

# Tours and Activities

## MONDAY through SATURDAY

The Capitol Visitor Center offers **guided tours of the historic Capitol** every 10–20 minutes throughout the day.

*The Capitol Visitor Center will be closed December 25 and will close at 1 p.m. December 24 and 31.*



U.S. CAPITOL TOUR

## MONDAY



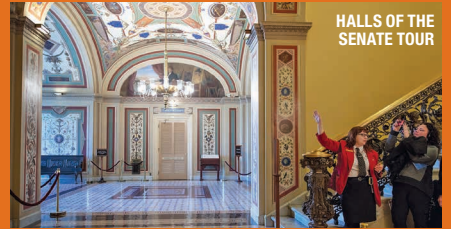
FREEDOM FIGHTERS

- 11 a.m. Halls of the Senate Tour
- 12 p.m. What's Happening in the Chambers?
- 1 p.m. Votes for Women Tour
- 2 p.m. Halls of the Senate Tour
- 3 p.m. Freedom Fighters in the Capitol Collection Tour

## TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

- 11 a.m. Halls of the Senate Tour\*
- 12 p.m. What's Happening in the Chambers?
- 1 p.m. Votes for Women Tour\*
- 2 p.m. Halls of the Senate Tour\*
- 3 p.m. Freedom Fighters in the Capitol Collection Tour\*

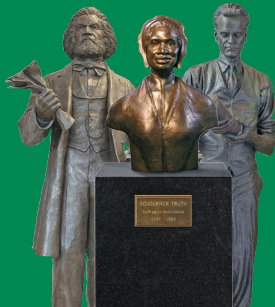
\* (not offered Tuesdays, December 24 and 31)



HALLS OF THE SENATE TOUR

## THURSDAY

- 11 a.m. Halls of the Senate Tour
- 12 p.m. What's Happening in the Chambers?
- 1 p.m. Votes for Women Tour
- 1 p.m. Family Program
- 2 p.m. Halls of the Senate Tour
- 3 p.m. Freedom Fighters in the Capitol Collection Tour



## FRIDAY



VOTES FOR WOMEN TOUR

- 11 a.m. Halls of the Senate Tour
- 12 p.m. What's Happening in the Chambers?
- 1 p.m. Votes for Women Tour
- 2 p.m. Halls of the Senate Tour
- 3 p.m. Freedom Fighters in the Capitol Collection Tour

## SATURDAY

- 10 a.m. Family Program
- 1 p.m. Votes for Women Tour
- 2 p.m. Family Program



FAMILY PROGRAM



U.S. SENATE CHAMBER

**The Senate and House Galleries** are not included in any tour. Passes are required to enter the Galleries. Visitors may obtain Gallery passes from the offices of their senators or representative. International visitors may inquire about Gallery passes at the House and Senate Appointment Desks on the upper level of the Visitor Center.



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBER

See reverse side for descriptions and special programs.

DECEMBER 2019

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U.S. CAPITOL  
visitor center

## GUIDE-LED TOURS

### Capitol Tours

Visit the Crypt, National Statuary Hall and the Rotunda of the Capitol. Tours begin with a short film. 60 minutes.



### Halls of the Senate Tour

Discover the beautifully decorated corridors of the Senate wing of the Capitol in this intimate look at the work of Italian-born artist Constantino Brumidi. Get a pass at the North Information Desk. Tours begin at the benches by the Slave Labor Commemorative Marker. 45 minutes.

### Freedom Fighters in the Capitol Collection Tour

Meet ordinary Americans whose extraordinary actions changed the course of our civil rights history. Get a pass at the North Information Desk. Tours begin at the benches by the Slave Labor Commemorative Marker. 45 minutes.



### Votes for Women Tour



Discover the stories of the women who set the stage for equality, the many voices of the Women's Suffrage Movement, and the voices of the generations of women who followed. Get a pass at the North Information Desk. Meet at the Statue of Freedom. 45 minutes.

## CREATE AND LEARN

### Family Program

Learn about one of the most striking decorative elements in the U.S. Capitol, the Minton tiles in the Senate wing. Then create your own geometric tile design. No passes needed. Meet at the Statue of Freedom. 30 minutes.

### What's Happening in the Chambers?

Meet at the Education Cart by the Statue of Freedom and find out what's happening in the House and Senate Chambers today.

### Foreign Language Tours

The Capitol Visitor Center offers **daily tours in Mandarin and Spanish at 8:40 a.m.** Guides lead the tours with a translation device. Walk-up only. No advance reservations accepted. Limited to 50 visitors.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

*No passes needed. 30 minutes.*

*Monday, December 2 at 1 p.m.*

Mark the date that the **Statue of Freedom** was placed on top of the Capitol Dome by learning about the symbolism of this allegorical figure. Create your own Statue of Freedom shield. Meet at the Statue of Freedom.

*Tuesday, December 17 at 1 p.m.*

Commemorate the **Wright brothers first flight** on this day in 1903. Learn how Congress has supported American innovation through the centuries and where inventors are depicted in the art around the Capitol. Drawing inspiration from the Frieze of American History, assemble your own mini-Wright Flyer. Meet at the Statue of Freedom.

*Monday, December 23 at 1 p.m.*

*Thursday, December 26 at 1 p.m.*

Watch a clip from the movie, "**The Crossing**" and learn about George Washington's efforts to cross the Delaware River in December 1776. Then hear about efforts to portray the ensuing Battle of Trenton in the Capitol Rotunda. Meet at the House Theater.

**ACCESSIBILITY** Request wheelchairs from staff wearing red vests or jackets or at a Coat Check. *A non-passport photo ID is required. Coat Checks close at 4:30 p.m.* All films have open captioning in English. Brochures are available in Braille, large print and HTML formats at the Information Desks. **Contact the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services at 202.224.4048 (voice) or 202.224.4049 (TTY).**

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