

Scheduling a White House Tour

Thank you for visiting my website for assistance with planning your visit to Washington, D.C. I am able to request a reserved, self-guided tour of the White House on your behalf.

If you wish to submit a tour request, please email my office at Castle_whtours@mail.house.gov. Please indicate your group name (if any), the total number of people, and your desired tour date(s). Also, please include your full name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number.

Features of a typical White House tour:

The White House tour allows visitors to proceed at their own pace through the historic East Wing of the White House, viewing the exhibits, furniture, and architecture in several of the rooms and banquet halls. Each self-guided tour lasts about forty minutes. For more information on the features of a White House tour, please visit the White House historic tour website, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/whtour>.

The tour request process:

There are several parameters for tour requests as mandated by the White House Visitors Office. Tours take place from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Tuesday through Saturday. White House tour requests may not be submitted less than thirty days or more than six months in advance. Due to a high volume of interest for touring the White House, I recommend requesting several potential tour dates and submitting that request as far in advance as possible. The White House Visitors Office cannot guarantee the approval of any tour request.

Groups with specific travel requirements should indicate any time preferences or special needs they may have in their email to my office. Groups wishing to tour the White House while its winter holiday decorations are on display should submit December tour requests in June. Groups wishing to tour while the local cherry blossom trees are in bloom should submit March tour requests in September of the previous year.

The notification process:

Once a tour request has been made, the White House Visitors Office will do its best to arrange tour reservations for your group. Again, the White House Visitors Office cannot guarantee the approval of any tour request, no matter how far in advance a request has been made.

About three weeks prior to the tour date(s) requested, the White House Visitors Office will notify my office to accept or deny the tour and I will forward that decision to you in a letter. For groups that submit large ranges of possible tour dates, my office might not receive any word about the status of such pending requests until three weeks before the last of the potential dates.

For groups whose tour requests are approved:

If the White House grants a reserved self-guided tour, my office will send the group leader a letter with all instructions relevant to the tour reservation. Additionally, the White House Visitors Office will require security information from that group no later than six business days prior to the tour date. The following information is required for each visitor: last name, first name, middle initial, date of birth, Social Security number, and country of citizenship. If the person is not a United States citizen and does not have a Social Security number, the person's passport number is needed. Once the requisite security information has been submitted to my office and forwarded to the White House, the group tour reservation is confirmed.

Other tour options available:

Additionally, my office is pleased to assist groups wishing to schedule visits to other attractions in Washington, D.C. If you wish to tour the United States Capitol Building, please email my office at Castle_capitoltours@mail.house.gov.

My office can also request group visits to the Government Printing Office and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The Supreme Court and the Library of Congress buildings are open to the public on weekdays and do not require special reservations.

Questions or comments:

If you have any questions about White House tours or wish to submit a tour request, please email my office at Castle_whtours@mail.house.gov.