



Duplication Cares 2018 Washington DC Conference

Pre- Conference Suggested Activities and Walking Route

[Tour the Capitol Building:](#)

Duplication Cares is in the process of setting up a private tour of the US Capitol Building. However, plans won't be finalized until January 2018 due to Capitol Building Tour restrictions. Once finalized, tours will be available for the first 165 individuals who register for the tour.

If you are too late to join the Duplication Cares tour, you can obtain tickets in advance to tour the Capitol Building through the US Capitol website. We suggest you book reservations as early as possible. When you have completed the Capitol tour, walk 5 minutes to the museums.

[National Air and Space Museum](#) (just a few blocks from the Capitol Building on the "Mall")

There are plenty of things to engage your children. There is also a McDonald's inside where you can get ice cream and sit down and relax a bit.

Note: If you have a car, you can drive to the [Dulles Airport exhibit Hall](#) to see the Discovery Space Shuttle and large aircraft of all sorts.

Both the Mall and Dulles locations have free admission, IMAX movies, and have simulator rides for children. Our Dup 7 kids love motion, of course.

The Dulles Airport location charges \$15 for parking.

Want to do more? Walk 5 minutes from the Space Museum on the Mall to the Natural History Museum

[Natural History Museum](#)

Want to see some dinosaurs or hold bugs? Want to see more IMAX movies? Then this is the perfect place. Admission is free. It has a cafeteria inside and sweet treats as well.

Still want to do more? Walk 5 minutes from the Natural History Museum to the Carousel

[Carousel](#)

You can't miss this one. Look for the Disney-looking red brick castle building. The Carousel is next to it. Plan about \$3.50 per person to ride.

How do I get to these places?

From the [hotel](#) walk 5 minutes to the [Crystal City Metro stop](#). Buy a SmarTrip card at the vending machine. Load \$4.40 onto each person's SmarTrip card. This will be enough to get one person there and back to the hotel. Board the BLUE line towards Downtown DC. Get off at the [Capitol South metro stop](#), and it is a 5 min walk to the Capitol Building.

OK we're tired now. How do we get back to the hotel?

Depending on where you end up you will want to go back to the [Capitol South Metro stop](#) or walk to the [Smithsonian Metro stop](#), board the BLUE line toward Virginia and get off at the [Crystal City Metro stop](#). Then it is a 5 minute walk back to the hotel.

What if I get hopelessly lost and confused in between these places?

You are in good company. 90% of the people around you are tourists also exploring and chances are you can ask anyone, and they will be happy to give you directions.

Yeah...but my kids are melting down, are hot, tired, and can't do the 5 min walk to the metro. What do I do?

You will see taxis are all over the place. Take a taxi (or call an Uber or Lyft) back to the hotel and enjoy the air conditioning and maybe the hotel swimming pool before the conference starts this evening.