

Washington, DC, USA

The only cruise port that puts you steps from the most powerful address on earth. Small ships dock right at The Wharf — monuments, museums, and history await, most of it completely free.

Pier — The Wharf (small ships only)

Typical call: full day

USD

English

World-class free museums

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at The Wharf, SW Waterfront

Walk to Mall: ~15 min (0.8 mi) to Smithsonian Castle

Best For: History, monuments, world-class free museums

Don't Miss: The National Mall — Lincoln Memorial to the Capitol

Getting around: Taxi \$5–\$15 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- National Mall Monument Walk** — A 2-mile stretch from the Lincoln Memorial past the WWII and Vietnam memorials to the Washington Monument and Capitol.
- Smithsonian Museum Immersion** — The world's largest museum complex — Air & Space, Natural History (Hope Diamond), American History (Star-Spangled...
- U.S. Capitol & Library of Congress** — Tour the Capitol's Visitor Center for free — advance reservations
- International Spy Museum** — Hands-on espionage museum where you take on a cover identity and work through interactive missions.
- Arlington National Cemetery** — Cross the Potomac into Virginia to witness the solemn Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and pay... recommended.

BEST WALKS

- The Wharf to Lincoln Memorial** 1.5 miles · ~30 min one-way · Flat — Walk north along the waterfront, then turn up 15th St SW past the new development to the Tidal Basin and the Jefferson Memorial...
- Mall East: Smithsonians to the Capitol** 1.2 miles · ~25 min one-way · Flat — Walk the east half of the Mall from the Washington Monument past the Smithsonian Castle, Natural History, and American History museums...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		66°	45°	11d
Jun		83°	65°	13d
Aug		85°	69°	13d
Sep		80°	63°	10d
Oct		69°	52°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:31AM–7:45PM · Jun 5:42AM–8:35PM · Aug 6:22AM–8:02PM · Sep 6:50AM–7:15PM · Oct 7:18AM–6:28PM

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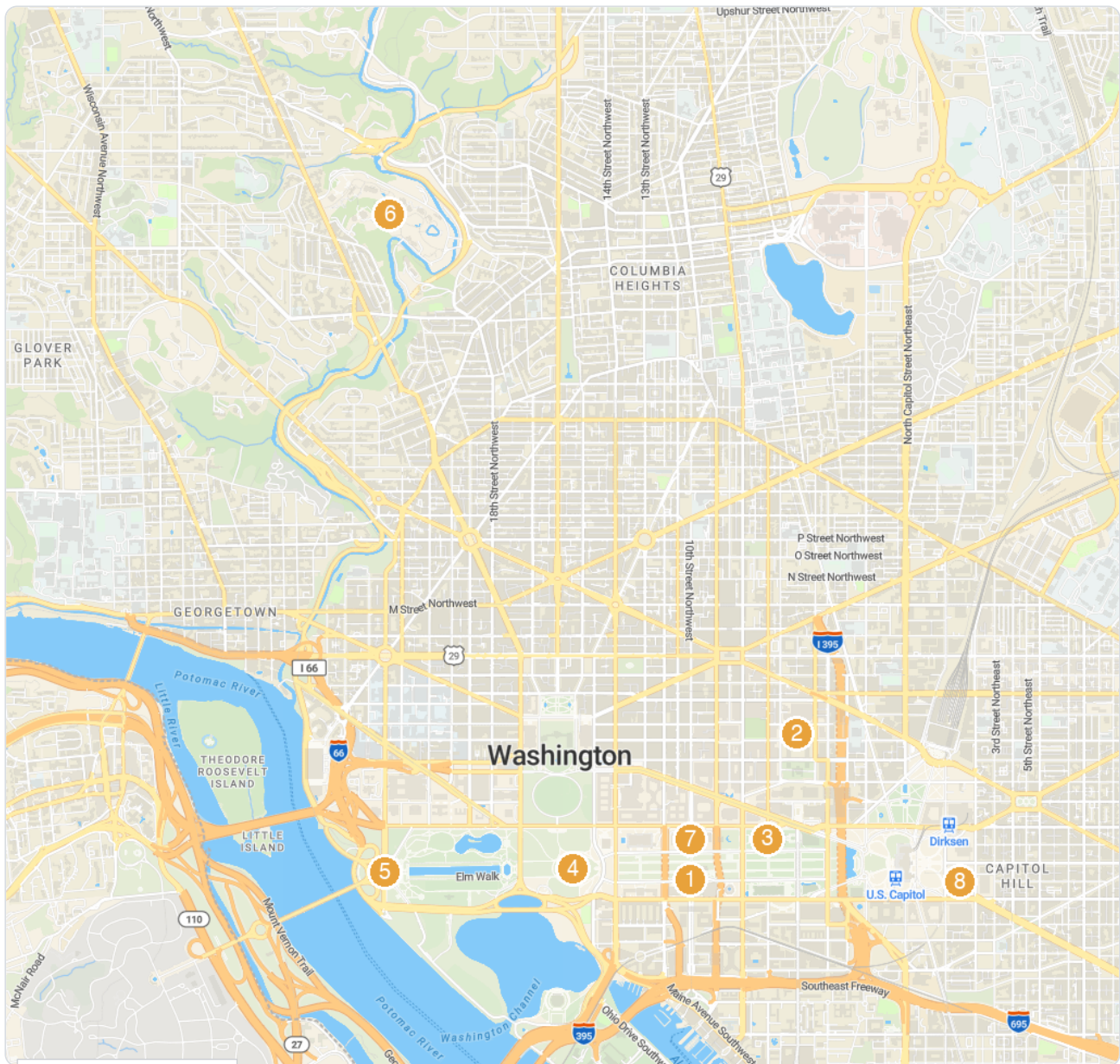
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Security screening everywhere. Every museum, monument, and government building requires airport-style screening. Pack light — large backpacks are often prohibited.
- Book timed passes in advance. Air & Space Museum and the National Museum of African American History require free timed-entry passes — reserve weeks ahead online at si.edu.

Washington, DC, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Smithsonian Castle | Original Smithsonian building, a red sandstone castle. | 2 National Building Museum | Museum of architecture, design, and urban planning. |
| 3 National Gallery of Art | National art museum with European and American masterpieces. | 4 Washington Monument | Towering white obelisk honoring America's first president. |
| 5 Lincoln Memorial | Grand monument with a large seated Abraham Lincoln statue. | 6 Smithsonian National Zoological Park | Free zoo, home to giant pandas and diverse animals. |
| 7 Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History | Museum of natural history, dinosaurs, and human origins. | 8 Library of Congress | World's largest library, featuring stunning architecture. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |