



# World's Most Spectacular Sites

## Making A Spiritual Journey

(NAPSA)—If you are looking for a vacation to lift your spirits, you may be interested in visiting some of the world's most inspiring and revered spiritual sites in the country, located, perhaps surprisingly, in Washington, D.C.

The nation's newest attraction, the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., is a modern museum that offers an environment for people of all ages and denominations to explore spirituality through state-of-the-art technology. In the Cultural Center's hands-on interactive galleries, visitors learn about religions throughout the world and enjoy stories of creation from various ancient cultures. The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center also offers a traditional museum experience through its extraordinary exhibits from the world-class Vatican Museums and other art exhibits.

The architecturally stunning Cultural Center features a room about Pope John Paul II with gifts from dignitaries around the world, photos and memorabilia from his life, and even a pair of the Pope's skis! In addition, this one-of-a-kind museum has a Children's Gallery, Café, Museum Store, Bookstore, theaters and Chapel.

A second attraction, located adjacent to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Catholic church in the Americas and one of the largest in the world!

The Shrine is a spiritual home to hundreds of thousands of pil-



**Visitors to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, one of the nation's newest museums, enjoy interactive exhibits and art as they explore faith and culture from around the world.**

grims who journey there every year from around the globe. It has 65 chapels that reflect the varied ethnic religious heritage of America.

Additionally, the wonderful gardens and catacombs of the near-by Franciscan Monastery make your spiritual adventure even more fascinating. Located on a wooded tract, the monastery houses replicas of holy shrines from Jordan, Israel, Egypt and Syria and attracts thousands of visitors every year.

This unique spiritual journey can be an adventure of your lifetime. For more information, visit [www.jp2cc.org](http://www.jp2cc.org).