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I Am Going To The MLK Memorial!

A Step-by-Step Guide On How To Visit This Beautiful Memorial

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Martin Luther King, Jr. is a famous civil rights leader. He has a memorial in West Potomac Park at the end of the National Mall.



Memorials are serious places. People who come here usually speak in quiet voices and they walk instead of run.

To enter the memorial you follow the low black granite walls. These people were very careful crossing the street and now they are going in the memorial.



Some people enter the memorial from the path around the Tidal Basin.

This part of the memorial is called "The Mountain of Despair."



These people are walking through the Mountain of Despair.



This is the "The Stone of Hope."



There is a famous Martin Luther King, Jr. quote that says, "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope." The Stone of Hope came out of The Mountain of Despair.

As you walk around The Stone of Hope you begin to see the statue of Martin Luther King, Jr.



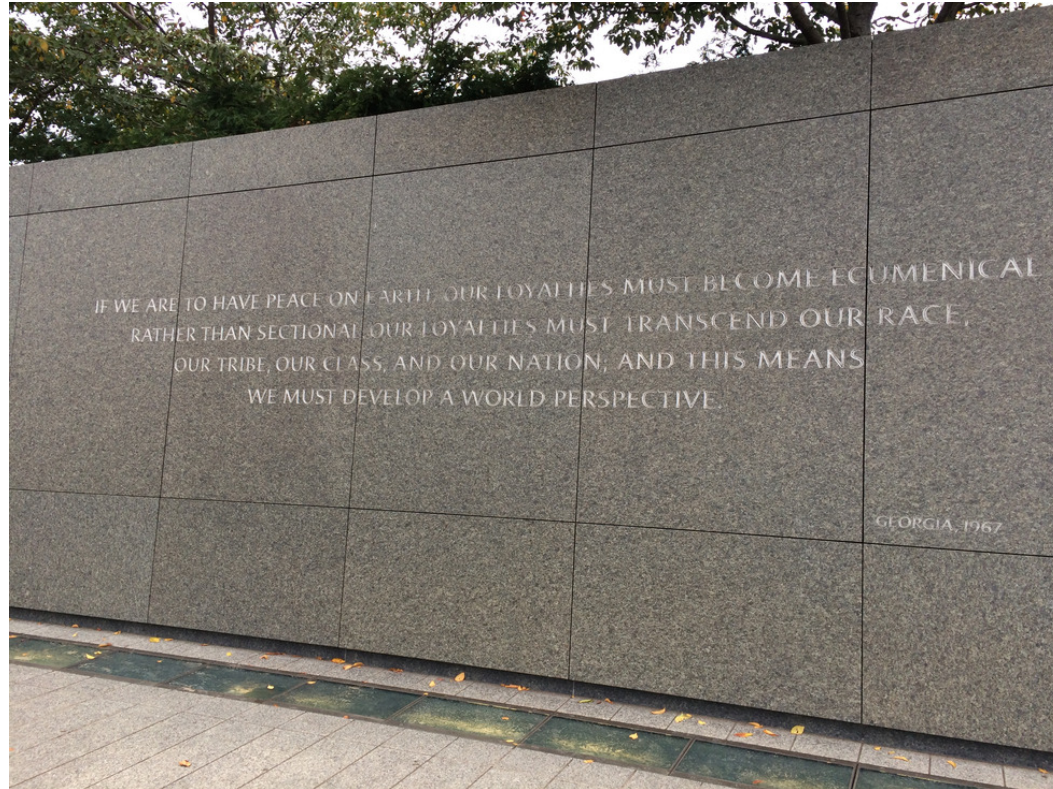
**These visitors are doing a great job visiting the memorial.
They are walking and using a quiet voice.**

People come from all over the world to remember Martin Luther King, Jr. These people are having their pictures taken with the statue.



This little girl is staying close to her dad. It is important to stay with your group!

Make sure to read some of Dr. King's quotes that are carved into the walls.



This quote says: "If we are to have peace on earth our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class and our nation, and this means we must develop a world perspective."

The back of the memorial is on the Tidal Basin. Some people walk on the path around the Tidal Basin to the FDR and the Jefferson Memorial.



I hope you enjoy your trip to the MLK Memorial!

The MLK bookstore is across the street from the entrance to the memorial. There are restrooms in that building.



In the summer the memorial is quite crowded so be ready to see lots of people!

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This book will also help teachers prepare their students on how to visit the Memorial for field trips.

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