

2019 Embassy Activities at AWET

AROUND THE WORLD EMBASSY TOUR
Saturday, May 4, 2019, 10 am to 4 pm

Embassies will open their doors to DC visitors and residents. Participants can travel the world as they experience the food, art, dance, fashion, and music of different countries. The embassies participating in AWET are below, along with what visitors will see at each embassy!



REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

- Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Independence!
- Meet the new ambassador
- Experience Afghan food, tea and customs
- Enjoy Afghan art, music performances, dances and a fashion show
- Engage in kids' activities including face painting

AFRICAN UNION

- Traditional entertainment, music, food,
- Vendors selling African artifacts, clothing and more

ALBANIA

- Promotion of tourism and history of Albania
- Traditional music, professional dancers and food
- Raffle for free roundtrip flight to and 10-day stay in Albania, including stay at beach resort and tour of the capital city of Tirana

ARGENTINA

- Guided tour of the building, its paintings and sculptures
- Performance from professional tango dancers
- Traditional food, such as empanadas and dulce de leche
- Movie about the beauty of Argentina
- Photos with Argentinian polo players and horses

AUSTRALIA

- Photo ID to enter the embassy
- Film, music and an exhibition of contemporary wearables
- Live didgeridoo performance
- Aussie food and beverages
- Programs for travel and study abroad

AZERBIJAN

- Learn about Azerbaijani culture, history and geography
- Experience traditional Azerbaijani music, dances and cuisine
- See a performance from students in the Azerbaijani Weekend School
- Enter the photo zone for a picture in traditional garb

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BAHRAIN

- An outside, illustrated cultural trail showcasing Bahrain's architecture
- A puzzle displaying the country's tourist attractions
- Display of the history and traditions of Bahrain's pearl industry
- Traditional foods and clothing

BANGLADESH

- Celebrate a Bengali New Year
- Sample and purchase Bangladeshi cuisine
- See and purchase traditional crafts
- Enjoy a Henna Corner
- Experience a cultural show of traditional dance and music

BARBADOS

- Costumed dancers promoting Carnival
- Cooking demonstrations with 2016 Embassy Chef Challenge winner
- Samples and sales of traditional food and beverages, including rum and craft beer
- Raffle of five free trips to Barbados

BELIZE

- See an exciting tourism display!
- Learn about Belize's eight diverse cultural and ethnic groups
- Taste Belize's traditional food and drinks
- Enjoy traditional music
- Play Passport DC trivia

BOLIVIA

- Traditional dances, such as Caporales, Tinkus and Morenada, with dancers in amazing costumes
- Traditional Bolivian food of regions from the Andean to the Amazon
- Singani, a spirit made from grapes grown at high altitudes
- Chocolates directly from Sucre, the Capital of Bolivia
- Live music by the wonderful band "Jathas"
- Photography exhibition "The Paths of Change"

BOTSWANA

- Share a thrilling experience seeing Botswana through virtual reality (VR) headsets
- Visit exhibition stalls featuring tourism, diamonds, agriculture and basketry
- Take a "Quick Facts" quiz to win small prizes
- Watch a Botswana artist make earrings with *leteisi* work
- Learn how to tie a head wrap
- Sample traditional foods and drink
- Dance to a DJ playing traditional music

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BRAZIL

- Visit the residence of the Brazilian Ambassador
- See memorable examples of art, history and culture of Brazil
- Enter a raffle to win a trip for two to Brazil

CAMEROON

- See the newly renovated embassy!
- Pictures of tourist and cultural attractions
- Display of manufactured goods, art and crafts
- Samples of Cameroonian tea, coffee and soft drinks as well as Cameroonian peanuts and foodstuffs
- Sales of souvenirs

CHILE

- Food and beverage tastings of Chilean fruit, seafood and wine
- Display and playing traditional games
- Test telescopes for sky watching

CHINA

- A sampling of Chinese foods
- Performances of Chinese opera, martial arts and dances
- Interactive stations of Chinese tea ceremony, calligraphy, paper tearing performances
- Exhibition on the achievements of China-U.S. scientific and technological cooperation
- Displays about China's latest progress in science and technology
- Souvenirs in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of China-U.S. diplomatic relations.

COSTA RICA

- See an art exhibition featuring the works of Costa Rican artists
- Enjoy tastings of traditional food and drinks
- Pickup tourist information to plan your next vacation
- Get your child's face painted

COTE D'IVOIRE

- Free food and drinks
- Exhibition of clothing, paintings, art and jewelry
- Traditional music and dance, including Zaouli from central Cote d'Ivoire
- Displays and demonstrations of the musical instruments Balafon and Kora

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

- Traditional food and crafts
- Cigar sales and cigar-rolling demonstrations
- Indigenous dances and a dance competition
- Raffle for free trip to the DR
- Kids' goodie bags

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EL SALVADOR

- Savor Salvadoran food and drinks
- Enjoy a coffee tasting
- Dance to the sounds of Salvadoran musicians
- Storytelling for kids

ETHIOPIA

- Birthplace of the coffee bean!
- Display of Ethiopia's diverse tourism attractions and world heritage sites
- An awe-inspiring photography exhibition
- Traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony
- Traditional music and dances

GABONESE REPUBLIC

- Cultural exhibits
- Gabonese cuisine and drinks
- Videos highlighting Gabonese culture, economy and society

GHANA

- Live music
- Wood sculpture at work
- Traditional Ghanaian food vendors

GUATEMALA

- Photography display of native farms
- Samples of fresh produce
- Traditional food, beverage and craft vendors

GUINEA

- Traditional Guinean food and drink
- A movie screening
- An art exhibition
- Guinean music

REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

- *A first-time participant in Around the World Embassy Tour!*
- Featuring award-winning Eco-tourism destinations
- Showcasing and selling traditional Guyanese food and crafts
- Guyanese rum tastings

HAITI

- Enjoy a craft market
- See artists at work painting and sculpting

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INDIA

- *A first-time participant in Around the World Embassy Tour!*
- 150th birthday celebration of and exhibition about Mahatma Gandhi
- Tourism displays
- Yoga demonstrations
- Dance and musical performances

INDONESIA

- A special stamp for visitors, celebrating the 70th anniversary of Indonesia-US relations
- Cultural performances from across the archipelago
- Specialty coffee, tea, and Indonesian noodles from Indonesian food trucks
- Information about and displays on Indonesia and its historic embassy building
- A Kids' Corner for making Indonesian crafts and souvenirs

IRAQ

- Fine art, photography, books, tourist maps and crafts
- Photography in Iraqi traditional costumes
- Samples of Iraqi cuisine
- Pop and folk music featuring Dabke Dance
- Banners, steles and screens showing icons from Iraq's history and heritage as well as modern monuments from Baghdad
- Art projects on Babylonia and Mesopotamia, courtesy of TARI, NYU and the Fashion Institute of Technology.

JAPAN

- See demonstrations of Japan's rail, air, and space industries
- Taste Japanese cuisine prepared by a local Japanese food company
- Enjoy cultural displays and performances
- Tour the historic Old Residence building

KENYA

- Display and sales of cultural items
- Promotion and sampling of Kenyan coffee
- Entertainment by a Masai Troupe
- Sales of Kenya cuisine
- Distribution of tourism and informational brochures

KOREA (in the Korean Cultural Center)

- Enjoy a full day of live performances, both traditional and contemporary.
- Cultural activities and crafts plus photo zones
- Traditional percussion, vocal, dance, and folk music performances
- Calligraphy demonstrations and Korean writing activities
- Korean food trucks

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KOSOVO (at University of the District of Columbia)

- The youngest country in Europe!
- Extensive display of artifacts and selected publications
- Display of tourist sites and attractions

LIBYA (at University of the District of Columbia)

- Exhibits and activities focused on Libyan culture, education and traditional clothing
- Samples of Libyan cuisine

MEXICO (at Mexican Cultural Institute)

- Dance performances by Corazón Folklórico at 11am, 1pm and 3pm
- Samples and sales of Mexican food including tacos
- Cultural and art exhibitions
- Kids' painting workshop

MOROCCO

- Showcase of Moroccan handcrafts and tourist attractions
- Traditional Moroccan food, tea and dishes served during Ramadan
- Henna body art
- Dancing with a DJ

MYANMAR

- *A first-time participant in Around the World Embassy Tour!*
- Experience the land of leg-rowers, exotic powder-white beaches and snow-capped mountains!
- Taste traditional cuisine, such as pickled tea leaf salad
- See tourism displays, performances and crafts
- Visit Myanmar with traditional royal attire at the photo corner
- Touch its agricultural products, cotton/silks fabrics and gem stones

NEPAL

- Nepali tourism activities
- Cultural performance
- Food samples
- Exhibition of handicrafts and other Nepali artisan crafts

OMAN

- Transport yourself to Oman at the green-screen selfie station
- Learn about Ramadan in Oman and make your own Ramadan Mubarak ornament
- Sample Omani coffee and dates
- Enjoy live Oud music and henna paintings
- Making your own Ramadan lantern (fanoos)
- Enjoy a puppet show and other kids' activities

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PAKISTAN

- Celebrate Basant with kites and colors
- Play cricket in the courtyard
- Savor traditional kebabs and biryani dishes
- Enjoy music, performances and more

PANAMA

- *A first-time participant in Around the World Embassy Tour!*
- Traditional folkloric outfits and dances
- "Red Devil" buses
- Panamanian food and desserts
- Cultural Items and tourism videos

PERU

- Peruvian dance and art exhibition
- Taste Peruvian food and desserts from local Peruvian restaurants
- Enjoy the traditional "Sapo" game
- See and buy handicrafts, alpaca garments and silver jewelry
- Visit the offices of the Ambassador and Head of Chancellery

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

- Traditional musical and dance performances
- Tourism displays and crafts exhibition
- Filipino food truck with picnic tables and chairs
- A coffee corner

QATAR

- See the country through VR headsets
- Learn "majilis" -- traditional Arabic seating
- Taste traditional food and drinks
- Explore cultural exhibitions
- Try on traditional Arabic attire
- Take Arabic lessons

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

- The country of a "thousand hills and a million smiles"
- Showcase Rwanda's tourist destinations
- Display arts and crafts, including the famous Rwandan baskets, and jewelry
- Samples of Rwanda's exports, including a coffee tasting

SAUDI ARABIA

- Get up close and personal with an Arabian horse
- Delight in traditional Arabic food and beverages
- Enjoy Henna body art and face painting

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- Arabic name writing and calligraphy
- Live music and traditional dancing
- Fashion shows and a crafts display
- Questions-and-answers sessions, prizes and giveaways

SOUTH AFRICA

- Exhibits of South African arts, crafts and culture
- Authentic South African cuisine and wine tastings
- Unique tourism displays
- Display of BMW vehicles

SRI LANKA

- Traditional Sri Lanka drumming and dancing
- Exhibition of Sri Lankan crafts and artifacts
- Sri Lankan food and Ceylon Tea
- Virtual reality experience of the 8th Wonder of the World, the Ancient city of Sigiriya
- Short films and videos of Sri Lanka
- Sri Lankan dresses and accessories to try on

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

- Experience the sights, tastes and sounds of this twin-island republic!
- Carnival-costumed dancers and a steelpan band
- Cultural exhibits, culinary delights and sweets from Tobago

TURKEY

- Turkish doner kebabs, baked food and coffee
- Sales of Turkish goods and handicrafts
- Artisan showcases, music, folk dances by children
- A photo booth

UGANDA (at University of the District of Columbia)

- Arts and crafts showcase and sale
- Performances by Ugandan Cultural Dancers
- Sampling of Ugandan hot organic teas and pastries
- Display of Ugandan traditional attire

UZBEKISTAN

- Traditional dance performances and music
- National Uzbek cuisine from the Embassy Chef
- Exhibitions of fine art, woodcarving, plaster and iron work