

## **Safe & Secure - Washington D.C. Security Guidelines**

At Nowak Tour & Travel, safety is our number one priority. When you schedule a tour with us we include many safety and security services that give you the peace of mind that everyone deserves when traveling.

- Nowak Tour & Travel carries \$2,000,000 in liability insurance.
- Emergency Information Cards are available
- Professional & Experienced On-Site Tour Managers
- Private Nighttime Supervision during hotel stays
- 24 Hour Emergency Number
- Certificate of Insurance upon request
- Baggage Tags are available
- Health and Accident Insurance are optional
- First Class Motorcoaches with the safest drivers & equipment
- Above average hotels with all indoor corridors

## **General Safety & Security Precautions Per Destination**

### **White House Policies**

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: handbags, book bags, backpacks, purses, food and beverages of any kind, strollers, cameras, video recorders or any type of recording device, tobacco products, personal grooming items (make-up, hair brush or comb, lip or hand lotions, etc.), any pointed objects (pens, knitting needles, etc.), aerosol containers, guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size. The U.S. Secret Service reserves the right to prohibit any other personal items. Umbrellas, wallets, cell phones and car keys are permitted. Please note that no storage facilities are available on or around the complex. Individuals who arrive with prohibited items will not be permitted to enter the White House.

### **Pentagon Policies**

Due to heightened security, the Pentagon is no longer offering public or walking tours. Currently, only groups associated with churches, schools, and military and government institutions are allowed to schedule tours. In addition, friends and family of Pentagon employees are allowed to tour the facilities, but the tour must be sponsored by military personnel. For more information, contact the Pentagon Tour Office at (703) 697-1776.

### **Bureau of Printing & Engraving Policies**

The Bureau may cancel tours if the Department of Homeland Security raises the threat level to Orange.

### **Washington Monument Policies**

The following items and/or activities are prohibited within the Monument:

- Smoking, Eating including the bringing in of food items to the monument, Drinking (except water in a CLEAR PLASTIC container), Guns and/or ammunition, Knives, Aerosol cans or mace, Baggage or packages larger than 18" X 16" X 8", Strollers, or Animals.
- There is NO storage provided by the National Park Service. Please make your own arrangements to store your personal items prior to arriving at the monument.

### **Holocaust Museum Policies**

Eating, drinking, and smoking are not permitted. On entry, all visitors must pass through metal detectors and have their belongings scanned. Video/audio recording are not permitted. Photography is not permitted in the exhibitions. Flash photography is not permitted in the Hall of Remembrance. Private use of Museum classrooms, theaters and meeting spaces by outside groups or organizations is prohibited. The Museum cannot guarantee entry to groups that arrive more than 30 minutes late of their scheduled group reservation time.

## **Library Of Congress**

Security of the collections, staff, and visitors in the Library of Congress is a top priority of the institution. At the same time, the Library maintains its traditional role as an open, public facility engaged in making its resources available to the American people. The purpose of this Web site is to provide to public users information about the Library's security practices and requirements, particularly those that affect a reader's use of the Library's reading rooms and other research facilities.

- ***Entry and Exit Procedures***

All members of the public entering any Library building must pass through a metal detector. All those exiting any Library building must pass through an electronic theft detection system and open all bags, etc., for inspection.

- ***Reader Registration***

Those who wish to use any Library reading room must first register, in person, at the Reader Registration Station, present valid photo identification, and receive a Reader Identification Card.

- ***Personal Belongings Restrictions***

Researchers are restricted from bringing a variety of personal materials into most of the Library's reading rooms. Cloakrooms are available to check such materials.

- ***Closed Stack System***

The Library's stacks are closed to the public. Needed materials must be requested.

- ***Use of Collections Materials***

Materials from the collections of the Library of Congress cannot be "checked out" by members of the public and removed from the Library. Materials must be used in the reading room in which they are requested.

- ***Safeguarding Your Personal Property***

Normal precautions should be taken by researchers to safeguard their personal property while in the Library.

- ***Conduct on Library Premises***

All individuals within the Library must conform to certain standards of behavior and conduct.

- ***Video Surveillance***

Activity in the Library's reading rooms is monitored by video cameras and is recorded.

## **Smithsonian Museums**

When you visit any of the Smithsonian's buildings you will discover that we have brought in new security measures to ensure your safety and the safety of the objects contained within. You'll be greeted upon entry by one of our security personnel who will conduct a thorough but speedy hand-check of all bags, briefcases, purses and containers. We ask that when you visit the Smithsonian that you help us to make sure our collections remain safe. Please consider leaving any items that need to be checked at home, as most of our home, as most of our Checkrooms and Lockers are now closed. We ask for your patience, cooperation and assistance in keeping America's treasures safe.

## **Tips To Visiting Smithsonian:**

- Bring only a small purse or "fanny-pack"-style bag
- Do not bring large daypacks, backpacks or luggage into the museums, as they will be subject to a lengthy search in each building entered. Leave such items on the tour or school bus or in a hotel room.
- Most museum lockers and checkrooms have been closed, including those at the Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles Airport.
- A reminder: bag lunches are not permitted in the museums.
- Do not bring any sharp items into the museums such as knives (including pocket or "Swiss Army"-style knives), screwdrivers, scissors, nail files, corkscrews, etc. Other items not permitted include firearms, pepper spray, and Mace.
- At the Air and Space, Natural History, and American History Museums all visitors are required to walk through a metal detector. Those who are unable to go through the metal detector will be hand-screened with an electronic wand by security personnel. Bag checks will be conducted via an x-ray machine at the Air and Space Museum. At all other museums, bags will be checked by hand.