Washington Insiders Tour

Tour City

Washington, D.C.

Tour Snapshot

Get a sneaky peek behind the scenes in Washington DC on a tour specially curated by the experts at The New York Times and Urban Adventures. Take home a unique souvenir from the Library of Congress, drink in the same bars as some of DC's most famous politicians (past and present) and taste some of the best food and drink in the city. Learning about politics has never been so much fun!

Highlights

- Enjoy a locally brewed beer and hobnob with Washington's Very Important People at one of the oldest watering holes in the city
- Get an inside look at where some politicos and stars of Washington call home when they're off the clock
- Taste a delicious treat at a dining spot popular with local military personnel
- Stroll through the most historic neighborhood in the city and shop like a local

New York Times Exclusives:

- *Behind the Scenes Access:* Meet the owners of District Winery and chat about all things vino as you enjoy 5 glasses of wine and an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the production side of the business
- *Hands-on Element:* Create your own mini-pizza at locals' favorite 7th Hill Pizza, with help from their expert pizza makers
- *Local Interactions:* Taste local specialties and talk with stall owners at Eastern Market

Inclusions: Local, English-speaking guide, Library of Congress library card, beer tasting, cheese tasting, pizza, wine tasting (5 glasses), bus fare

Exclusions: Items of a personal nature, additional food or drink, personal shopping and souvenirs and gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration:4 hours
- Meeting point:
Cannon House Office Building – the corner of Independence Ave and 1st St SE

See meeting point on [Google maps](#)

Exact GPS Coordinates of the meeting point:
38.887436, -77.003853
- Starting time: 12.00 PM
- Ending point:
District Winery

Full Itinerary

Your Washington DC adventure begins at the Cannon Office Building, the oldest congressional building in the city, where your local guide will give you a brief history of the capital of the United States and the world-famous buildings of Capitol Hill.

As we stroll to our first stop, your guide will discuss where off-the-clock politicians spend their time in the city and about the influence that prominent members of the government have had on Washington DC, past and present.

We will arrive at the Library of Congress, where your guide will treat you to a fun experience that will leave you with a once-in-a-lifetime souvenir. We can't reveal anymore than that, it's top secret!

One of the city's oldest and most well-known watering holes is next on our political agenda. We'll enjoy a locally brewed beer at the Hawk 'n' Dove and take a peek at where many backroom Congressional deals are made...

From there, we will head to Eastern Market to explore the only remaining market in DC — introduced by Thomas Jefferson, no less. It's still the shopping market of choice for the neighborhood. We'll try some local cheese and chat with some of the stallholders as we soak up the hustle and bustle of this busy shopping mecca.

Then, keeping with the cheese theme, we'll take a short walk to 7th Hill Pizza, a popular place for happy hour. Here, we'll chat with the friendly chef as we create our own mini pizzas. *Mangia!*

Time for dessert now, at Ted's Bulletin, a local treasure on historic Barracks Row. Here you'll be let in on a little military secret: the store is a favorite of the Washington military elite. The pop tarts are mind blowing but they're pretty much unknown to the hordes of tourists enjoying their meal in the dining room.

We'll hop on the DC Circulator bus next, past the historic Navy Yard to the Yards neighborhood and District Winery. Here, we'll meet at least one of the winemakers, find out all about the production process and taste 5 of their wines in the atmospheric winery itself rather than at the Tasting Bar with all the other tourists (another exclusive experience — you're welcome!). Our tour ends here but you can stay as long as you like. We have negotiated a special discount for our customers, with 10% off any bottle you'd like to take home.

If you need help getting back to your accommodation your guide will be more than happy to help. If you have any more questions about the city or if you're looking for recommendations for what else to see, do and eat during your stay, now is the time to ask!

New York Times Reading List:

- [Edward Lee Takes His Show to Washington](#)
- [Suddenly Intrigued by Scandals and Spies? Here's What to See](#)

- [In Washington, D.C., Columbia Heights' Hip Strip](#)
- [Junk Food Is a Source of Comfort on Capitol Hill](#)
- [Even on Urban Excursions, Finding Mother Nature's Charms](#)
- [Visiting the African-American Museum: Waiting, Reading, Thinking, Connecting, Feeling](#)

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Additional information

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Dress standard: Please dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather, tours will take place in the rain so make sure you bring an umbrella if it's due to rain!

Your Trip: For your New York Times Journeys/Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

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.

Closure of sites: Peaceful demonstrations, a mainstay of life in Washington, DC, may close sites but they also add to the enrichment of the experience!

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 a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page

Dietary Notes

We can accommodate vegetarians and other dietary restrictions. Please notify us in advance if you have any dietary requests. You can do so in the 'Additional information' box at checkout, or by emailing us at info@washingtondurbanadventures.com.

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