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**WALKINGTOWN DC STARTS OUT SEPTEMBER 14 FOR 9 DAYS!**

**Washington, DC (August 16, 2019)** – WalkingTown DC, the longest running program offered by Cultural Tourism DC (CTDC) begins on Saturday, September 14 with a full-day of walking and biking tours in every quadrant of the District of Columbia.

For the 19th time in its 20-year history, Cultural Tourism DC will host an array of free, guided tours of the District of Columbia through Sunday, September 22. This year's edition of WalkingTown DC boasts 75 tours, including 18 new or updated versions of tours previously offered. CTDC and its presenting partner, Events DC introduces tour-goers to the art, culture, neighborhoods, and history of Washington, DC through a series of "bite-size" lunchtime tours, after-work "happy hour" tours, and tours throughout the day on weekends.

"Taking a WalkingTown is one of the best ways to learn the secrets of Washington, DC," according to Steve Shulman, executive director of Cultural Tourism DC. "The tour guides have a passion for learning and sharing their knowledge with others. Whether you have lived here your entire life or you're a recent arrival, you are sure to learn something that makes you think, 'Wow. I didn't know that.'"

[Cultural Tourism DC](#) began WalkingTown DC in 2000. Professional guides, community leaders, historians, and others who volunteer their time and expertise to share the richness of DC neighborhoods lead the tours. All WalkingTown DC tours are free, open to the public and require advance registration. Tours vary in distance and pace, accommodating all fitness levels, and most are wheelchair and stroller accessible. [Click here for tour descriptions.](#)

New and updated tours for 2019 include:

Adams Morgan: Suburb, Skating Rink, South of Music, and Snow Morgue  
African American Civil Rights Sites in LeDroit Park and Bloomingdale  
Anacostia Historic District: History, Culture, and Small-Town Charm  
Birds, Blossoms, and the Bull Moose: A Natural History Hike of T.R.'s Memorial in the Potomac  
Capitol Riverfront: Then and Now  
Civil Rights on S Street NW  
Going Green . . . On the Roof!  
Hidden in Plain Sight—Forgotten Memorials of DC (Biking Tour)  
In the Brewery's Shadow: The German Immigrant Experience in Washington, DC  
Investigation: Detective McDevitt at Ford's Theatre  
Korea and the United States: A Cradle of Friendship  
Maritime Culture of the Middle Atlantic States  
Offbeat DC: Uncovering Hidden & Unusual Sights in the City  
The U.S. Capitol Grounds  
Under the Rainbow: Gay History in Washington, DC  
Under the Rainbow: LGBTQ History of Washington, DC (Biking Tour)  
Vibrant Logan Circle Neighborhood  
Women's History at the National Portrait Gallery

"Events DC is pleased to present WalkingTown DC," said Greg O'Dell, president and chief executive officer of Events DC. "Getting people to see DC and its neighborhoods as thriving, vibrant places to spend time is key to the city's economic growth and stability."

Visit <https://www.culturaltourismdc.org/portal/tour-schedule> for more information about the individual tours. High-resolution images are attached. Please credit the photographer and Cultural Tourism DC.

Learn something interesting about Washington during WalkingTown DC? Please share it with your fellow urban explorers. Find Cultural Tourism DC on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CulturalTourismDC>, on Twitter @DCculture, and on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/culturaltourismdc/> using #WTDC and #walkingtowndc.

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**About Cultural Tourism DC**

Cultural Tourism DC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to deliver memorable experiences and learning opportunities in the areas of heritage, international exchange, and humanities. Through its celebrated signature programs of *Passport DC*, *WalkingTown DC*, *DC Neighborhood Heritage Trails*, and *PorchFest*, Cultural Tourism DC works to broaden, deepen, and diversify audiences for the arts and in DC -- audiences whose participation enriches the creative economy of the city.

**About Events DC**

Events DC is the face of conventions, sports, entertainment and cultural events within our nation's capital. As the official convention and sports authority for the District of Columbia, Events DC leverages the beauty, history and diversity of the most powerful city in the world to attract and promote an extensive variety of events, resulting in amazing experiences for residents and visitors alike, and generating economic and community benefits for the city.

**WALKINGTOWN DC Photos with Captions**



Tommy Wells, Director of DC's Department of Energy and Environment, leads a group on a bike ride to and walking tour of Kingman Island. Wells talked about the future of the island and what makes it special, as well as the environmental efforts to maintain its ecosystem and the work to clean up the Anacostia River. Photo by Natalia Zambrano Munoz. ©2018 Cultural Tourism DC. All rights reserved.



Tour guide Russ Norfleet showed a group of WalkingTown DC participants The Wharf, the latest redevelopment of the southwest waterfront and the adjacent, mostly residential, neighborhood. Along the way, he referred to one of the Southwest Neighborhood Heritage signs that also tell the story of this neighborhood. Photo by Natalia Zambrano Munoz. ©2018 Cultural Tourism DC. All rights reserved.



Allen Hengst led a tour to learn about activities during World War I at the American University Experiment Station and the U.S. Chemical Warfare Service that left burial pits, debris fields, contaminated properties and groundwater in a section of northwest DC. Photo by Natalia Zambrano Munoz. ©2018 Cultural Tourism DC. All rights reserved.