

# Things to Do in Washington, D.C.

Here is list of the Museums and other National treasures Jason Lett visited on his sabbatical- complete with links to their webpages! Unless mentioned, all are FREE to visit!

National Museum of Natural History: (Free to enter, but there is a butterfly room you can visit within museum for \$8 - - totally worth it!) Be prepared to spend several hours – there is so much to explore!

National Museum of Asian Art: Don't let this small building fool you – there are several huge subterranean floors that also connect to the National Museum of African Art to make this a two-for-one museum visit.

United States Botanic Garden: Not a very large space compared to other state botanical gardens, but the plant diversity is amazing.

National Museum of the American Indian: Best immersive storytelling of all the museums.

National Archive: Big attraction is the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, but there's a lot more to learn about how and what we archive.

National Postal Museum: Really fun! Interactive exhibits for the young and old showcasing the evolution of process and technology in delivering mail.

National Building Museum (\$10 entrance fee): Exhibits showcasing the social impact of the buildings we construct, how construction technology has changed, and a huge space for families to build with large foam blocks.

National Museum of African American History: One of the newer museums to open on the National Mall. History from the beginning of America to modern day.

National Museum of African Art: Like the National Museum of Asian Art, there are several huge subterranean floors with lots of space for some large installations.

National Portrait Gallery: It takes a few hours to tour through all the portraits, including presidential portraits. My favorite though? The cardboard and foil sculptures by James Hampton entitled “Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nation's Millennium General Assembly”.



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Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden: Current construction is limiting access to much of this museum of contemporary art but worth your time!

National Art Gallery: Another huge museum to spend hours in – make your way up to the roof terrace for a great view of DC and see the giant blue rooster! Lots of info on art conservation techniques as well.

National Museum of American History: There's a section dedicated to advertising which is shockingly sparse on information on the Digital Age – mostly summed up in a timeline with two entries: 2007 Facebook introduced advertising and 2014 spending on Internet advertising rose dramatically. Maybe Goodway can contribute to the museum and add a little more depth? 😊

Smithsonian's National Zoo: The Amazonia exhibit starts off on a lower floor with aquariums then upstairs you're in a tropical forest with free roaming birds in which you can look back down into the aquariums for a new point of view.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: Visiting the museum you travel from floor-to-floor progressing through the events leading up to, during, and after the Holocaust in which you are given a small booklet of an individual to compare the broad story to a very personal encounter.

Library of Congress: Volunteers share the history and interesting facts, you can't actually access the research library but there is a balcony available to peek into the reading room.

Renwick Gallery: Contemporary Art right across the street from the White House.

George Washington University Museum & The Textile Museum: Learn how textiles are made, then explore exhibits like Korean Fashion to see those techniques applied.

Art Museum of the Americas: Small, but unique collection compared to the other museums. Good representation of marginalized populations.

The Lockkeeper's House: A fun/informative video on the history of DC's waterway that is now filled in as the National Mall. A park ranger is on staff to answer questions and tell more stories.

Arlington National Cemetery: A lot of construction in late '22 but you can still access all the grave sites. Not a far walk from the cemetery is the History of the Marine Corps Memorial and Theodore Roosevelt Island.