

## Travel via the Moon

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When most of us think of vacation destinations, like Hawaii, the Caribbean, Mexico or Europe, but how about cities...like *Washington DC*?

Of course, we all know Washington is famous for its numerous monuments and museums and you can enjoy most of its attractions without spending a penny. And you can see many of these attractions just walking...see the *Smithsonian Institute*, the *Natural History Museum*, the *American History Museum*, and the *Air & Space Museum*, all a short walk from each other and **FREE**.

When you have to pay, you usually want to spend a few hours, if not the whole day, to get your money's worth. But when it's free, you can go anytime and spend as little or much as you want. You can experience the National Zoo, which is free (not even a kiosk at the entrance), see what you want, and then move on.

Other free attractions consider 'must sees' include the National Portrait Gallery, the Capitol building and the Library of Congress (the last two connected by an underground tunnel) and at the Library of Congress you will be able to see the spectacular *Gutenberg Bible* as well as *Thomas Jefferson's* voluminous personal library.

Getting around DC is easy. If you land at **Ronald Reagan** airport, you're downtown...if you land at **Dulles** which is northwest of the city, there is a frequent subway to take you downtown. Rent a car??? Sure you can but parking spaces are limited (and expensive), streets are confusing, and subways will take you almost every place you want to go. There are also taxis to consider if you want someplace subways don't get you to...or walk. Also, your hotel may have a pickup/deliver service car that will drop you off...and your hotel may suggest some places you didn't think of in addition to getting you there.

Consider DC to spend 3-5 days with little cost and the flexibility to see what you want, when you want. You won't be disappointed.

Enjoy your travel...***you deserve it!***