



FOURTH OF JULY VIRTUAL ITINERARY

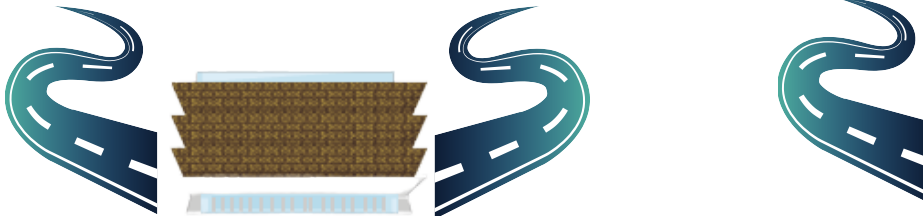
Each year, Washington, DC celebrates the Fourth of July with a bang. There are plenty of DC-flavored ways to celebrate Independence Day, both virtually and safely in-person. Below, you'll find four days' worth of activities to celebrate the holiday with the nation's capital. Make sure to check out [what's open in DC](#), as well as the [city's current status](#).

DAY 1

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MUSEUM

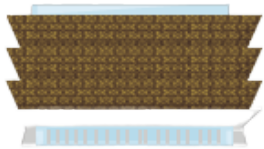


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CELEBRATE DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND GROUPS THAT HAVE FOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE

DAR
MUSEUM



- [Watch an overview](#) of how women, Native Americans and Blacks influenced the American Revolution
- Daughters of the American Revolution Museum
 - Watch the [founding of the Daughters of the American Revolution](#) - exclusively organized and managed by women - occur in Washington, DC
 - Take a [virtual tour](#) of the iconic National Headquarters or join a [live conversation](#) at the museum
 - Create your own [quilt](#) or [family box](#) to save memories for future generations
- Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture
 - Review a summary of [Black soldiers](#) in the Revolutionary War and get to know [seven important Black heroes](#)
 - [Read, listen](#) and discuss Frederick Douglass' "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?"
- Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
 - Review the actions of [Oneida Indian Nation](#) during the Revolutionary War
 - Learn about the struggles faced by Native Nations due to their [forced removal](#)



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JOURNEY BACK IN TIME TO GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON



- Visit the home of America's first president to discover why [he joined the Revolution](#)
- Put yourself in the shoes of the Founding Fathers with an [interactive look at the Constitutional Convention](#)
- Discover the [role of African Americans under Washington's leadership](#) during the Revolutionary War

DAY 2



SALUTE THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

- Learn the [history of the flag](#) that inspired our national anthem
- Share your thoughts about [what the American flag means to you](#). Your photos and stories will make up a mosaic image of the flag for all to see.
- Learn the [story of the women](#) who designed and crafted the iconic flag



STEP INTO THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI AND ANDERSON HOUSE

- Join the ranks of [the society founded in 1783](#) by officers of the Continental Army to perpetuate the memory of the War for Independence
- Take a [virtual tour](#) of the historic site that houses the society
- View the current exhibit, "[America's First Veterans](#)," and honor those who first fought for American freedom



STROLL TO VIEW THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

- Read up on the history of the Declaration of Independence's [principal author](#)
- Jefferson was a student of architecture. Take in the thoughts behind his [memorial design](#) with the help of renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead Jr.
- View the memorial grandeur in [360 degrees](#)



IMMERSE YOURSELF IN HAMILTON'S TREASURY DEPARTMENT

- Take a [mobile tour](#) of the U.S. Treasury Department
- Grasp a true understanding of U.S. currency with the [Currency Academy](#)
- Listen in on all things bills with the [Green Money Podcast](#)

DAY 3



HONOR REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



- Pay respects to the [11 veterans of the Revolutionary War](#) interred at the cemetery
- Make a stop to remember [Pierre Charles L'Enfant](#), the Frenchman who designed Washington, DC - appointed by George Washington - and who served in the French Colonial Troops and Continental Army Corps of Engineers
 - Get an in-depth view of the history behind the [creation of Washington, DC](#)

CHEER ON THE WASHINGTON NATIONALS



- [Relive the Game 7](#) win in the 2019 World Series that delivered the Nats their first world championship
- Become your family's [DC baseball historian](#)
- Read up on DC's renowned [Homestead Grays](#), who dominated the Negro Leagues
- Cheer for your favorite commander-in-chief during the beloved [President's Race](#)



CELEBRATE CULTURAL DIVERSITY WITH THE SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

- Experience [virtual celebrations](#) of global diversity
- Explore the language of our lands' Indigenous peoples with selections from the [Mother Tongue Film Festival](#)
- Fire up the grill and listen to a conversation of multicultural [barbecue traditions](#)



SNEAK A PEEK AT THE INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

- Learn of the [spy skills](#) needed during the Revolutionary War
- Get to know [James Lafayette](#), an enslaved man in Virginia, who spied for the Patriots and helped turn the tide of the war

DAY 4



CELEBRATE JULY 4TH WITH THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



- View the nation's [Founding Documents](#) and learn the [history of Independence Day](#).
- Join a [virtual journey and discussion](#) of the Declaration of Independence
- Participate in the [annual reading of the Declaration of Independence](#) from the steps of the Archives building

WAVE YOUR FLAG AT THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



- Grab your seat on Constitution Avenue and watch the [2019 National Independence Day Parade](#)
- Transport back in time to 1776 with U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps
 - Watch [history come to life](#) with a tradition that began with the Continental Army
 - Learn [the important role the musicians played](#) in providing soldiers key information during battle

LISTEN IN ON THE PBS "A CAPITOL FOURTH" CONCERT



- Join the [annual concert live](#) the evening of July 4
- Get into the patriotic spirit early with a recording of the [2020 concert](#)
- Tap your toe to John Phillip Sousa's "[Stars and Stripes Forever](#)" while learning about "[The March King](#)" and his contributions to the nation's President's Own U.S. [Marine Band](#)
 - Visit the [Congressional Cemetery](#) in remembrance of Sousa's musical contributions

BE AWED BY DC FIREWORKS



- [Watch fireworks](#) from iconic angles over Washington, DC
- Discover how [firework displays](#) became an Independence Day tradition
- [Dive into the science](#) behind the first firework and [learn the real names](#) of your favorite sparklers
- Enjoy [coloring pages](#) during your barbecue or picnic dinner