Washington D.C. National Mall





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Tour Summary

The National Mall in Washington, D.C., a vast expanse of parkland lined with monuments and imposing buildings, adorns the center of the American capital and lies at the very heart of the nation. The most powerful political symbols of the United States, the U.S. Capitol Building and the White House, share this land with some of the world's greatest museums. Monuments and memorials, honoring the achievements of the United States' greatest citizens, offer visitors ample opportunities to get better acquainted with the country's history.

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Introduction



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From the foot of the Capitol Building in the east all the way to the Lincoln Memorial in the west,



this 2-mile-long esplanade is surrounded with some of the most powerful symbols of the United States.



The National Mall, though, is not just about buildings and statues.



It is also about the American people who use it.



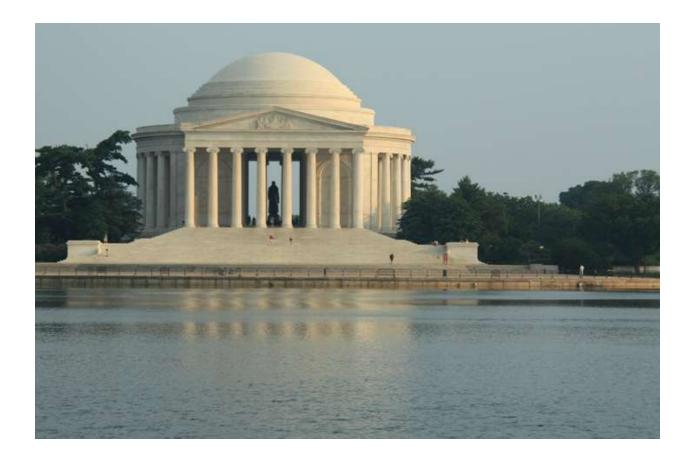
Traditionally a rallying point for celebrations or for political demonstrations, the Mall has witnessed some of America's milestone events.



But it is also a place where Americans come to picnic, play sports, or just stroll along its pleasant tree-lined paths.



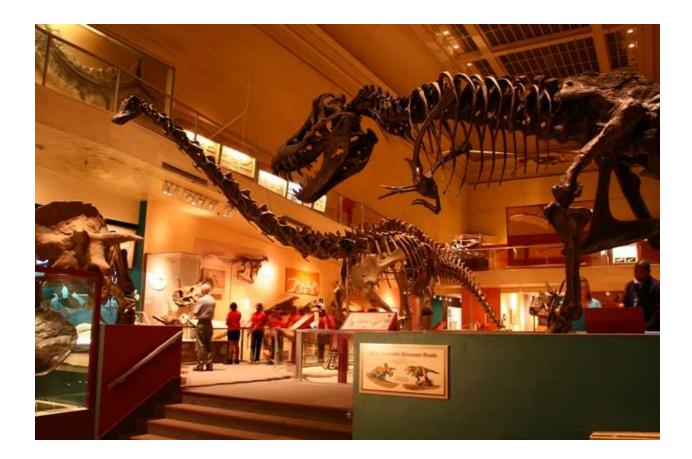
Truly, the National Mall lives up to its nickname: "America's Front Yard."



I invite you to take a tour of the National Mall, to discover its history,



to get acquainted with some of America's greatest citizens,



and to join the more than 25 million tourists who visit the site every year.

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