

Take your summer vacation online—visit our nation’s treasures without leaving the comfort of home

The high price of gas may have you, like many other folks across the country, sticking close to home this summer. But that doesn’t mean you have to miss out on seeing some of the amazing sights that America has to offer.

Take a virtual tour of America’s treasures!

[American Treasures of the Library of Congress](#)

Get close up and personal with a draft of the Declaration of Independence. Read a first draft of the Gettysburg Address. View one of four known copies of “The Star Spangled Banner” in Francis Scott Key’s hand.

No, you don’t have to come to Washington, DC. See America’s Treasures online! The Library’s online archive is extensive and includes much more than what’s at the Treasures site. To get a sense of the wealth available to you (and to any kid you know who is interested in America’s history), visit the [exhibitions page](#). Kids will especially like [America’s Library](#).

Tour Yellowstone

At the official Web site of [Yellowstone National Park](#), you can tour many of the parks sights. They even have a Web cam of Old Faithful!

Want to visit a park in person? Find the closest [National](#) or [state](#) park, and make a visit!

Come fly with me!

Even if you’re not taking a flight this summer, make a virtual trip to an aviation museum. Here are several to choose from:

- The [Cavanaugh Flight Museum](#), located north of Dallas TX.
- At [Flights of Inspiration](#), part of the Science Museum, you can learn about the obstacles to flight and learn how aviators in the past overcame them. Then, you get to design your own plane!
- Ever seen the logo for Air Jamaica? See this and more at Seattle’s [Museum of Flight!](#)
- And, of course, the [National Air and Space Museum](#), which has many online exhibits.

The Smithsonian, your museum portal

Visit the [Smithsonian](#) portal site and get to some of the best America has to offer. From this site, you can get to all the Smithsonian museums, including the [National Zoo](#). At the Zoo site, you can see Web cams of the recent additions to the zoo’s family!