

The United States Capitol

Constituents planning to visit the Capitol building can [reserve a tour](#) through the [Capitol Visitor Center](#)

. The CVC offers tours every 10 minutes, with the first tour starting at 8:50 a.m. and the last tour starting at 3:20 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The CVC's website accepts reservations up to 90 days in advance. I recommend reserving your Capitol tour at least three weeks in advance, particularly during peak tourist seasons (March-April and August). However, there are often some Capitol tours available on short notice. If you arrive in Washington on the spur of the moment, go to the Capitol Visitor Center early when it opens at 8:30 a.m. and ask if they have tours available that day.

The CVC's website will only accept reservations for groups of 10 or fewer. If you will be traveling with a larger group, my staff can help you make a reservation together. Please fill out the [tour request form](#) .

The House and Senate Galleries

The tour of the Capitol does not include the House and Senate Galleries. If you would like to see the chambers where Members of Congress vote, my office can provide you with Gallery passes. Fill out the [tour request form](#) and my staff can mail them to your home, or simply stop by my office at 1111 Longworth House Office Building when you arrive in DC and ask for gallery passes.

The passes are good whenever the Galleries are open. The House Gallery is normally open for visitors Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as any time when the House is in session. The Senate Gallery is open only when the Senate is in session, which is usually weekday afternoons.

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