



National Visitor Center

The best place to begin your visit to Washington, D.C., is the National Visitor Center. Here you will receive a warm welcome to the Nation's Capital and be able to get free information about the city's many memorials, galleries, museums, and government buildings. Here, too, you can learn of the city's history and of places that played small and large roles in this Nation's history.

The center features an 80-screen slide show, motion pictures, a bookstore, and a host of other services that can help you make the most of your visit to the Nation's Capital. National Park Service employees can answer your questions and provide information on the variety of activities available. Literature on National Park Service sites and other points of interest in the Washington area is also available.

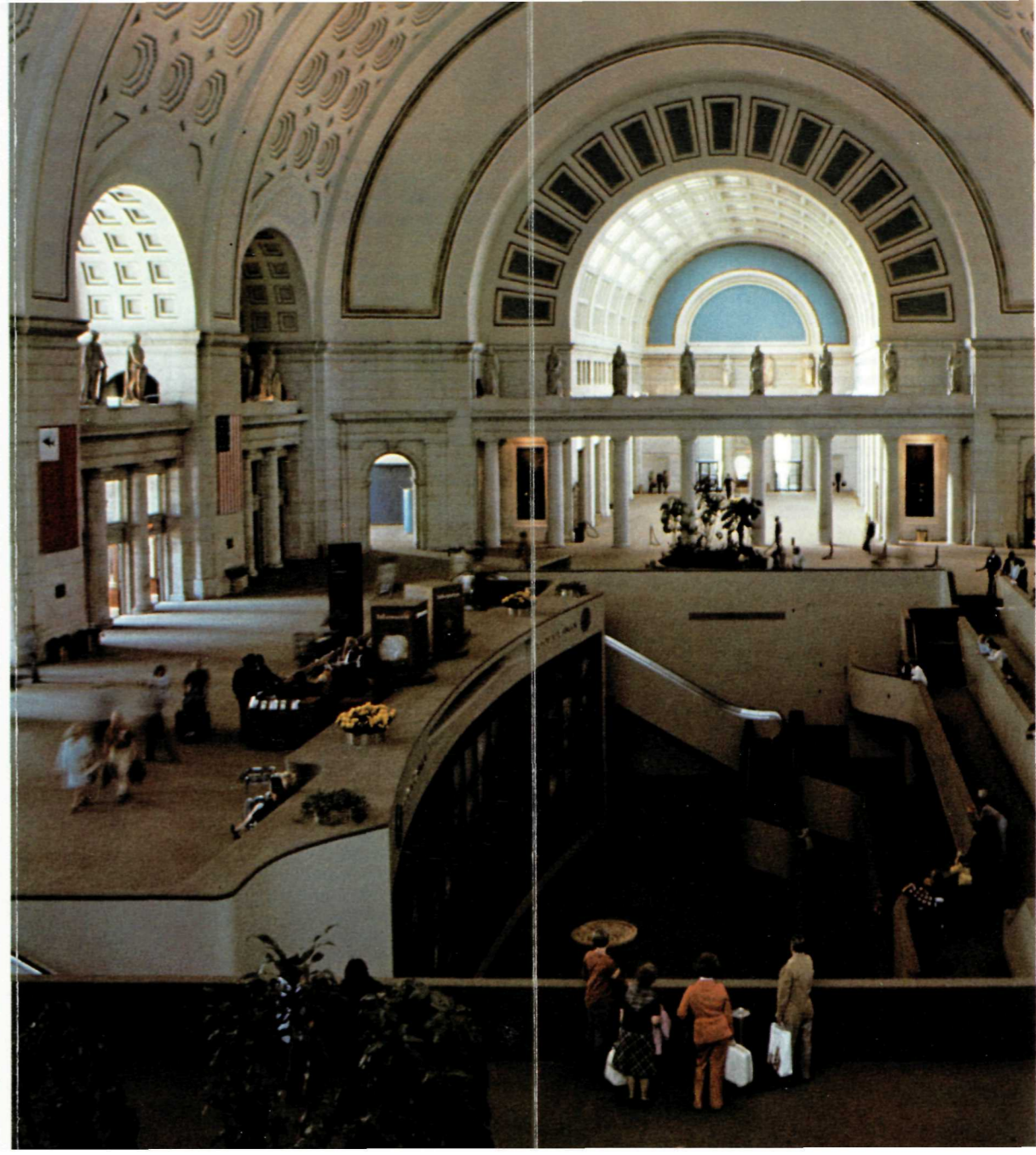
As its name implies, the National Visitor Center also represents the Nation—not just Washington. Persons planning visits to other areas of the United States may obtain travel information in the Discover America Hall of States.

The National Visitor Center is located in former Union Station and is an outstanding example of adaptive reuse of a historic structure. Designed by Daniel H. Burnham, the building was completed in 1907 and today enjoys National Historic Landmark status.

The diagram on the inside of this folder will help you locate the many facilities, services, and programs in the National Visitor Center. We're here to help you have a good visit, so don't hesitate to ask questions.

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"Welcome to Washington" Orientation

On 80 screens a slide show presents a spectacular perspective of Washington, D.C.—a city of government, memorials, and people. At the end of the presentation is a listing of facilities and programs of interest to the visitor in and around Washington.

Information Desks

Opposite the main entrance is an information desk where National Park Service employees answer questions and distribute literature about the Washington area. A second desk is in the Gallery.

Theaters

Two 28-minute color films are shown alternately on the half-hour in the twin theaters. In theater 1 you can see *Washington: City Out Of Wilderness*, a film that depicts the city's history from the days of L'Enfant to the present. In theater 2 the *Idea of America* chronicles the struggle for freedom and individual rights that has shaped this Nation.

Discover America Hall of States

If you are planning a trip anywhere in the United States, this is the place to begin. Nine different regional counters provide information you will need for sightseeing, hotel-motel accommodations, camping, sports, and various events in the different states, territories, possessions, and localities.

Gift Shop

A fine selection of gifts representing the work of American Indian craftsmen is available in the gift shop. Items include hand-crafted silver jewelry, blankets, pottery, and art. Souvenirs of your visit to Washington are available, too.

Union Station

A new modern railroad station provides ticket and reservation services for train travelers.

Restaurant

Fast-food service is available. The restaurant provides a leisurely setting in which to enjoy your meal and relax.

Visitor Services

Special facilities and services for visitors include a post office, Traveler's Aid, International Visitor Information Services, assistance for the handicapped, and lodging, eating, tour bus, and USO information.

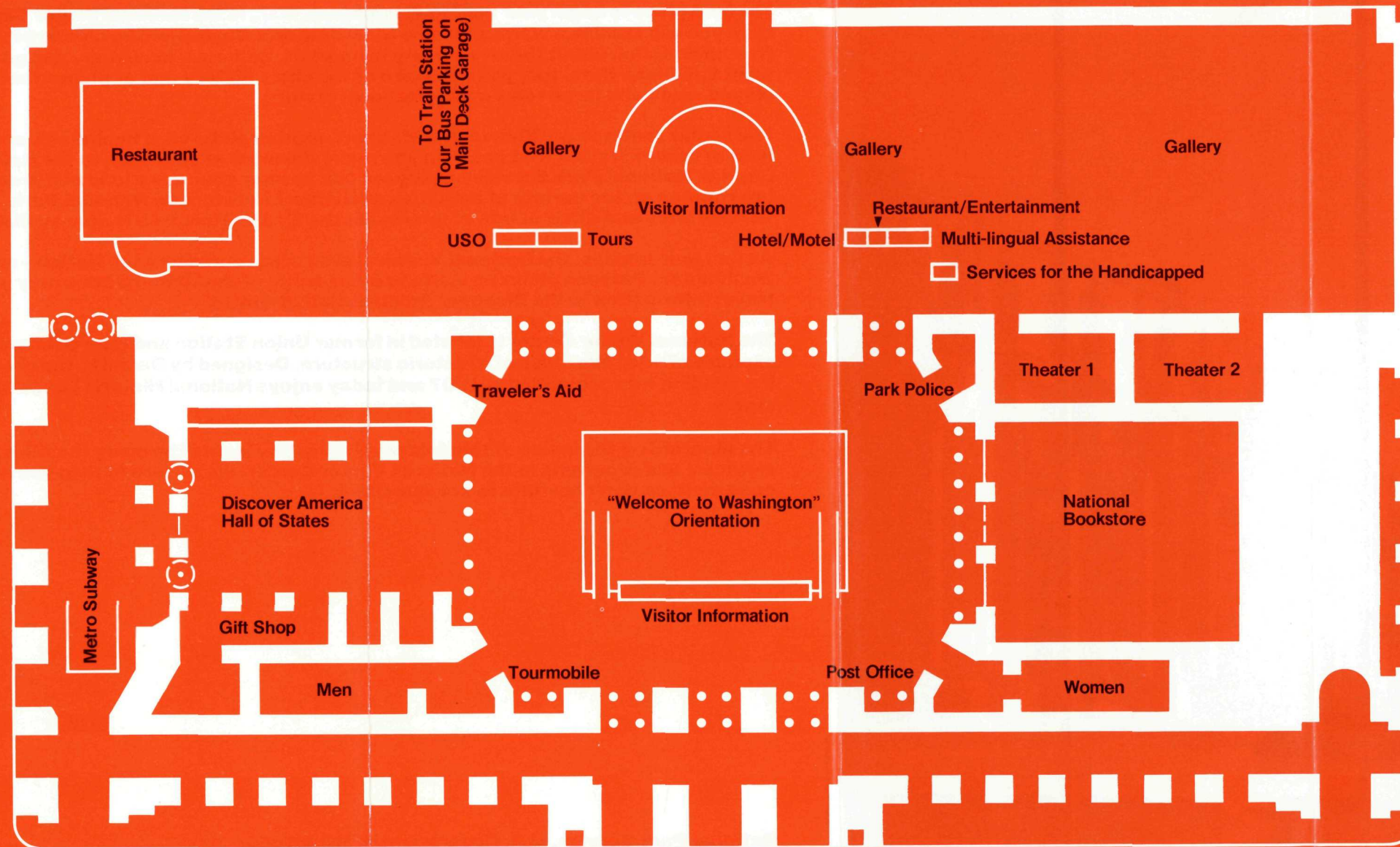
Gallery

In the Gallery area are exhibits that change frequently on various aspects of the Nation's and the city's history. Along the rear wall two pictorial "albums" with time lines chart the history of the United States and the District of Columbia.

National Bookstore

The National Bookstore, a nonprofit organization, has books that deal with all aspects of the American experience. You can find titles on the women's movement, art, music, sports, history, and biography. A detailed guidebook, *Washington, D.C.*, in full color, is available for \$2.

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Visitor Information

The National Visitor Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. March through November and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. December through February. Address: 50 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002. Telephone: 523-5033 or 523-5300.

Tourmobile, a concessioner-operated service provided by the National Park Service, complements the public transportation system. It stops at major monuments, memorials, and museums. Tourmobile affords its users unlimited reboarding privileges. Call 554-7950 for additional information and rates.

The National Visitor Center Metro (subway) stop is west of the Hall of States. Metro-bus lines stop in front of the Center and on the main deck of the parking garage. For additional information on metrobus and metrorail call 637-2347.

A free brochure, *Welcome to Washington*, with information on the downtown area is available at all National Visitor Center information desks.