



SIGHTSEEING MEET-UPS (Free Tours with Other ASPET Attendees/Guests)

DC NATIONAL MALL – MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS

When: Thursday, May 16
9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Meet in the hotel lobby at 9:30 am to head to the National Mall together.

Where: National Mall, Washington. DC

About: Info at: <https://www.nps.gov/nama/index.htm>

Admission to monuments, memorials, and Smithsonian museums on the National Mall are free. This itinerary involves lots of walking! Wear comfortable shoes and bring water and snacks.

A lot depends on the weather!

If it's a beautiful day, we recommend you [make a loop](#) (about 3.4 miles around) to visit:

- Washington Monument grounds (tickets required to ride to the top)
- World War II Memorial
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial (need to cross street) *
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial *
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial

(if you're short on time, skip these to make the loop ½ mile shorter, but they are worth the effort if you're up to it!)*

If the weather is not conducive to a lot of outside walking, we recommend **staying inside** at one or the below museums or hopping in and out of two. All have free admission.

For art lovers:

- National Gallery of Art
- Hirshhorn Museum (modern art)

For history buffs:

- National Museum of African American History and Culture (free timed-entry passes)
- National Museum of American History
- National Museum of Natural History
- National Museum of the American Indian
- National Air and Space Museum

Maps: <https://www.nps.gov/nama/planyourvisit/maps.htm>

How to Get There – National Mall

Note: ASPET is not providing transportation to these activities.

You are responsible for your own transportation. You can gather with other attendees to walk or share rides if you wish. This is a great way to meet new people in your field and explore the city you're visiting.

Metro (subway option)

About 20 minutes of walking plus 20 minutes riding subway – estimate 40-45 minutes total
Cost less than \$5.00 round-trip

Directions via Metro:

It is approximately a 16-18 minute walk to the **Crystal City metro station** at S. Bell Street & 18th Street South. **From the Hyatt lobby entrance**, make a left out the front door and an immediate left onto Crystal Drive. Walk about 0.7 miles to 18th Street and make a left. Go 1 block and make a right onto S. Bell Street and you'll see Metro entrance on your right.

Once on the metro, take the **Yellow Line towards Mt Vernon Square**. At the **L'enfant Plaza Station**, transfer to any of the following 3 lines (Orange towards Vienna, Silver towards Ashburn, or Blue towards Franconia-Springfield). Go 1 stop and exit at the **Smithsonian Metro Station**. The metro ride takes about 20 minutes.

Upon exiting the Smithsonian Metro you'll be on the Mall and see the expanse from the Capitol to the Washington Monument.

Below are some details for walking and Metro...

Walking distance to Crystal City METRO is [approximately 20 minutes walking](#)

METRO Transit website: <https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/>

How to purchase a Smart Trip Card <https://www.wmata.com/fares/Buy-SmarTrip.cfm>

Cab / Uber / Lyft Option

About 10-20 minutes by car depending on traffic

Cost estimated at \$15.00 each way, varies depending on traffic