

## Visiting Washington DC

If you are traveling to Washington D.C. and are interested in some of these services, you can submit a request via the Internet. Please access the following link.

[Congressman Lipinski's Tour Request Form](#)

**Illinois Constituent Coffee Hour:** The IL Senators, Dick Durbin and Barack Obama , invite all Illinoisans visiting Washington to join them on Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. when the Senate is in session for a "town hall meeting." Please contact Senator Durbin's office at (202) 224-2152 or Senator Obama's office at (202) 224-2854 the Wednesday before to find out the location of the coffee hour. Please review the following information about Congressional-sponsored tours.

**White House:** Currently, the White House is open to all visitors. Group White House tours are arranged through Congressman Lipinski's Washington office. Due to high demand and increased security, please provide at least four months advance notice. Unfortunately, this does not guarantee a White House tour.

**U.S. Capitol:** Located on Capitol Hill. Congressional tours are available through Congressman Lipinski's Washington office. Public tours are conducted Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lines for public tours form on the East side of the Capitol in front of the center Rotunda entrance. (202) 225-6827.

**Bureau of Engraving and Printing:** 14th and C Street, SW. See how currency and stamps are printed. Limited congressional tickets are available through Congressman Lipinski's Washington office with at least three months notice prior to tour dates. Public tours are only available Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., leaving every 15 minutes. Extended public tour hours are available during the months of June, July and August. You may contact the Bureau at (202) 874-3019 for further information on public tours.

DC Visitor Information Center:

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1300 Penn Ave. NW

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Washington, D.C. 20004

Summer Hours: March 15th &ndash; Labor Day

Monday through Friday 8:30AM until 5:30PM

Saturday 9:00AM until 4:00PM

1-866-324-7386

Federal Bureau of Investigation: In light of national security, the Federal Bureau of Investigations is temporarily closed to public tours.

U.S. Department of Treasury:

The Department of Treasury Building is open for public tours on Saturday mornings, with reservations available only through Congressional offices. They are offering tours for the first time since the events of September 11, 2001, after which tours were suspended and extensive renovations were made to the building. Like its immediate neighbor, the White House, the Treasury Department has remained on its original Pennsylvania Avenue site since 1800, when the federal government permanently moved to Washington. The present building was begun in 1836; over time the Treasury Department has assembled an impressive collection of artifacts, works of art and furniture, many of which continue to serve their intended purpose and are exhibited in restored historic rooms, suites and offices. The tours will focus on the history of the Treasury and the architectural history of the building, highlighting the restored spaces, including the Salmon Chase Suite, the Andrew Johnson Suite, the West wing gilded monumental dome and lobby and the Cash Room, which was the scene of Ulysses S. Grant's inaugural reception.

The Kennedy Center: New Hampshire Avenue at Rock Creek Parkway, NW. Congressional tours are available through Congressman Lipinski's Washington office. Public tours are conducted daily from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes. Visitors should go to the Tour Lounge, Parking Level A. You may contact the tour office at (202) 416-

8340.

Library of Congress: Jefferson Building, First and Independence Street SE. Congressional tours are available through Congressman Lipinski's Washington office. Public tours are conducted Monday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. 11:30, 1:30 p.m., 2:30 and 4:30. Same-day tickets may be obtained at the information desk starting at 10:00. For groups of ten or more, you need to make a reservation for a tour at (202) 707-5458.

Pentagon: Located across the 14th Street Bridge in Virginia. Public tours are available Monday through Friday starting at 9:30 a.m. and leave every 30 minutes. An adult must accompany visitors under 16 years of age. Reservations are required for groups of nine or more and must be made at least two weeks in advance. Requests are made through Congressional Offices.

Other general tour\_information for Washington, D.C.