

White House allows indoor tour photography for first time in decades

Washington (dpa) - The White House announced Wednesday that it has lifted its longstanding ban on cameras during public tours inside the presidential mansion.

The First Lady Michelle Obama posted a video on her Instagram account announcing that tourists would be allowed to snap photos for the first time in more than 40 years.

In the video, she asks if any White House visitors had seen a sign that reads "No Photos or Social Media Allowed." She rips the sign and says "not anymore."

The White House said it now encourages visitors to share their experiences with the Twitter hashtag #WhiteHouseTour.

Newly permitted items include still-photo phones and compact cameras with lenses no longer than 8 centimetres.

The White House continues to prohibit video cameras, flash photography and selfie sticks.

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