

APTA Leadership Congress 2025

Things to Do in Washington D.C.



Navigating Washington D.C.

The most commonly used transportation systems for getting around the DC area is DC's Metro system. Metro serves both Ronald Reagan National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport.

Find information about the Washington, DC Metro system:

- [DC Metro Map](#)
- [How Metro Works & Metro Trip Planner](#)
- [Metro Fares](#)

Tap. Ride. Go.

You can now **pay for Metrorail by tapping your contactless credit or debit card** at the faregate. You can still purchase a SmarTrip card at a Metro station or add SmarTrip to your [Mobile Wallet](#).

What are the Metro's hours and when does it close?

- Monday – Thursday: 5 a.m. until 12 a.m.
- Friday: 5 a.m. until 2 a.m.
- Saturday: 6 a.m. until 2 a.m.
- Sunday: 6 a.m. until 12 a.m.

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[View the official Spring/Summer 2025 Visitors Guide](#) from Destination D.C.

[Free things to do in DC!](#)

- National Museum of Natural History
- U.S. National Arboretum
- Renwick Gallery
- World War I memorial
- Smithsonian American Art Museum & National Portrait Gallery
- National Gallery of Art
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- And more!

Performances

- [Harry Potter and the Cursed Child](#) at the National Theater
- [Les Misérables](#) at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts

Parks and Gardens

- Rock Creek Park
- U.S. Botanic Garden
- Franklin Park
- Tudor Place

Visit the [National Mall, Monuments, and Memorials](#)

- Hirshhorn Museum
- Washington Monument
- National Air and Space Museum
- World War II Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- Arlington Cemetery
- Jefferson Memorial
- And more!