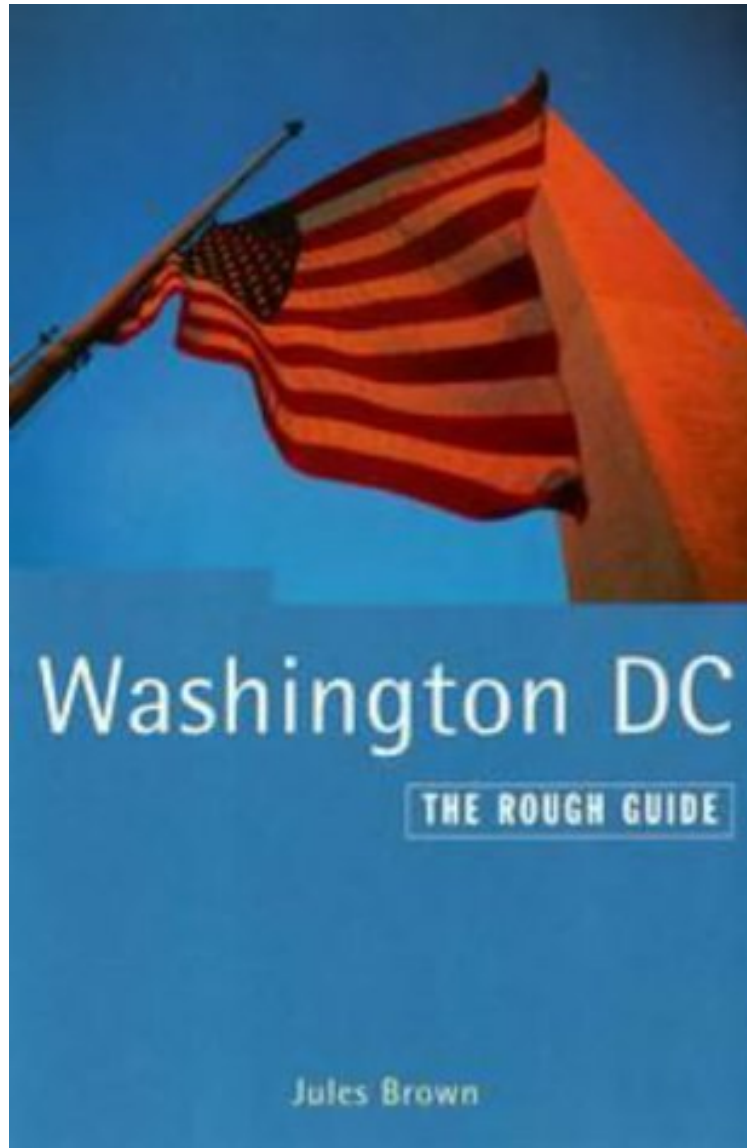


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19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. For travelers who want to stay off the beaten pathBy ArleenAfter (physically) examining a dozen or so different guides to D.C., this is the one we chose. As with all Rough Guides, it's light on photos and fluff and heavy on information. It told us what we needed to know to get to the monuments and other famous sights, but also steered us into some of the local neighborhoods for great, affordable food. This Rough

Guide contained more history than most of their city guides -- great for the international visitor or the American who wants to know the stories behind the city. One caveat to families: there's not much "what to do with the kids" information.

The Rough Guide to Washington DC is the best available guide to the US capital, containing researched coverage of all the city's historic and contemporary sights, full write-ups of museums large and small, and neighborhoods tame, tough and tawdry. Plus, all the practical grittiness that only a Rough Guide can deliver, this is the ultimate guide to the "federal basketcase" that is, to quote the introduction, DC.

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Climate Before air conditioning Washington was deserted from mid-June to September . . . But [now] Congress sits and sits while the presidents - or at least their staffs - never stop making mischief. Gore Vidal, *Armageddon: Essays 1983-1987* The local climate isn't great, it has to be said - often unbearably hot and humid in summer and bitterly cold in winter. It's claimed, with some measure of truth, that such an inauspicious spot was picked precisely to discourage early elected leaders from making government a full-time job. The advent of widespread air-conditioning during the 1950s alleviated matters, though, and as long as you're suitably kitted out for venturing outdoors you'll encounter few periods when sightseeing becomes unpleasant. Best times to visit are spring, early summer and fall, when the weather is at its most benign; there's usually snow (occasionally severe) in January and February, while late summer (July and August) is too hot and humid. Whenever you come, bring suitable, comfortable shoes - there's a lot of walking to be done.