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# WELCOME TO THE SMITHSONIAN

When you visit any of the Smithsonian's 19 museums and galleries or the National Zoo, you're entering the world's largest museum complex. The Smithsonian holds approximately 138 million artifacts and specimens in its trust for the American people. The Smithsonian, also a center for research, is dedicated to public education, national service, and scholarship in art, design, science, technology, history, and culture. The Smithsonian was established in 1846 with funds bequeathed to the United States by James Smithson, an English scientist, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge."

Eleven Smithsonian museums and galleries are located on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol. Six other museums and the National Zoo are nearby in the Washington metropolitan area, and two Smithsonian museums are located in New York City. The Arts and Industries Building and the Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C., are closed for renovation.

## SMITHSONIAN INFORMATION

**Admission** Free, unless otherwise noted.

**Plan Your Visit** at the Smithsonian Visitor Center in the Castle, open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Hours** Museums in the Washington, D.C., area are open daily, except December 25, most from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Extended spring/summer hours are determined annually. The National Portrait Gallery and Smithsonian American Art Museum are open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Anacostia Community Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Phone** Call **Smithsonian Information:** 202-633-1000 (voice/tape) Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Web** Log onto [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu) for information on all Smithsonian museums and research centers.

**E-mail** Send to [info@si.edu](mailto:info@si.edu).

**Wayfinding** Information kiosks are located around all Smithsonian museums on the National Mall and at the National Portrait Gallery and Smithsonian American Art Museum.

**Tours** Most museums offer free highlights tours on a walk-in basis. For details, ask at any museum information desk or visit [www.si.edu/Events](http://www.si.edu/Events).

**Free Publications** General information brochures are available in various languages at [www.si.edu/Visit/ForeignLanguageSpeakers](http://www.si.edu/Visit/ForeignLanguageSpeakers). To request an English version of this brochure in an alternative format, contact Smithsonian Information or ask at any museum information desk.

**Smithsonian Membership** The Smithsonian offers a range of memberships that appeal to a variety of interests. Visit [www.s.i.edu/Members](http://www.s.i.edu/Members) for details.

## FUTURE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

The 19th and newest museum to be established within the Smithsonian is the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Scheduled to open in 2016, the museum is being built on the National Mall on a five-acre (two-hectare) tract adjacent to the Washington Monument. In the meantime, visitors can visit the museum's Welcome Center at 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, and its exhibition gallery at the American History Museum.

## NATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Across the Country** As a national institution, the Smithsonian presents a variety of programs that have cultural and educational value:

**Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service** develops and circulates exhibitions on art, history, science, and culture to museums, colleges, and other public centers; **Smithsonian Affiliations** establishes long-term partnerships with cultural organizations to enable Americans to see Smithsonian artifacts and programs in their own communities; **Smithsonian magazine**, a monthly general interest publication, features articles on art, culture, history, and science; **Air & Space/Smithsonian** is a bimonthly publication for aviation enthusiasts; **The Smithsonian Associates** offers educational programs, performances, and events on the National Mall and in many U.S. cities; **Smithsonian Channel** offers high-definition television programming about history, science, art, and popular culture; **Smithsonian Folkways Recordings** produces audio recordings that present cultural traditions from around the world; **Smithsonian Journeys** provides in-depth educational travel programs with expert study leaders.

## RESEARCH CENTERS

**Worldwide** The Smithsonian is one of the world's foremost research centers in science, the arts, and the humanities. Besides the basic research carried on in each of the museums, there are a number of special facilities:

**Archives of American Art** preserves primary source material documenting the visual arts in the United States; National Zoo's **Conservation Biology Institute** studies the Zoo's rare and endangered animals; **Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory** carries out research in astronomy, astrophysics, earth and space sciences, and science education; **Museum Conservation Institute** carries out research on the technical study, analysis, and conservation methods for museum objects; **Smithsonian Environmental Research Center** studies the connections between ecosystems in the coastal zone where 70 percent of the world's population lives; **Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce** performs research in marine science; **Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute** conducts basic research and outreach on the ecology, behavior, and evolution of tropical organisms and environments.

## FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

Usually held over 10 days in early summer, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival brings musicians, cooks, storytellers, artisans, and workers from around the world to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., to speak about their experiences and demonstrate their creative talents. Check the Smithsonian's website for dates.

## 18 AND YOUNGER: A SAMPLING OF ACTIVITIES

**Carousel** Outdoors on the National Mall, across Jefferson Drive near the Castle, the Smithsonian carousel operates year-round, weather permitting. (\$)

**Anacostia Community Museum** Themed family days feature arts-and-crafts workshops, musical performances, and interactive educational presentations. Activities on the George Washington Carver Nature Trail offer children an opportunity to explore the parkland surrounding the museum.

**Freer Gallery and Sackler Gallery** *ImaginAsia* invites children ages 8 to 14, with adult companions, to explore an exhibition and create an art project. Children also learn about Asian culture through music and stories.

**Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden** The ArtLab+ in the Sculpture Garden is a learning space where innovative programs stimulate creativity and broaden understanding of modern and contemporary art in teens.

**National Air and Space Museum** The gallery *How Things Fly* explains the principles of flight and features hands-on activities and live demonstrations. The Einstein Planetarium projects images about space and astronomy onto a star-filled, domed ceiling (\$). See IMAX® films on a five-story-high screen (\$).

**National Museum of African Art** Programs featuring African music, hands-on workshops, storytelling, and special tours are offered throughout the year for children of all ages.

**National Museum of American History, Kenneth E. Behring Center** Historic Theater performances bring history to life and artifact carts let young visitors learn by touching objects. **Note:** The museum is undergoing renovation and some galleries are closed until 2017. Please check [americanhistory.si.edu](http://americanhistory.si.edu) for updates.

**National Museum of the American Indian** Annual events for children include the Hawaii Festival in May; Day of the Dead celebrations in the fall; storytelling festivals; and numerous workshops, activities, and performances throughout the year.

**National Museum of Natural History** Q?rius (pronounced curious), on the ground floor, is a new way for teens and tweens - and their families - to connect science with everyday experiences. Q?rius Jr., on the first floor, is a hands-on discovery room for families with children. Explore *Human Origins*; *The Last American Dinosaurs: Discovering a Lost World*; *Mammals*; *Ocean Hall*; a live seismograph; *Egyptian mummies*; and *Butterfly Pavilion* (\$). See films in the Johnson IMAX® Theater (\$). Ask about free, daily tarantula feedings in the Insect Zoo on the second floor.

**National Portrait Gallery** The Gallery hosts workshops and programs year-round, including Saturday art activities and tours. Ask about the Portrait Discovery Kit at the information desk.

**National Postal Museum** In the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery, children can trace the journeys of three historic letters, create a virtual stamp collection, and design their own stamp.

**National Zoo** Look for volunteer interpreters at most exhibits. Events include meeting a small mammal or watching fishes being fed. Don't miss the seals and sea lions on the new American Trail or panda cub Bao Bao. Check at the Visitor Center for times.

**S. Dillon Ripley Center** The Discovery Theater offers live shows for children ages 2 to 16, year-round. (\$)

**Smithsonian American Art Museum** A scavenger hunt is available in the Luce Foundation Center. Other programs include *Art à la Cart*, family days, artist talks and demonstrations, and musical performances.

**Information in this brochure is subject to change.** Please confirm by contacting **Smithsonian Information.**

## COOPER HEWITT, SMITHSONIAN DESIGN MUSEUM



The only museum in the nation devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design, Cooper Hewitt presents compelling perspectives on the impact of design on daily life through

exhibitions and educational programs on-site and online. Housed in the historic Andrew Carnegie mansion, Cooper Hewitt's collections include wallcoverings, product design and decorative arts, textiles, drawings, prints, and graphic design.

**Highlights** Rotating design exhibitions and dynamic education programs for people of all ages

**2 East 91st Street on New York City's Museum Mile** Subway Station: 86th Street on 4/5/6 trains An admission fee is charged; free to Smithsonian Associates and museum members.

Hours: Sunday through Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Call 212-849-8400 (recording) or visit [www.cooperhewitt.org](http://www.cooperhewitt.org) for information.

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## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN – NEW YORK (GEORGE GUSTAV HEYE CENTER)

The New York museum presents the lifeways and traditions of Native people throughout the western hemisphere through an active schedule of exhibitions, family programs, performances, and film screenings.



**Highlights** The Diker Pavilion of Native Arts and Cultures on the first floor, *Infinity of Nations* and daily film screenings on the second floor, and numerous public programs throughout the year

**1 Bowling Green Between State and Whitehall Streets** Subway Station: Bowling Green on 4/5 trains Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; Thursdays, open until 8 p.m.

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# GUIDE AND MAP

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SMITHSONIAN IN NEW YORK CITY



# SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS ON (AND NEAR) THE NATIONAL MALL

**LEGEND** Restaurant Museum offers free WiFi Metro station

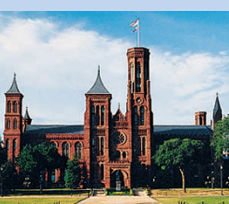


## SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS ELSEWHERE AROUND THE WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA

**ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM** 1901 Fort Place, SE | **NATIONAL ZOO** 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW | **STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER** Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia  
 W3 from Anacostia Metro Station (Green line) | Woodley Park/Zoo (Red line)

# SMITHSONIAN ON AND NEAR THE NATIONAL MALL

## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BUILDING (THE CASTLE)



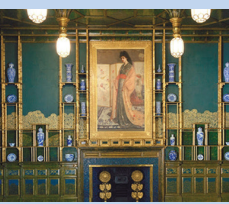
Completed in 1855, the original Smithsonian Institution Building, popularly known as the Castle, was designed by architect James Renwick Jr. The Castle is now home to the Smithsonian Visitor Center and exhibitions presenting the scope and scale of Smithsonian's research and collections, as well as the Smithsonian's administrative headquarters

**Highlights** Visitor concierges to help you plan your visit, a 3-D interactive map of Washington's monumental core

**1000 Jefferson Drive, SW**  
 Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall exit)  
 Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Ramp on Jefferson Dr.

## FREER | SACKLER, THE SMITHSONIAN'S MUSEUMS OF ASIAN ART



The Smithsonian has two museums of Asian art: the Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. Both are physically connected by an underground passageway and ideologically linked through the study, exhibition, and sheer love of Asian art.

**Freer Highlights** Chinese paintings, Indian sculpture, Islamic painting and metalware, Japanese lacquer, Korean ceramics, Whistler's Peacock Room.

**Jefferson Drive at 12 St SW**



**Sackler Highlights** South Asian sculpture, Chinese jades and bronzes, modern Japanese ceramics.

**1050 Independence Avenue, SW**  
 Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall or Independence Avenue exit)

Independence Ave.

## HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN



Displays the art of our time in the celebrated Gordon Bunshaft-designed cylindrical building and adjoining plaza and sunken sculpture garden

**Highlights** In-depth collection of modern masters and works by emerging artists; cutting-edge films; sculptures by Rodin, Matisse, and Moore

**Independence Avenue and 7th Street, SW**  
 Metro Station: L'Enfant Plaza (Smithsonian Museums exit)

Independence Ave. or Jefferson Dr.  
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## NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM



Twenty-three galleries exhibiting hundreds of aircraft, spacecraft, missiles, rockets, and other flight-related artifacts

**Highlights** 1903 Wright Flyer, Spirit of St. Louis, SpaceShipOne, Apollo 11 command module, Hubble Space Telescope test vehicle

**Independence Avenue and 6th Street, SW**

Metro Station: L'Enfant Plaza (Smithsonian Museums exit)

Independence Ave. or Jefferson Dr.

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY, KENNETH E. BEHRING CENTER



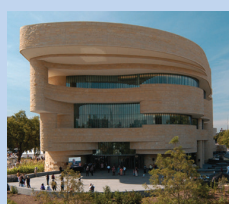
Devoted to the scientific, cultural, social, technological, and political development of the United States

**Highlights** Star-Spangled Banner, the flag that inspired the national anthem; Washington's uniform; Jefferson's lap desk; Dorothy's ruby slippers; family programs

**Constitution Avenue and 14th Street, NW**  
 Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall exit) or Federal Triangle

Constitution Ave. or Madison Dr.

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN



Home to one of the largest and most diverse collections of Native art and historical and cultural objects; exhibitions are designed in collaboration with Native communities from across the hemisphere

**Highlights** Who We Are, introductory film, in the Lelawi Theater; imagiNATIONS Activity Center; Mitsitam Cafe featuring a Native-inspired menu

**Jefferson Drive and 4th Street, SW**

Metro Station: L'Enfant Plaza (Smithsonian Museums exit)

Jefferson Dr. & 4th St.

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



The world's most popular natural history museum is dedicated to understanding the natural world and our place in it.

**Highlights** Janet Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems, and Minerals; Hope diamond; Kenneth E. Behring Family Hall of Mammals; Sant Ocean Hall; David H. Koch Hall of Human Origins; Last American Dinosaur; Butterfly Pavilion; Q?rius, a new interactive space for teens and tweens

**Constitution Avenue and 10th Street, NW**

Metro Station: Federal Triangle or Smithsonian (Mall exit)

## RENWICK GALLERY OF THE SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM



Dedicated to American contemporary craft and decorative art from the 19th to the 21st centuries. Closed for renovation until 2016

**Highlights** Selections from the contemporary craft collection are on view in the Luce Foundation Center (see Smithsonian American Art Museum)

**Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street, NW**

Metro Station: Farragut West (17th Street exit) or Farragut North (K Street exit)

## NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM



Devoted to the history of America's mail service and the hobby of stamp collecting

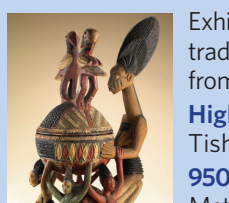
**Highlights** New William H. Gross Stamp Gallery, the world's largest stamp gallery; full-size, Freightliner semi-truck cab cutaway; three vintage mail planes; stagecoach; 1931 Ford Model A postal truck; replica of a railway car; videos; computer interactives; and hands-on, family-friendly activities

**2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE**

Metro Station: Union Station (1st Street exit)

1st & North Capitol St.

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART



Exhibits the finest examples of traditional and contemporary art from the entire continent of Africa

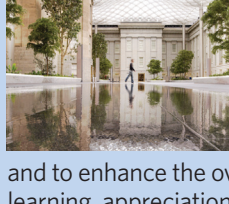
**Highlights** The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection

**950 Independence Avenue, SW**

Metro Station: Smithsonian (Mall or Independence Avenue exit)

Independence Ave.

## SMITHSONIAN GARDENS



The many gardens that surround the Smithsonian museums are a "museum without walls." All have been designed to complement the museums they border and to enhance the overall museum experience of learning, appreciation, and enjoyment. Check the map for their locations.

**Highlights** From mid-April through September (weather permitting), horticulturists lead 30- to 45-minute tours once a week. Check at garden entrances for signs or inquire at any museum information desk for tour schedules.

## ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM



Examines, documents, and interprets the impact of historical and contemporary social issues

on urban communities

**Highlights** Dynamic rotating exhibitions that explore various aspects of urban community life, including such issues as modernization, cultural encounters, environmental change, gentrification, employment, and globalization

**1901 Fort Place, SE**

Metro Station: Anacostia; transfer to the W-3 bus. Call 202-633-4820 for driving directions or information on free summer weekend round-trip shuttle from the National Mall to the museum. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Main Entrance

## NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK



One of the world's best zoos and home to approximately 2,000 animals representing nearly 400 species, of which about a quarter are endangered; provides leadership in animal care, science, education, and sustainability

**Highlights** Giant pandas, Asian elephants, white-naped cranes, western lowland gorillas, Sumatran tigers, cheetahs, and North Island brown kiwis

**Main Entrance: 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW**  
 Metro Station: Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan. For grounds hours, call 202-633-4888 (tape) or Smithsonian Information 202-633-1000 (voice/tape).

Main Entrance

## STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER OF THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM



Displays hundreds of historically significant air- and spacecraft, along with thousands of small artifacts, in an open, hangar-like setting

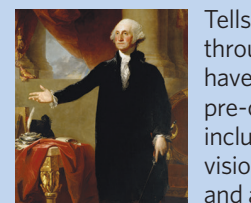
**Highlights** Space Shuttle Discovery, B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay, Concorde, Lockheed Martin SR-71 Blackbird, Boeing Stratoliner

**14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia 20151; near Washington Dulles International Airport**

Main Entrance

The Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture houses both the Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery, which share a historic building, as well as the Lunder Conservation Center, an innovative public space with interactive kiosks and video, and the Kogod Courtyard with a café and free Wi-Fi internet access.

## NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



Tells the stories of America through the individuals who have shaped our nation, from pre-colonial times to today, including poets and presidents, visionaries and villains, actors and activists

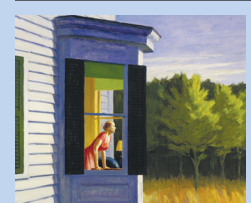
**Highlights** America's Presidents features the nation's only complete collection of presidential portraits outside the White House

**Both Museums: 8th and F Streets, NW**

Metro Station: Gallery Place/Chinatown

Hours: 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

## SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM



The nation's first collection of American Art offers an unparalleled record of the American experience

**Highlights** Photography, modern folk and self-taught art, African American art, Latino art, New Deal art, impressionist paintings, and the Luce Foundation Center for American Art, an interactive public study center

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SYMBOLS ACCOMPANYING THE ENTRIES INDICATE AVAILABLE SERVICES IN EACH MUSEUM.

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