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This guide to Washington, D.C., covers the sights and experiences of our nation's capital with information on restaurants, museums, monuments, hotels, and more--plus full-color photos, illustrations, and maps.

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Laura says

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João Costa says

Was fortunate enough to have locals in Washington and unfortunate to be there for so little days, but this guide, as all DK - American Express Guides, are great companions for the trip and previous preparation

Jo * Smut-Dicked * says

From the Metro map on the back inside cover to all the great pictures this guide is a winner! It's small enough to go in a purse and it has quite enough information in it. I loved that it told you which Metro exit to get off on for each attraction. The organization was good and I had no problem finding places at all.

This little gem covers the main points of each attraction, has a plethora of maps that are easy to follow, and is quite simple to just pull out and use. Of course one must mention the pictures as they enhance the experience by leaps and bounds. Bravo! I brought this guide and the The Unofficial Guide to Washington, D.C. (Unofficial Guides) and this one I used almost constantly while that one stayed at the hotel although there were useful parts to it.

The only thing I was not overly impressed with was the restaurants so I turned to my fellow yelpers for help on that.

Amy says

Very nice color photographs that made us familiar with places before we arrived. Not my favorite for planning, but nice for layouts and pictures of attractions. This is another one I like better after the trip.

Jenni says

At first, I was really gung-ho about the 'top 10' model. It allowed for easy browsing and I saw and learned things that I probably wouldn't have in a normal travel book. However, the top 10 model got a little stale when they included the top 10 presidents, historical moments, and other items that aren't really "things to see or do" in DC.

Melissa says

Great travel book. The pictures are beautiful and the illustrated maps give a good sense of place. When I am actually in the locations, I can remember the pictures and maps from this book and I have an easier time orienting myself.

Sugy says

pretty good beginning guide for catching popular things to see in DC.

Pete daPixie says

I'm already a fan of Dorling Kindersley books. The 'Washington D.C.' guide was first published in G.B. in 2000 and has had revisions almost every year since. For the prospective tourist, this has everything that is required. Focus is on downtown, set out in five sections, The Mall, Capitol Hill, Penn Quarter, The White House and Foggy Bottom and Georgetown. All the main tourist sites are covered, many with the typical D.K. exploded diagrams.

If you need greater detail and information for the surrounding districts, maybe the 'Lonely Planet Guide' is for you. Other than that, there is not much to choose between these guides. Both provide good practical information, travelers requirements and surrounding places of interest.

Viriam says

Very useful book. I used this book as my main source for info on an 8 day trip to DC and it helped me decide my itinerary and priorities. Well organized and handy. Recommend.

Kay says

I live in the Washington suburbs, go into D.C. several times a month, and still, at times, feel I need guidance. This Eyewitness Guide offers a good overview in photos and brief text entries of the city. Particular attention is lavished on the Smithsonian museums and national Mall, which, of course, is number one on most tourist itineraries. There's a section of three guided walks as well as a section devoted to sights outside the city proper. Unlike some Eyewitness Guides, this one is pocket- or purse-friendly: it's fairly lightweight. The introductory section on history is quite brief -- a true American history buff will want something more substantial. However, for most visitors, this should prove to be an adequate resource.

Lisa says

Another great travel book by DK. I love the pictures, they are vivid and clear. The artist renderings of the buildings by street are also a great way to see where you are and where you are going. The restaurant choices

are excellent, never had a bad meal when choosing out of the book. I will definitely look for the books for future travels.

Diane Cadei says

A big help, we referred to it every day and in doing that I read the entire book.

Cloay says

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- 2009 edition (ISBN 978-1-40533-379-5)

Daniel Kukwa says

I much prefer "Lonely Planet" guides, but as an available taster & introduction for my first trip to Washington DC, it's more than adequate. The cut away diagrams are a nice touch, but I miss the extra detail to be found in the LP guides.

Andrea Mudd says

We really enjoyed reading the history of D.C. To prepare us for our visit. The maps were just Okay. Other reviewers had raved about them but we found the free map that we got from our hotel to be more helpful.
