



## **2019 Guide Etiquette Reminders**

### **The Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington, DC**

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You are the group's guide; chaperones should chaperone, not you.

Always cross streets with caution, only at crosswalks and where a traffic light is green or indicates a walk signal. You are an example to your group.

When moving your group keep them to the right so that others going the opposite direction can take the left.

Do not touch sculpture.

No running at any memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

When giving tours in the dark, do not continuously flash your phone light or light wand.

Guides should not place a group in a position that would obstruct the view and the safety of others at a site.

Be appropriately deferential to Honor Flights and obvious veterans or service members at all memorials and Arlington National Cemetery.

Keep subjective opinions about politics, religion and community to one's self and set an example of tolerance toward other views.

### **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

Do not talk to groups where the two walls meet.

Do not talk "in the well," the area immediately around the sculpture of the Three Service Members and the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

When giving commentary, try to keep groups no more than 3 deep during the busy season.

### **Lincoln Memorial**

Discourage groups from running up and down the steps of the memorial (safety issue) or from sitting on the steps for group pictures (consideration for others).

Strongly discourage students from sliding down the memorial on both sides near the top.

Commentary should be delivered away from the steps and not inside the memorial.

## **Korean War Veterans Memorial**

Commentary should not be delivered while walking around the memorial. Give commentary before you start circling the memorial.

Discourage tour participants from sitting on the low walls, the 22 nations UN Wall and the top of the memorial, apex area.

## **Jefferson Memorial**

Same as Lincoln Memorial.

## **FDR Memorial**

Discourage standing on sculpture rocks.

No wading in memorial pools.

## **World War II Memorial**

Do not give commentary on the path directly between the motorcoach drop off point and the Pacific Pavilion.

No wading in memorial pools.

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

Do not stand on benches in the cemetery while giving commentary.

Do not sit anywhere, except the benches in and near the Memorial Amphitheater and behind Lee Mansion/Arlington House.

Do not sit on the steps of the various entrances to Memorial Amphitheater.

Do not sit on the steps or walls as you enter the JFK area. Give commentary away from the Kennedy graves and not directly in the path of these graves. Deliver commentary before you enter this area.

On the narrow paths around Challenger and Columbia Astronaut Memorials, keep your group to the right, single file. Deliver commentary on the sidewalk close to the street, before entering the area. Do not deliver commentary immediately in front of these areas.

Remain quiet when passing ongoing funerals or funeral processions. Do not take pictures of funerals, funeral processions or mourners.

Remember where you are!