

Best Road Trip Destinations: Washington D.C. to NYC

Road Trips are fun even with the Winter coming. There are many fun places to visit, even when it is chilly outside. So get your car ready and hit the open road!.

If you are around the nation's capital, there are several great locations to check out on the way to New York. On the 225 mile journey, you can travel through Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey on the way. All these beautiful states have something fun to offer.

Get ready for your next [road trip](#) with these key stops on the way from Washington D.C. to New York City.

Six Flags America

If you followed our [last road trip article](#) and ended up at the Korean War Memorial, your next stop at Six Flags America is about 22 miles or 35 minutes away. This iconic theme park is located in Bowie, Maryland. While it might seem silly to visit during the winter, Six Flags features a Holiday in the Park event from November 20th to January 2nd.

The [Holiday in the Park](#) event features attractions like Candy Cane Lane and the North Pole! And don't forget about the rides; jump on the [Ragin Cajun](#) or the Cocoa Mixer. You can also grab some [seasonal food offerings](#) and watch the [nightly tree lighting](#).

National Aquarium

If you head north about 39 miles, you will be able to check out the [National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland](#). The iconic landmark offers marine-life exhibits, a dolphin show, a shark tank & walk-through rainforest. The displays are fun and appropriate for families of all ages.

The Aquarium also features an event on Saturdays called the [Family Sunrise Tour](#), where you can get a tour of the Aquarium before it opens to the public! The whole family can enjoy events like day camps for kids, family swims, and even some fantastic nighttime events like [Aquarium Sleepovers](#)!

Strasburg Rail Road

If you are looking for something fun to do with the family, consider heading 88 miles north on I-95 into Pennsylvania. There you will find the Strasburg Rail Road, which offers train rides on an authentic 19th-century rail car pulled by vintage steam locomotives.

You can also have some fun with the [Night Before Christmas Train Coach Ride](#). This train recreates the poem "The Night Before Christmas" as you ride the train. You can also check out the [Santa's Christmas Trolley](#), and [Santa's Paradise Coach](#) train rides this December!

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Next, head about 60 miles to Philadelphia to check out some of the great history of the United States. And of course, no trip to Philly would be complete without a visit to one of America's finest art museums- the [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#). Its collection includes over 240,000 pieces making it one of the most excellent museums in the world!

You can visit the Great Stair Hall, take a picture with [Diana](#), and check out works from amazing artists like Renoir, Monet, and Manet. They also have a [Sculpture Garden](#) with unique large-scale art like the Giant Three-Way Plug.

Liberty Bell

Next, you can head towards the Liberty Bell, which is only 2.6 miles away! The [Liberty Bell](#) was rung to mark the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This is a must-see for any American. Independence Hall is the birthplace of America and an important landmark.

There are various [exhibits](#) highlighting the founding of the Bell and how civil rights advocates used it.

Asbury Park Boardwalk

After your stop in Philly, head 1 hour and 20 minutes towards the Jersey Shore. [Asbury Park](#) is an excellent spot recently named one of the Top 10 Boardwalks in America by USA Today!

You can visit unique shops like [Carla Gizzi](#) and [Park Beach](#). Then eat your fill at some fantastic restaurants and bars. Finally, you can visit the [Silverball Museum](#) and play around on the [Asbury Eighteen](#).

Rockefeller Center

No trip to New York is complete without a stop at the famous Rockefeller Center. It is about 62 miles from the Ashbury Park Boardwalk and is a fantastic location during the holiday season.

You can go [ice-skating](#), check out the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, eat at some fantastic restaurants, and even enjoy a show at NBC Studios. Ice-skating in front of the tree in Rockefeller Center should be on everyone's bucket list!

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