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May 5: Around the World Embassy Tour
40+ Embassies Open to the Public!

WHAT: In its 11th year, Cultural Tourism DC will produce the hugely popular Around the World Embassy Tour, part of Passport DC, a month-long celebration of worldwide cultures.

Both visitors and local residents can travel the world in one day, visiting more than 40 embassies to learn about culture, food, fashion and more during the Around the World Embassy Tour open houses. In the past, embassies have treated visitors to karate demonstrations, dance performances, sari wrapping lessons, police dog training, henna art and more.

WHEN: Saturday, May 5
All participating embassies will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Admission is free, but some embassies may ask to see a government-issued ID. There is also a smart phone app and web-based phone app available to help visitors better plan their day. More information:

<https://www.culturaltourismdc.org/portal/signature-events>

WHERE: Embassies will celebrate their cultures' food, fashion, arts and artisans, music, and dance by hosting DC residents and visitors inside their embassies. Embassies participating to date include Angola, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Thailand, and Uganda.

HOW: "So far, we received commitments from more than 40 embassies to open their gates and doors to participate in this year's *Around the World Embassy Tour*," says Steve Shulman, Executive Director, Cultural Tourism DC. "Now in its 11th year, we expect nearly 30,000 people to visit embassies during a single day to learn about countries from across the globe. It is a wonderful, uniquely Washington experience for families, individuals and groups."

MEDIA: To inquire about interviews with participating Ambassadors or cultural organizations, please contact Maura Morton at maura@lindarothpr.com. To apply for credentials to attend and cover the Passport DC "Around the World Embassy Tour", please apply [online](#).

ABOUT PASSPORT DC

Cultural Tourism DC produces Passport DC annually. Events DC is the Presenting Sponsor of Passport DC. Additional sponsors as of March 30 include Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, The Washington Diplomat, DuPlain Global Enterprises Inc., Washington DC Economic Partnership, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and Lyft. The producers and presenters are grateful to the more than 500 volunteers who provide services throughout the month in support of the educational mission of Passport DC as well as the donors who financially support these endeavors. For more information visit www.culturaltourismdc.org or follow on social media using @DCCulture, #PassportDC, or #EmbassyChef.

ABOUT CULTURAL TOURISM DC (CTDC)

Cultural Tourism DC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that develops and delivers authentic, memorable experiences for people to enjoy and learn about Washington, DC, beyond its monuments. Residents and visitors in the District of Columbia can see its neighborhoods by walking along 17 [Neighborhood Heritage Trails](#) and participating in [WalkingTown DC](#), a 10-day festival of intriguing guided tours of DC sites; gain insight into our international diplomatic community via [Passport DC](#) and the [Around the World Embassy Tour](#); and engage in arts and culture during [PorchFest DC](#), a showcase for local performing artists in neighborhood settings. [Affiliate](#) member organizations provide authentic cultural experiences using the extraordinary talents of local and visiting artists from across the globe, many of whom are the guests of their embassies, another unique DC resource.

Through these programs, Cultural Tourism DC encourages people to explore Washington, DC, boost the community's economic prosperity, and become civically engaged.

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