

The Museum Tour

These are a few examples of great aviation museums in the U. S.

I´ve been there – you go too! You´ll find links to their home pages further down. Check them out and then – fly away!



Smithsonian
National Air and Space Museum

Biggest of them all, covering all aspects of flying. From How Things Fly to the conquest of space. Located on the National Mall within reach of the Capitol in Washington D.C. Home Page: www.nasm.si.edu/



The first to fly

This is the Wright 1903 Flyer, hanging from the roof of the entrance hall of NASM



Patty Wagstaff

First woman to win the U.S. National Aerobatic Championship. This is her Extra 260 to be found in the Pioneers of Flight Wing at NASM



Apollo 11

The very capsule from the first moon landing adventure in 1969. In the entrance hall of NASM

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This is an absolute must if you´re into space things. All about the space race and the exploration of the universe. But that´s not all – included in the entrance fee is a tour of the Redstone Arsenal and the NASA plants. You can actually now see the International Space Station being built. And you get to see the Rocket Testing Grounds where the space race started in the late 40s and 50s. Go to USSRC in Huntsville, Alabama. It´s a nice town with nice people by the way. Home Page: www.ussrc.com/



Click the image to enlarge (62 Kb). Standing in the shadow of a Saturn engine booster looking out over the Rocket Park at USSRC

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American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum

The round the clock service of an airline, the planes, the people.
The History of an airline, the planes, the people. It 's a small museum but well worth visiting if you like commercial aviation. Just south of Dallas Ft Worth Airport in Dallas.



Flagship Knoxville – one of AA:s DC3s, on display, even to board.
Lot of artifacts are to be seen at the museum. The main focus at C.R. Smith is the staff of AA, their pride, their work, their life as airline employees, their dedication to AA. Visit the museum at www.aa.com under About AA.

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When in New York go to Pier 86 at W 12th St and 12th Ave. There you'll find the USS Intrepid, aircraft carrier with lot of aircrafts. Be amazed at the size of the ship and at the giant exhibition hall inside Intrepid. You will find even the B-52 next to this beauty(?), the stealth fighter F-117. And when you're done with Intrepid go under water in the guided Missile Submarine USS Growler and then board the destroyer USS Edison. It's a full day. Home Page: www.intrepidmuseum.org



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