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## **SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MALL TOURS TO LAUNCH GUIDED WALKING TOURS, SUMMER SPECIALS**

**WASHINGTON, DC—June, 2016**—Smithsonian National Mall Tours (SNMT), a partnership between the Smithsonian Institution and Bike and Roll DC, is pleased to announce the addition of guided walking tours, a supplement to its existing Segway and bicycle tour offerings. SNMT's inaugural walking tour is titled "*Myths and Misconceptions*" and will explore the stories and myths of some of America's most treasured objects in the National Museum of American History. Prepared in consultation with the Smithsonian staff and led by professionally trained guides, highlights of *Myths and Misconceptions* include the stories behind George Washington's uniform, Lincoln's famous top hat, Dorothy's ruby red slippers, and the Star Spangled Banner. The tour is 1.5 hours and, as an added bonus, guests can enjoy the privilege of beating the heat and the lines: express entry into the Museum is granted with all tour reservations. SNMT expects to launch its second walking tour installment, at the National Air and Space Museum, later this summer.

To coincide with the National Park Service's 100 year anniversary celebration this summer, SNMT will be offering special summer pricing for its Segway and bicycle tours, DC's only tours that depart directly from the National Mall. Also prepared in consultation with Smithsonian experts, these premier tours cover over 1,000 acres of the National Mall and Memorial Parks and highlight the architecture, art, culture and history of Washington DC's National Mall and many of the Smithsonian Institution's famed museums.

### **Smithsonian National Mall Tours Schedule and Information:**

#### ***Myths and Misconceptions, Guided Walking Tour***

**Time:** 1.5 hours

**Departure:** Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 AM at the National Museum of American History (more times will be added throughout the summer, check [www.nationalmalltours.com](http://www.nationalmalltours.com) for updates)

**Price:** \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids 12 and under

**Smithsonian Summer Special Price: \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under**

#### ***Monumental Experience by Bike, Guided Bicycle Tour***

**Time:** 3 hours

**Distance:** 7 miles

**Departure:** Thursdays at 5:30 PM; Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 1:00 PM and 5:30 PM from the National Museum of American History

**Price:** \$45 for adults, \$35 for kids 12 and under

**Smithsonian Summer Special Price: \$40 for adults, \$30 for kids 12 and under**

#### ***Monumental Experience by Segway, Guided Segway Tour***

**Time:** 3 hours

**Distance:** 7 miles

**Departure:** Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM; Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM from the National Museum of American History

**Price:** \$74 for adults

**Smithsonian Summer Special Price: \$64 for adults\***

\* Must be at least 16 years old to participate. (Min. weight 100lbs, max 260lbs). Segway riders must be able to stand for three hours and walk without assistance.

For more information and to reserve your tour, please visit [www.nationalmalltours.com](http://www.nationalmalltours.com) and select 'Book Your Tour Online Today' or call 202.842.2453.