

## **A Trip to Washington, D.C**

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Hi! My name is Metro Mike, and I'm here to show you Washington, D.C.! Every year people come to this city from all over. Do you know why? It is the capital of our country. Come with me! I'll show you this splendid city. Sometimes I have a busload of people. But now this coach is just for you.

In Washington, D.C., the leaders of our country make laws. Laws are rules we follow. How do those people become our leaders? We vote for them. When people vote, they pick who will make the laws that we all follow.

Our first stop is on your left. That's the home of two documents. One is the declaration of Independence. That paper says that Americans have the right to be free. The other is the U.S. Constitution. It is the plan for our government. Washington, D. C., was named after George Washington, our first President. The President is t he

leader of our country. Many people call George Washington the “Father of Our Country.”

I’ll slow down here to show you the White House. This is where the President lives and works now.

This next road will take us by the Potomac River. Look up in the sky! That beautiful bird stands for America. It is strong and free!

Did you see that splash? That bird took a fish to put in its mouth. Once there weren’t many of these birds in the wild. Now there are many more. Down that street you’ll see lots of flags! In Washington, D.C. , you will see the Stars and Stripes flying in many places. This red, white, and blue flag also stands for America. We are back at the start. I hope you found Washington, D.C., to be a great city. Come back again soon!