

The long weekend

Saturday, January 17
Barack Obama and Joe Biden arrive in Washington at Union Station by train from Philadelphia. The same route was taken by President Lincoln to his inauguration

Sunday, January 18
Official inauguration events begin with a welcome event open to the public, possibly at the Lincoln Memorial or another part of the Mall

Monday, January 19
President-elect Obama, Vice-President-elect Biden and others participate in a day of community service to commemorate Martin Luther King Day. Americans will be encouraged to use the day for service as well

Tuesday, January 20, Inauguration Day
Security checkpoints for those with tickets will open at 8am. In the morning the President-elect attends a church service. The outgoing President then accompanies the President-elect to the Capitol.

A musical prelude and seating will begin long before the swearing-in ceremony. At noon the President-elect is inaugurated as the President of the United States by taking the oath of office before assuming the duties of the presidency.

The Oath of Office
“ I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States ”

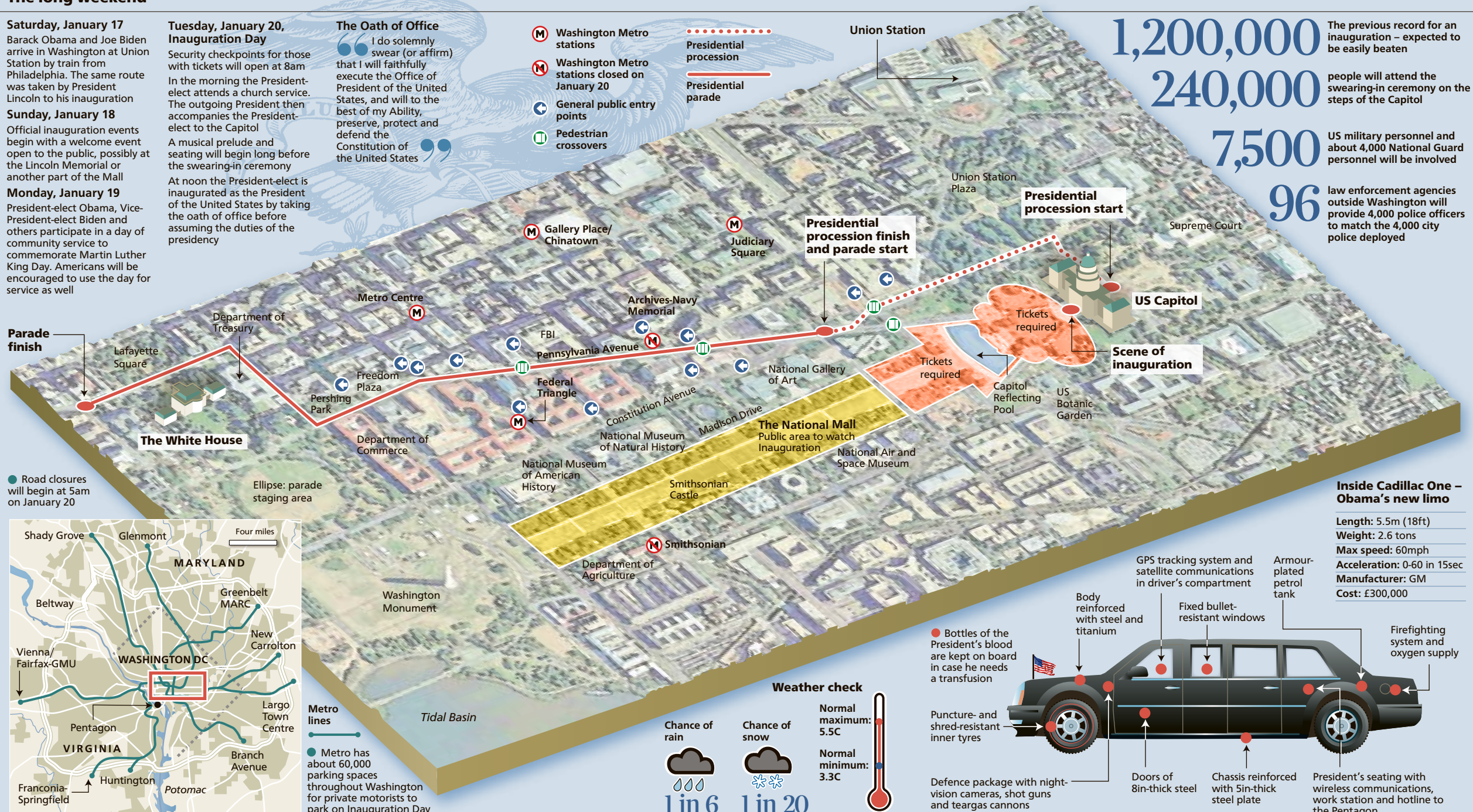
- Washington Metro stations
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- General public entry points
- Pedestrian crossovers
- Presidential procession
- Presidential parade

1,200,000 The previous record for an inauguration – expected to be easily beaten

240,000 people will attend the swearing-in ceremony on the steps of the Capitol

7,500 US military personnel and about 4,000 National Guard personnel will be involved

96 law enforcement agencies outside Washington will provide 4,000 police officers to match the 4,000 city police deployed



Parade finish
Lafayette Square

The White House

Presidential procession start

Presidential procession finish and parade start

US Capitol

Scene of inauguration

● Road closures will begin at 5am on January 20

Ellipse: parade staging area



Metro lines
● Metro has about 60,000 parking spaces throughout Washington for private motorists to park on Inauguration Day

Weather check

Chance of rain: 1 in 6

Chance of snow: 1 in 20

Normal maximum: 5.5C

Normal minimum: 3.3C

Inside Cadillac One – Obama's new limo

Length: 5.5m (18ft)

Weight: 2.6 tons

Max speed: 60mph

Acceleration: 0-60 in 15sec

Manufacturer: GM

Cost: £300,000

