

Things To Do in Tysons!

Attractions



The National Mall

The National Mall is a vast, iconic park that stretches over two miles, connecting some of the U.S.'s most significant monuments and memorials. It serves as both a symbol of the nation's history and a gathering place for public events. Go and explore landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the U.S. Capitol, along with several museums of the Smithsonian Institution.

<https://www.nps.gov/nama/index.htm>



Georgetown DC

Georgetown is one of D.C.'s most historic and vibrant neighborhoods, known for its cobblestone streets, charming architecture, and rich colonial heritage. Nestled along the Potomac River, it offers a unique blend of old-world charm and modern sophistication. The area is famous for its upscale shops, trendy restaurants, and lively nightlife, as well as landmarks like the historic Georgetown University, the scenic waterfront, and the picturesque C&O Canal. <https://www.georgetowndc.com/>



The National Zoo

The National Zoo, part of the Smithsonian Institution, is a beloved wildlife park located in the heart of Washington, D.C. Spanning 163 acres, it is home to over 2,700 animals representing hundreds of species from around the world. The zoo is renowned for its conservation efforts, particularly in the protection of endangered species like giant pandas, and it offers visitors a chance to see animals in naturalistic habitats. With exhibits ranging from the Amazon to Asia Trail, and from the Elephant Trails to the Great Ape House, the National Zoo provides an educational and inspiring experience for all ages. Admission is free. <https://www.si.edu/museums/national-zoo>



Old Town Alexandria

Old Town Alexandria is a charming, historic district that feels like a step back in time. With its cobblestone streets, 18th century brick townhouses, and waterfront views, Old Town is full of character and stories from America's early days. Visitors can explore boutique shops, art galleries, and a variety of restaurants housed in beautifully restored buildings. Whether strolling along King Street, visiting the Alexandria Waterfront, or enjoying the vibrant culture, Old Town Alexandria offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and modern-day charm. <https://visitalexandria.com/old-town>



The Wharf

The Wharf in D.C. is a dynamic waterfront district that has become one of the city's most exciting destinations. This revitalized area offers a variety of restaurants, bars, shops, and entertainment venues. Visitors can enjoy waterfront dining, catch live music at The Anthem, or take a leisurely stroll along the promenade. The Wharf is also home to year-round events, from outdoor concerts to festivals, and features the District Wharf's vibrant marina. Whether you're looking for a vibrant night out, a relaxing day by the water, or a cultural experience, the Wharf offers something for everyone.

<https://www.wharfdc.com/>



Great Falls Park

Great Falls Park located along the Potomac River in Virginia, is a stunning natural oasis that offers breathtaking views and outdoor adventure. Famous for its dramatic waterfalls, the park features a series of rushing rapids and cascades, making it one of the most scenic spots in the D.C. area. Visitors can explore miles of hiking trails, enjoy picnicking areas, or watch kayakers navigate the challenging waters. A standard entry pass is \$10 – \$20. <https://www.nps.gov/grfa/index.htm>

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Entertainment / Activity



The Kennedy Center

The Kennedy Center is one of D.C.'s premier cultural landmarks. Situated on the banks of the Potomac, the Center is a hub for world-class performances in theatre, music, dance, and opera. It is home to several prestigious resident companies and also hosts a wide range of touring productions, concerts and special events. <https://www.kennedy-center.org/>



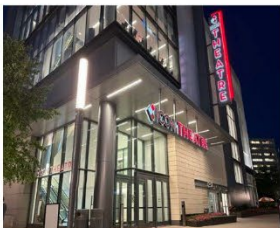
Comedy Shows: The Comedy Loft of DC

Located in the vibrant Penn Quarter neighborhood, The Comedy Loft is known for its lively atmosphere and top-tier stand-up performances. With its intimate setting, the club showcases both emerging comedians and well-known acts from across the country. Whether you're looking to enjoy a night out with friends or discover the next comedic star, The Comedy Loft is the place to be. Must be 18 years old for entry. <https://www.dccomedyloft.com/>



Capital One Hall

Capital One Hall, located in Tysons, Virginia, is a state-of-the-art performance venue that has quickly become a cultural cornerstone of the D.C. metro area. This stunning, modern theater hosts a diverse range of performances, from Broadway shows and concerts to ballet and comedy, offering a world-class experience for audiences. With its impressive acoustics, elegant design, and flexible event spaces, Capital One Hall has earned a reputation as one of the region's premier cultural venues. <https://www.capitalonehall.com/>



LOOK Dine-In Cinema at The Boro

Located in Tysons, Virginia, LOOK Dine-In Cinema at The Boro offers a one-of-a-kind moviegoing experience with a blend of luxury and convenience. This cinema features plush recliner seating, cutting-edge sound and projection technology, and a full-service kitchen that serves a variety of delicious food and drinks. Guests can enjoy freshly prepared meals, craft drinks, and gourmet snacks while watching the latest blockbuster films or indie favorites in a comfortable, modern setting. <https://www.lookcinemas.com/location/3001>



Capitol River Cruises

Capitol River Cruises offers a unique way to explore D.C., from the water, providing scenic boat tours along the Potomac River. These cruises offer stunning views of iconic landmarks such as The Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the U.S. Capitol, all from a relaxing vantage point. Whether you're taking a daytime sightseeing cruise, enjoying a sunset sail, or opting for a special themed tour, Capitol River Cruises delivers an unforgettable experience that combines history, natural beauty, and local culture. <https://www.capitolrivercruises.com/>



ARTECHOUSE DC

ARTECHOUSE DC is a cutting-edge museum dedicated to the fusion of art and technology, offering immersive, interactive experiences that push the boundaries of creativity. They invite visitors to engage with art in innovative and hands-on ways through their rotating exhibits and collaborations with artists from around the world. Ticket prices vary. <https://www.artechouse.com/location/dc/>

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The Smithsonian Museums

The Smithsonian Institution is a collection of world-renowned museums, galleries, and research centers located in D.C. and beyond. With 19 museums, including the National Museum of American History, the National Air and Space Museum, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum, it offers a vast array of exhibits covering everything from ancient artifacts and natural history to contemporary art and space exploration. Known for its free admission, the Smithsonian provides an educational and enriching experience for all its visitors. <https://www.si.edu/>



International Spy Museum

The International Spy Museum in D.C. is an exhilarating, interactive experience that dives deep into the world of espionage. With engaging exhibits and cutting-edge technology, the museum explores the history of spying, from ancient times to modern era, featuring real-life spy tools, undercover missions, and thrilling stories of espionage. Visitors can step into the shoes of a secret agent, test their skills with interactive challenges, and learn about the complex world of intelligence agencies across the globe. Adult ticket: ~ \$35 <https://www.spymuseum.org/>



United States Botanic Garden

The U.S. Botanic Garden, located on the National Mall, is a lush oasis dedicated to the beauty and diversity of plant life. Founded in 1820, it is one of the oldest botanic gardens in the U.S. and offers visitors a chance to explore a variety of plant collections, including tropical, desert, and temperate ecosystems. The garden's highlights include the stunning Conservatory, featuring exotic plants and flowers, and the outdoor gardens, which showcase native plants and seasonal displays. Admission is free. <https://www.usbg.gov/>



Tysons Corner Center

Tysons Corner Center, located in Tysons, VA, is one of the largest and most popular shopping destinations in the D.C. area. This expansive mall features a wide array of retail stores, from high-end fashion brands to popular favorites. In addition to its diverse shopping options, Tysons Corner Center also boasts a variety of dining choices, a state-of-the-art movie theater, and a host of entertainment offerings. <https://www.tysonscornercenter.com/>



The Mansion on O Street

The Mansion on O Street, located in Dupont Circle, is a one-of-a-kind, eclectic mansion and museum that offers a fascinating blend of art, history, and mystery. Known for its maze-like interior, the mansion features over 100 rooms, countless secret doors, and a treasure trove of unique artifacts, antiques, and artwork. Visitors can explore the vast collection of rooms, each offering a surprising and whimsical mix of décor and themes. The Mansion is also famous for its themed tours and events, making it an ideal spot for those seeking an immersive, memorable experience. <https://omansion.com/>



The National Building Museum

The National Building Museum, located in the heart of D.C. is a unique cultural institution dedicated to exploring the history, design, and construction of the built environment. Housed in a stunning Beaux-Arts building, the museum offers engaging exhibits on architecture, engineering, urban planning and design. Its vast, columned Great Hall is a breathtaking architectural feature and the museum's hands-on exhibits and interactive programs make it a great destination. <https://nbnm.org/>

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Sports



Nationals Park – Washington Nationals

Nationals Park, located in the heart of D.C., is the home to the city's Major League Baseball team, the Washington Nationals. This modern, fan-friendly stadium offers a fantastic atmosphere for watching live baseball, with spectacular views of the D.C. skyline and the U.S. Capitol.

<https://www.mlb.com/nationals/ballpark>



Northwest Stadium – Washington Commanders

Northwest Stadium, more commonly known as FedEx Field, is the home stadium of the Washington Commanders, the NFL team based in the D.C. area. Located in Landover, MD, just outside of D.C., the stadium can seat over 50,000 fans and features modern amenities, making it a premier venue for football games, concerts, and major events. <https://www.commanders.com/stadium/>



Audi Field – D.C. United

Audi Field is a state-of-the-art soccer stadium located in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood of D.C. It serves as the home of D.C. United, the city's Major League Soccer team. Opened in 2018, the stadium offers an intimate, fan-focused experience with seating for just over 20,000 spectators, ensuring great sightlines and a vibrant atmosphere. <https://audifield.com/>



Capital One Arena – Washington Wizards & Washington Capitals

Capital One Arena, located in the Penn Quarter neighborhood of D.C., is one of the city's premier sports and entertainment venues. Home to the Washington Wizards (NBA) and the Washington Capitals (NHL), the arena also hosts concerts, family shows, and other major events throughout the year offering to all a high-energy atmosphere and state-of-the-art facilities. <https://www.capitalonearena.com/>

Restaurants

- Eddie V's
- Founding Farmers
- Earl's Kitchen
- Union Market
- Mi Vida
- Hell's Kitchen
- The Point DC
- La Collina
- Fitzgerald's
- Albi
- Cranes
- Elcielo DC
- Yardbird
- Gatsby
- Nara-Ya

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