



Washington, D.C.

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Think big in Washington—as soon as you arrive in D.C., you’ll be knocked over by the scale of the place. America's capital wants you to know where you are, and the city goes all out to impress in terms of grandeur and size. Drama and scandal bubble under the surface, while the streets are abuzz with hip and happening events, museums, restaurants, and clubs around every corner. The principles of Equality, Justice, Life, and Liberty are still upheld, but D.C. is, above all, a trendy and international town.



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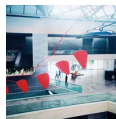
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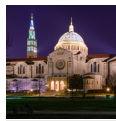
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Founded in 1790 as the capital of the United States, Washington was designed to showcase the nation's political ideals. Its layout, planned by Pierre L'Enfant, features grand avenues, open spaces, and the National Mall, where monuments and memorials celebrate the country's history. Over the centuries, the city has grown beyond politics, shaped by diverse communities, cultural movements, and waves of immigration.

Each neighborhood now has its own character. Georgetown blends historic charm with trendy shops and restaurants. Shaw, once marked by racial tensions and riots, has been revitalized and is now a hub for African-American heritage tours. Downtown offers theaters, galleries, and Chinatown's best Chinese restaurants, while the U Street corridor — where Duke Ellington once played — is the place for live music and nightlife.

The National Mall remains the heart of the city, lined with iconic monuments, memorials, and Smithsonian museums. Across D.C., you'll find restaurants reflecting the city's melting-pot culture — from French and American to Ethiopian cuisine. Parks and green spaces are scattered throughout, giving the city a sense of openness that balances the urban energy.

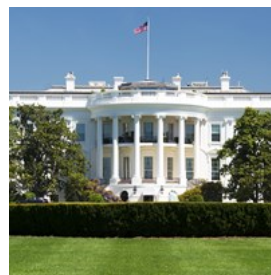
DO & SEE



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The nation's capital is full of monuments, memorials, and political landmarks. Beyond Congress and the White House, the city has world-class museums, galleries, and historic sites to explore — many of them free and all easy to reach by walking or public transport.

The White House



No trip to D.C. is complete without seeing the iconic White House. You can't go inside without advance clearance, but the Visitor

Center nearby has a virtual tour that gives a good sense of the rooms and history. From the outside, it's interesting to watch the comings and goings, and the lawn and gardens are worth a stroll if you're nearby.

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Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.
Public Transport: Nearest Metro: McPherson Square (Blue, Orange, Silver lines) or Farragut West (Blue, Orange, Silver lines).

Phone: +1 202 456 7041

Internet: www.whitehouse.gov

National Mall



The National Mall is the central strip of D.C., where most of the major sights are lined up. You can stroll past the Smithsonian museums — like the National Museum of American History — and pop into the National Gallery and its Sculpture Garden. Monuments and memorials are scattered along the way, from Lincoln and Roosevelt to the Vietnam and Korean War memorials.

Photo: Sean Pavone/Shutterstock

Address: The National Mall, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Smithsonian (Blue, Orange, Silver lines) or Federal Triangle (Blue, Orange, Silver lines).

United States Capitol



The United States Capitol dominates the eastern end of the National Mall on Capitol Hill — its dome, completed during the Civil War, is hard to miss.

The Capitol is the seat of the United States Congress, and it has been a center of American politics since 1800. Inside, the Visitor Center walks you through its history, shows off its art collection, and explains how the legislative branch works.

Free guided tours are available, but booking ahead is a good idea — lines can get long, especially in peak season.

Photo: Orhan Cam/Shutterstock

Address: US Capitol Grounds

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Capitol South (Blue, Orange, Silver lines).

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-4:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +1 202 226 8000

Internet: www.visitthecapitol.gov

Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool



At the far end of the National Mall, the Lincoln Memorial feels even more striking when you walk up the steps and stand where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his defining “I Have a Dream” speech. Inside, Lincoln’s 19-foot statue looks out over the long Reflecting Pool toward the Washington Monument. Go at sunrise or after dark if you want a quieter moment — the view’s completely different depending on the time of day.

Photo: Alan Ochieng/Shutterstock

Address: 2 Lincoln Memorial Circle NW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU or Smithsonian (about a 15-20 minute walk).

Opening hours: Daily 6am-6pm

Phone: +1 202 426 6841

Washington DC Monuments by Moonlight Tour by Trolley



Head out after dark to see the iconic monuments of Washington D.C. all lit up and crowd-free on this guided sightseeing night tour. Hop aboard an open-air trolley and enjoy fun anecdotes and historical information about the United States capital while traveling past each point of interest. See the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the White House, and many other landmarks.

Photo: Jared Short/Unsplash

Georgetown



Georgetown feels like a little world of its own in D.C., with cobblestone streets, old brick buildings, and a mix of shops and restaurants.

You can wander along M Street and Wisconsin Avenue for over 450 options — from coffee shops to trendy boutiques — or grab a bite along the waterfront. It's a popular spot for students and visitors alike, and walking through the neighbourhood gives a real sense of the city's history.

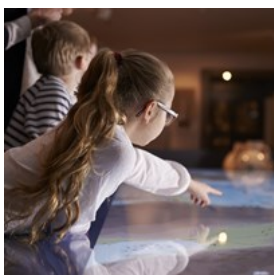
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Address: Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue, Orange, Silver lines).

Internet: www.georgetowndc.com

Smithsonian National Museum of American History



This museum traces the story of the United States, from the Civil War to the 20th century, including key moments like the JFK

assassination. You can see everything from the original Star-Spangled Banner to presidential artifacts. The museum also offers demonstrations, tours, lectures, and occasional live performances, so there's always something to explore beyond the main exhibits.

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Address: 1300 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Smithsonian (Blue, Orange, Silver lines).

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5:30pm

Phone: +1 202 633 1000

Internet: www.instagram.com/amhistorymuseum

Ford's Theatre



Opened in 1863, Ford's Theatre is best known as the site of Abraham Lincoln's assassination. You can tour the theatre, visit the museum, and

learn about Lincoln's life and legacy. The adjacent Petersen House, where Lincoln died, is part of the experience.

Photo: trekandshoot/Shutterstock

Address: 511 10th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Federal Triangle (Blue, Orange, Silver lines) or Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter (Green, Yellow, Red lines).

Phone: +1 202 347 4833

Internet: <https://fords.org>

Arlington National Cemetery



Not many cemeteries would be listed among a city's top 10 sights, but Arlington is an exception. Catch the ceremonial

changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where soldiers keep a 24-hour watch in honor of the unidentified dead from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Beyond the tomb, you can visit the graves of presidents, military leaders, and other notable figures, or take a quiet walk through the grounds.

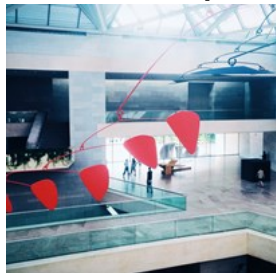
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Address: Arlington, VA

Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm

Phone: +1 877 907 8585

National Gallery of Art



The National Gallery of Art has a huge collection spanning centuries. The Neo-Classical West Building houses European paintings and sculptures, while the modern East Building focuses on 20th- and 21st-century art. Outside, the Sculpture Garden features large-scale works and is a nice spot to take a break.

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Address: Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

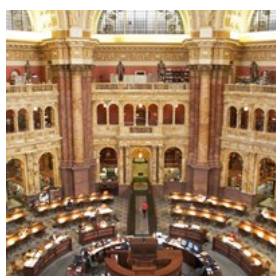
Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter (Green, Yellow, Red lines).

Opening hours: Daily 10am–5pm

Phone: +1 202 737 4215

Internet: www.nga.gov

Library of Congress



The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, and its three buildings — the Thomas Jefferson, James Madison Memorial, and John Adams — are well worth exploring. Free tours show off the architecture and highlight the rare collections, while exhibitions, gallery talks, concerts, and lectures give visitors plenty to see and do.

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Address: 101 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Capitol South (Blue, Orange, Silver lines).

Phone: +1 202 707 5000

Internet: www.loc.gov

Supreme Court of the United States



The Supreme Court building, completed in 1935, is open to the public for self-guided visits. On the ground floor, you'll find

exhibitions about the Court's history and role in government, and on the first floor, you can see the courtroom where cases are heard. There's also a short educational film, and at certain times, you can attend lectures or oral arguments if the Court is in session.

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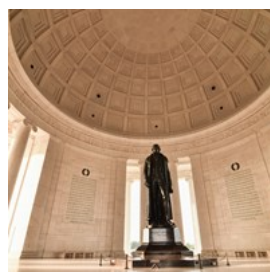
Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Capitol South (Blue, Orange, Silver lines).

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–3pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +1 202 479 3000

Internet: www.supremecourt.gov

Thomas Jefferson Memorial



A short walk from the Tidal Basin and just a bit farther from the White House, the Jefferson Memorial sits on the water's edge. White

marble steps lead up to the circular temple, and inside, a 19-foot statue of Thomas Jefferson by Rudolph Evans looks out over the basin. The memorial's walls feature Jefferson's own words, and the surrounding park is especially nice during cherry blossom season.

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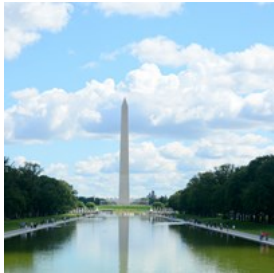
Address: 16 E Basin Drive SW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Smithsonian (Blue, Orange, Silver lines), then about a 15–20 minute walk.

Phone: +1 202 426 6841

Internet: www.nps.gov/thje/index.htm

Washington Monument



At nearly 555 feet, the Washington Monument is the tallest structure in the city and can be seen from all over D.C. You can take an elevator to

the observation deck for a panoramic view of the National Mall, the Capitol, and the surrounding city. Tickets are timed, so it's best to reserve in advance, especially during peak tourist season.

Photo: RnSphere/Shutterstock

Address: 2 15th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Smithsonian (Blue, Orange, Silver lines), then a 10–15 minute walk.

Opening hours: Daily 9am–5pm

Phone: +1 202 426 6841

Internet: www.nps.gov/wamo/index.htm

National Archives Research Center



This is where the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights live. Stepping into the Rotunda for the

Charters of Freedom, you're literally standing in front of the documents that shaped this nation. Beyond the Rotunda, the museum has exhibits on American history and government that are easy to explore if you want to spend more time.

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Address: 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

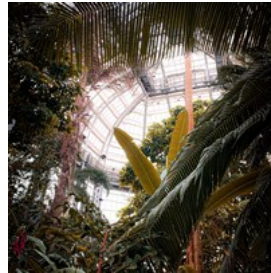
Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Archives–Navy Memorial–Penn Quarter (Green, Yellow, Red lines).

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +1 866 272 6272

Internet: www.archives.gov/dc

United States Botanic Garden



Right next to the Capitol, the Botanic Garden is a quiet spot with both indoor conservatories and outdoor plots. Inside, you can walk through

rainforest and desert environments under glass; outside, there are seasonal displays and a rose garden. It's not huge, so an hour or so is usually enough, but it's a nice break from the busier sights on the Mall. Entry is free, and there are programs and exhibits for all ages.

Photo: Elliot Lanham/unsplash

Address: 100 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Federal Center SW (Blue, Orange, Silver lines).

Opening hours: Daily 10am–5pm

Phone: +1 202 225 8333

Internet: www.usbg.gov

Washington National Cathedral



The National Cathedral sits on Mount St. Alban and is one of the largest cathedrals in the country. The stained glass, stone carvings, and soaring

ceilings are impressive, and the grounds are pleasant to wander. Guided tours, led by staff who know the history and architecture inside out, are the best way to explore.

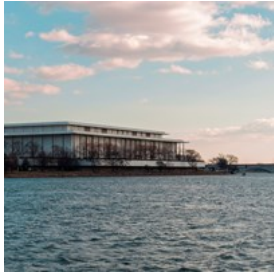
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Address: 3101 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 537 6200

Internet: <https://cathedral.org>

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts



Not far from the Lincoln Memorial, the Kennedy Center is D.C.'s main stage for live performance. The calendar is packed year-round with everything from ballet and opera to jazz, theatre, and touring shows. The rooftop terrace is open to the public and gives a wide view of the Potomac River.

Photo: Clay Elliot/unsplash

Address: 2700 F Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue, Orange, Silver lines) plus a free Kennedy Center Shuttle just outside the station, running roughly every 15 minutes to the center.

Phone: +1 800 444 1324

Internet: www.kennedy-center.org

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum



The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is a powerful and in-depth memorial and education center. Using artifacts, survivor

testimonies, and films, the Permanent Exhibition traces events from the rise of the Nazis to the aftermath of the Holocaust. It's a sobering experience that most visitors spend two to three hours exploring.

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Address: 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: The nearest Metro stop is Smithsonian.

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5:30pm

Phone: +1 202 488 0400

Internet: www.ushmm.org

Rock Creek Park



Rock Creek Park has been a green space in D.C. since 1890. It's a good spot to escape the city, walk or bike along trails, and enjoy nature without leaving the urban area. Keep an eye out for squirrels, birds, and other wildlife as you wander through the woods or along the creek.

Photo: Orhan Cam/Shutterstock

Address: 5200 Glover Road NW, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 895 6000

Internet: www.nps.gov/rocr/index.htm

Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum



At the National Air and Space Museum, you can see historic aircraft, from Amelia Earhart's Lockheed to World War II fighters, as well as spacecraft and moon landing exhibits. There's also a planetarium, IMAX theatre, and flight simulators, plus workshops and demonstrations that make the science behind aviation and space exploration come alive.

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Address: 650 Jefferson Drive SW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5:30pm

Phone: +1 202 633 2214

Tickets: Free admission

Internet: <https://airandspace.si.edu>

Smithsonian National Zoological Park



The National Zoo is home to more than 2,000 animals from nearly 400 species — everything from elephants and lions to smaller exhibits you

can explore at your own pace. Highlights include the Giant Panda Habitat and Amazonia, an indoor rainforest with monkeys, fish, and tropical plants. The grounds are expansive, so wear good shoes and plan a few hours if you want to see more than just the main enclosures.

Photo: Png Studio Photography/Shutterstock

Address: 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan (Red line).

Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm

Phone: +1 202 633 2614

Internet: <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/>

More Info: Free admission

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the largest Roman Catholic church in the U.S., with a striking

interior of mosaics, chapels, and domes. Free guided tours are available and give a good sense of its history and architecture.

Photo: Ivan Malechka/Shutterstock

Address: 400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Brookland-CUA (Red line), then about a 10-minute walk.

Opening hours: Daily 6am-6pm

Phone: +1 202 526 8300

Internet: www.nationalshrine.org

International Spy Museum



Step into the shoes of a spy at the International Spy Museum, which holds the largest public collection of international espionage artifacts—from

gadgets to disguises—and documents the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage. It's interactive and entertaining for both adults and kids, but timed tickets are required, especially on weekends.

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Address: 700 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown (Red, Green, Yellow lines).

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 9am-6pm

Phone: +1 202 393 7798

Internet: www.spymuseum.org

Email: info@spymuseum.org

DINING



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Washington, D.C. has quietly grown into one of the country's most exciting food cities, where global flavors meet regional traditions. Its diverse communities bring everything from Ethiopian stews and Salvadoran pupusas to authentic dim sum and Middle Eastern mezze, while Chesapeake Bay classics like crab cakes and soft-shell crab remind you that the city still has strong Mid-Atlantic roots.

High-end tasting menus sit comfortably alongside buzzing food halls, farmers' markets, and neighborhood gems. Whether you're exploring Georgetown's polished restaurants, Adams Morgan's eclectic mix of international bites, or the casual oyster bars downtown, eating your way through D.C. is as much a journey through its cultures as it is a tour of its neighborhoods.

Ben's Chili Bowl



It's hot dogs and chili-cheese fries galore at this iconic D.C. eatery. Founded in 1958, Ben's Chili Bowl has welcomed locals, tourists, and celebrities alike—including Duke Ellington—making it a neighborhood institution. The menu features its famous half-smokes smothered in chili, classic burgers, subs, salads, and milkshakes, all served in a colorful, lively atmosphere that captures a true taste of Washington.

Photo: Carol Mellema/Shutterstock

Address: 1208 U Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-11pm, Fri & Sat 11am-4am

Phone: +1 202 667 0909

Internet: <https://benschilibowl.com>

Founding Farmers



Founding Farmers is a beloved, farmer-owned restaurant just three blocks from the White House. Known for its scratch-made American fare, the menu features favorites like chicken and waffles, crab cakes, and the signature Farmer Salad, all served in a rustic,

farmhouse-inspired setting.

Photo: dapperland/Shutterstock

Address: 1924 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-10pm, Fri 7am-11pm, Sat 8:30am-11pm, Sun 8:30am-10pm

Phone: +1 202 822 8783

Internet: www.wearefoundingfarmers.com/location/dc/

dLeña



Chef Richard Sandoval's dLeña in Mount Vernon Triangle brings wood-fire Mexican cuisine into a rustic-chic space filled with brick archways, leather seats, and festive energy. The restaurant celebrates "leña" (firewood in Spanish) with smoky dishes and mezcal- and tequila-forward cocktails. Favorites include guacamole de bonito with charred tostadas, corn empanadas with manchego and chimichurri, and shrimp enchiladas bathed in smoky guajillo salsa. Recognized in both the 2022 and 2023 Michelin Guide and among OpenTable's Top 100 Restaurants in 2024, it's a standout for contemporary Mexican fare in D.C.

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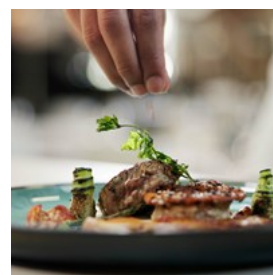
Address: 476 K St NW Suite D, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 560 5999

Internet: www.dlenadc.com

Email: hello@dlenadc.com

1789 Restaurant



Nestled in a restored Federal-style townhouse in Georgetown, 1789 is D.C.'s classic fine-dining experience. It captures old-world charm with antique furnishings, colonial-era artwork, and a cozy fireplace. The seasonal menu delivers

elevated American fare paired with an extensive wine list. With six unique dining rooms across three floors, each with its own character, it's ideal for a romantic dinner, a special occasion, or simply indulging in a memorable meal.

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Address: 1226 36th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm-9pm
Phone: +1 202 965 1789
Internet: www.1789restaurant.com

Old Ebbitt Grill



Founded in 1856, Old Ebbitt Grill is Washington's oldest saloon, tucked just a few minutes from the White House. Inside, it's all

Victorian-era charm—mahogany, stained glass, and walls full of memorabilia like Teddy Roosevelt's hunting trophies. It's famous for its oysters and hearty American fare, and locals swear by the happy hour at the bar: half-price oysters, clams, and crab claws that come with a side of stories from the bartenders. Plus, don't miss the annual Oyster Riot, a festive oyster-and-wine party held the weekend before Thanksgiving—tickets sell out fast.

Photo: Nishihama/Shutterstock
Address: 675 15th Street NW, Washington
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-2am, Sat & Sun 9am-1am
Phone: +1 202 347 4800
Internet: www.ebbitt.com
Email: info@ebbitt.com

Bistrot Lepic



A Georgetown staple since 1995, Bistrot Lepic is known for its cozy atmosphere and classic French cuisine. The downstairs dining room serves dishes like escargot, foie gras, and cassoulet, while the upstairs wine bar offers a relaxed spot for small plates and an extensive French wine list. Live jazz complements to the ambiance every Wednesday evening.

Photo: arturasker/Shutterstock
Address: 1736 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.
Phone: +1 202 333 0111
Internet: <https://bistrotlepic.com>

Blue Duck Tavern



Located within the Park Hyatt Washington, Blue Duck Tavern offers a refined take on New American cuisine, emphasizing seasonal ingredients from local farms. Diners can enjoy dishes like prime bavette steak and wood-oven roasted chicken in a minimalist rustic-chic setting, with handcrafted wood furnishings and an open kitchen.

Photo: Chanawat Jaiya/Shutterstock
Address: 1201 24th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Phone: +1 202 789 1234
Internet: www.blueducktavern.com

Cafe Milano



Dubbed by The New York Times as "where the world's most powerful people go," Café Milano is a Georgetown institution, known for its

authentic Italian cuisine and as a gathering spot for Washington's elite. The elegant interior, inspired by Milanese boutiques, and the sidewalk patio create a stylish setting for enjoying classics like veal Milanese and linguine with Maine lobster, paired with an extensive wine list.

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Address: 3251 Prospect Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 11:30am-10:30pm, Thu-Sat

11:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +1 202 333 6183

Internet: www.cafemilano.com

Old Europe



Since 1948, Old Europe has been serving hearty German classics in a cozy, old-world setting filled with antique steins, oil paintings, and rustic charm. The menu highlights dishes like schnitzel, sauerbraten with dumplings, homemade sausages, and spaetzle, paired with German beers and seasonal specials such as Spargelzeit in spring and Oktoberfest fare in the fall.

Photo: Sham Clicks/Shutterstock

Address: 2434 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 333 7600

Jaleo



Another restaurant under the helm of talented chef José Andrés, Jaleo serves inventive Spanish tapas in a vibrant, artsy space that shines with colorful tile, dramatic glass, and bold décor. The menu reads like a who's who of small plates — from patatas bravas and Iberico ham to paella Valenciana, calamares, and gazpacho with goat cheese. Located in Penn Quarter, it's perfect for

a pre- or post-National Mall dinner.

Photo: Alexander Inglessi/Shutterstock

Address: 480 7th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Sun & Mon 11am-10pm, Tue-Sat

11am-11pm

Phone: +1 202 628 7949

Internet: www.jaleo.com

Email: downtown@jaleo.com

Pearl Dive Oyster Palace



Pearl Dive Oyster Palace is one of D.C.'s go-to spots for fresh seafood, best known for its wide selection of oysters sourced from Virginia, Rhode Island, Canada, and Japan. The menu features Southern and Cajun flavors with dishes like seafood gumbo, crawfish étouffée, and Gulf Coast redfish, alongside wood-grilled oysters and crispy crawfish fritters. With its rustic, boardwalk-inspired décor and lively upstairs bar (complete with a bocce court), it's a fun, laid-back place to settle in with a plate of oysters and a cold drink.

Photo: Artur Begel/Shutterstock

Address: 1612 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 319 1612

Internet: <https://pearldivedc.com>

Minibar



Minibar by José Andrés offers one of D.C.'s most exclusive dining experiences. Seating just 12 guests, this two-Michelin-star restaurant presents a tasting menu where art, science, and tradition converge in playful, avant-garde dishes. Served in an intimate, modern space, each course feels like part of a

culinary performance—unexpected, imaginative, and unforgettable.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock

Address: 855 East Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-10pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +1 202 393 0812

Internet: www.minibarbyjoseandres.com

Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab



Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab brings a taste of Miami to downtown D.C., just a few steps from the White House. Known for its signature Florida stone crab, the menu also features prime steaks, fresh seafood, and classic sides, with Key lime pie as the must-try dessert.

Photo: creativesunday/Shutterstock

Address: 750 15th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-10pm, Sun 11:30am-9pm

Phone: +1 202 489 0140

Internet: www.joes.net/washington-dc

Zaytinya



Led by chef José Andrés, Zaytinya serves innovative mezze inspired by Turkish, Greek, and Lebanese traditions. The sleek, modern space is the perfect backdrop for sharing small plates like lamb kebabs, crispy Brussels sprouts with coriander, and hummus variations, paired with creative cocktails and a standout list of Mediterranean wines.

Photo: MOUTASEM PHOTOGRAPHY/Shutterstock

Address: 701 9th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon 11:30am-10pm, Tue-Fri 11:30am-11pm,

Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 202 638 0800

Internet: www.zaytinya.com/location/washington-dc

Fiola



Fiola, the flagship restaurant of chef Fabio Trabocchi, is one of D.C.'s most acclaimed fine-dining destinations. This Michelin-starred spot blends rustic Italian tradition with modern creativity, featuring a menu that changes with the seasons and highlights regional influences from Rome to Venice. The elegant setting, with its stone walls, artful décor, and warm yet polished service, creates a dining experience that feels both luxurious and welcoming.

Photo: Dima Sobko/Shutterstock

Address: 601 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm-9pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +1 202 628 2888

Internet: www.fioladc.com

More Info: The entrance is on Indiana Avenue.

The Red Hen



The Red Hen is a wood-fired Italian restaurant in Bloomingdale, serving creative takes on classic Italian dishes in a roomy, rustic-industrial space with an open kitchen and large bar.

Photo: Sportrade.studio/Shutterstock

Address: 1822 1st Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-10pm

Phone: +1 202 525 3021

Internet: <https://theredhendc.com>

Email: info@theredhendc.com

Rasika



Rasika is regarded for serving some of D.C.'s best Indian food, from Tawa (griddle) and Sigrri (open barbecue) dishes to Tandoori and regional curries. The menu is designed for small plates, so you can sample a variety of flavours. Standouts include the Raan-e-Rasika — lamb with saffron, mace, and rose petals — and the simple, comforting dal.

Photo: Deivukas999/Shutterstock

Address: 633 D Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 637 1222

Internet: www.rasikarestaurant.com

We, The Pizza



We, The Pizza is a family-run spot serving NYC-style pizza, along with hand-tossed wings, and Italian gelato shakes, and house-made sodas in a convenient and relaxed location on Pennsylvania Avenue just steps from the Library of Congress.

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Address: 305 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 202 544 4008

Internet: <https://wethepizza.com>

CAFÉS



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For a quick hot dog or something more substantial, Washington's deluge of cafés will more than cater to the requirements of its visitors. The city's student population promotes a strong café culture, ensuring there is something for everyone.

The Market Lunch



Tucked inside the historic Eastern Market since 1978, The Market Lunch is a no-frills D.C. institution that wins over visitors with its filling, all-American comfort food.

Celebrated for its legendary crab cakes—often named among the best in the city—it also serves up soft-shell crab, oysters, and regional seafood staples. Breakfast is equally famous, especially the blueberry buckwheat pancakes and the hefty “Brick” breakfast sandwich.

With its long communal table and bustling counter-service vibe, it's the kind of spot where you rub elbows with locals, regulars, and hungry tourists alike.

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Address: 225 7th Street SE, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8am-2:30pm, Sun 9am-2:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 202 547 8444

Internet: www.marketlunchdc.com

maman



Located along Georgetown's historic Wisconsin Avenue, Maman Georgetown offers a charming escape with its South of

France-inspired ambiance. Enjoy a selection of French-inspired pastries, breakfast and lunch options, and artisanal coffee blends. Maman's nutty chocolate chip cookies have garnered acclaim, even earning a spot on Oprah's Favorite Things list.

Photo: icosha/Shutterstock

Address: 1353 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-6pm

Phone: +1 202 506 3372

Internet: <https://mamannyc.com/locations/georgetown>

Colada Shop



Colada Shop brings the vibrant flavors and atmosphere of Havana to D.C. This small local chain serves classic Cuban coffee drinks—like

sweet, creamy caffecitos and iced café con leche—alongside pastries, empanadas, croquetas, and cocktails. For something heartier, try a Cubano sandwich or the huevos a la Cubano caldero, eggs baked with queso fresco, sofrito, and tomato.

Photo: Foodio/Shutterstock

Address: 1405 T Street NW, Washington

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 7:30am-9pm, Thu-Sat 7:30am-10pm

Phone: +1 202 931 4947

Internet: www.coladashop.com

Call Your Mother Deli



Call Your Mother Deli, which started in Park View in 2018, quickly became D.C.'s go-to for creative bagels. You can build your own or choose

fan favourites like the Sun City (pastrami, bacon, spicy honey, and “bodega-style” egg) or Royal Palm (smoked salmon, capers, cream cheese). They also offer sandwiches, babka muffins, latkes, and strong coffee.

Photo: abogdanska/Shutterstock

Address: 3301 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-2pm, Sat & Sun 6:30am-3pm

Phone: +1 202 450 5307

Internet: www.callyourmotherdeli.com

Bread Furst



A neighborhood favorite in Van Ness/Forest Hills, Bread Furst is an artisan bakery led by founder and award-winning baker Mark Furstenberg. From

crusty European-style baguettes and olive levains to flaky croissants, kouign-amann, and a rotating selection of pastries, everything is baked from scratch using seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. The bakery also serves coffee and light café fare, making it a perfect stop for breakfast, brunch, or a mid-day treat.

Photo: Master1305/Shutterstock

Address: 4434 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Daily 8am-7pm

Phone: +1 202 765 1200

Internet: <https://breadfurst.com>

Email: info@breadfurst.com

Compass Coffee



Founded by two former Marines, Compass Coffee has grown into a popular local chain with more than 20 cafés across the DC area. Beans are

sourced from coffee-growing regions like Guatemala, Ethiopia, and Brazil, then roasted in-house to create blends that range from light to dark, making it easy to find your preferred flavor. The airy, industrial-style café near Gallery Place is a convenient stop for a latte, pastry, or sandwich before setting out to explore the city.

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Address: 1535 7th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 7am-5pm

Phone: +1 202 746 5510

Internet: www.compasscoffee.com

Pâtisserie Poupon



Since 1986, Pâtisserie Poupon has been serving Georgetown a sweet slice of France. This charming bakery-café is beloved for its mouth-watering

pastries, from buttery croissants and jewel-toned fruit tarts to delicate macarons that look almost too pretty to eat.

Photo: goo922/Shutterstock

Address: 1645 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 8am-4pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 202 342 3248

Internet: <https://patisseriepoupon.com>

Baked & Wired



Tucked away in Georgetown, Baked & Wired is a quirky, family-owned café that has built a loyal following for its strong coffee,

oversized cupcakes, and signature house-made granola. It's got an artsy and relaxed vibe, which makes it a favorite haunt for university students. Everything is baked in small batches with top-notch ingredients, so whether you're after a morning espresso or a sweet pick-me-up, you're in for a treat.

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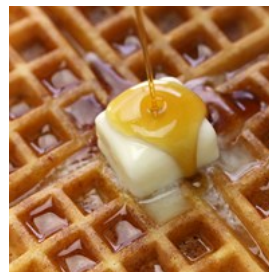
Address: 1052 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 8am-4pm, Fri & Sat 8am-6pm

Phone: +1 703 663 8727

Internet: <https://bakedandwired.com>

Ted's Bulletin 14th Street



Located in the lively 14th Street corridor, Ted's Bulletin serves modern American cuisine with a DC twist. Known for its all-day breakfast, hearty

lunch and dinner options, and famously indulgent boozy milkshakes, it's a favorite for locals and visitors alike. Don't miss the made-from-scratch pop tarts, offered in rotating sweet and savory flavors.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock

Address: 1818 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-10pm, Fri & Sat 7am-11pm

Phone: +1202 265 8337

Internet: www.tedsbulletin.com/location/14th-street

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Student life and an established city Happy Hour make D.C.'s bar scene a happening affair.

Cocktails flow freely, particularly in the two main drinking areas, Georgetown and Adams-Morgan. Washington lights up after dark. Rave until the early hours or sip exciting cocktails in cozy surroundings.

Decades DC



Decades DC is a high-energy, retro-themed nightclub in the heart of Washington, D.C., spanning six floors with eight bars and five DJs. Each level offers a distinct vibe, from '80s and '90s classics to 2000s pop, hip-hop beats, and electronic dance music on the rooftop. Known for its lively atmosphere, state-of-the-art sound system, and retractable rooftop, Decades draws both locals and visitors looking for a fun, nostalgic night out in the nation's capital.

Photo: clownbusiness/Shutterstock

Address: 1219 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 650 7326

Internet: <https://decadesdc.com>

McClellan's Retreat



Named after a Civil War general, McClellan's Retreat is a cozy cocktail bar in Dupont Circle. The atmosphere is intimate and low-lit, perfect for lingering over one of their creative drinks inspired by historical figures. Whiskey fans are in luck—the bar stocks more than 50 varieties alongside a rotating list of inventive cocktails.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock

Address: 2031 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 265 6270

Internet: www.mcclellansretreat.com

Union Pub



Union Pub is a classic Capitol Hill watering hole, popular with locals, staffers, and visitors alike. It's the kind of place where you can catch a game on one of the many TVs, grab a craft beer from their long list, or enjoy brunch on the spacious patio when the weather's nice. Happy hour brings rotating nightly specials, and Tuesdays are especially lively with Trivia night—and don't miss the Taco Tuesday specials.

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Address: 201 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 546 7200

Internet: <https://unionpubdc.com>

All Souls Bar



All Souls Bar is the kind of place that feels like a true neighborhood hangout. Tucked into Shaw, this cozy corner spot has a welcoming,

no-frills vibe with friendly bartenders and a steady buzz of conversation. Drinks are the star here—well-made classics like Manhattans, Old Fashioneds, and one of the city’s best Negronis, all reasonably priced. There’s no food menu, but you’re welcome to bring your own or grab a bite nearby on U Street.

Photo: Aleksandrs Muiznieks/Shutterstock
Address: 725 T Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Opening hours: Sun–Thu 5pm–2am, Fri & Sat 5pm–3am
Phone: +1 202 733 5929
Internet: <https://allsoulsbar.com>

Blues Alley Club



Blues Alley is a legendary jazz club in Georgetown, offering an intimate setting where patrons can get up close to headline and emerging jazz acts.

Open since 1965, the venue has a classic, old-school atmosphere that pairs perfectly with cocktails and small plates, making it a must-visit for music lovers seeking a quintessential D.C. jazz experience.

Photo: Markus Kaemmerer/Shutterstock
Address: 1073 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.
Opening hours: Daily 6pm–11pm
Phone: +1 202 337 4141
Internet: www.bluesalley.com

Nellie's Sports Bar



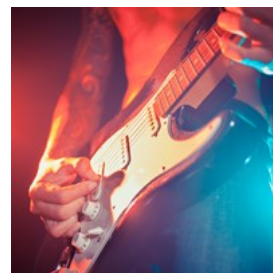
Nellie’s Sports Bar on U Street is a lively, LGBTQ+-friendly spot where sports, music, and community come together. It’s a great

place to catch a game, but it also hosts a rotating lineup of events—from drag bingo and weekend drag brunches to trivia nights and DJ parties.

The bar has a relaxed downstairs for watching sports and an upstairs dance floor that heats up late, making it a versatile hangout for both casual drinks and memorable nights.

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Address: 900 U Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Phone: +1 202 332 6355
Internet: www.nelliessportsbar.com
Email: info@nelliessportsbar.com

9:30 Club



9:30 Club is a renowned music venue just off U Street, known for hosting both iconic and up-and-coming artists.

With a spacious interior, balcony seating, and excellent sightlines, it’s perfect for catching a show no matter where you stand. The club also serves a selection of pub-style fare, including veggie-friendly options. Recognized by Rolling Stone as one of the 10 best live music venues, 9:30 Club has welcomed legendary performers like Bob Dylan, Radiohead, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, making it a must-visit for music fans in D.C.

Photo: naito29/Shutterstock
Address: 815 V Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Phone: +1 202 265 0930
Internet: www.930.com

Barrel



Barrel is a rustic bourbon bar within walking distance of the National Mall. The menu highlights

Southern-inspired small plates like smoked brisket and fried chicken, while the extensive bourbon selection keeps cocktail lovers happy.

Photo: Jake Hukee/Shutterstock

Address: 613 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, D.C.
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 4pm–midnight, Fri 2pm–1am, Sat 11am–1am, Sun 11am–9pm
Phone: +1 202 543 3623
Internet: <https://barreldc.com>

Clyde's of Georgetown



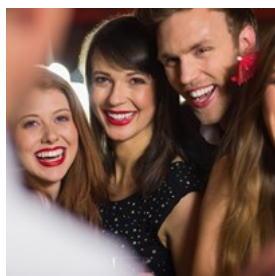
Clyde's of Georgetown, located in the historic Georgetown neighborhood, is a Washington institution serving classic American

cuisine alongside handcrafted cocktails and an extensive wine list. The warm and inviting setting, complete with wood-paneled walls, cozy dining nooks, and a timeless ambiance, makes it a favorite for both locals and visitors.

Photo: Maksym Fesenko/Shutterstock

Address: 3236 M Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Phone: +1 202 333 9180
Internet: www.clydes.com/location/clydes-georgetown

The Tombs



The Tombs is a Georgetown institution, tucked into a converted 19th-century townhouse just steps from the university. Beloved by students, alumni, and professors alike, it has a warm, wood-paneled interior that feels equal parts classic pub and campus common room. The menu covers American comfort food alongside a solid beer list and cocktails. The Tombs is one of those places where visitors can soak in Georgetown's collegiate spirit firsthand.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock

Address: 1226 36th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Opening hours: Mon–Wed 11:30am–midnight, Thu–Sat 11:30am–2am, Sun 10am–midnight

Phone: +1 202 337 6668

Internet: www.tombs.com
Email: info@tombs.com

SHOPPING



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For a serious shopping spree, Georgetown is probably the most famous area for retail therapy, but many neighborhoods have enough boutiques, markets, and designer stores to make the city a shopper's paradise. Malls are in more suburban areas but are still easily accessible thanks to their notoriety.

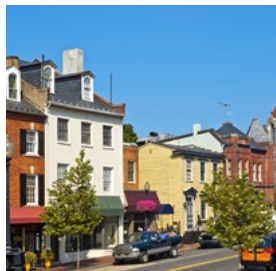
Downtown & Chinatown



Downtown is where you'll find Washington's most central mix of shopping, from national retailers to souvenir shops clustered around landmarks and Metro hubs. Once home to large department stores, today the area blends modern office towers with shopping arcades and easy-to-reach malls. Just a few blocks away, Chinatown adds its own flavor, with the Friendship Archway marking streets lined with Asian restaurants, bubble tea shops, and a handful of small markets. Together, the two neighborhoods make for a convenient stop if you're browsing between sightseeing or looking for something to bring home.

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Georgetown



Georgetown is a shopper's paradise, offering something for every taste and budget. Trendy fashion chains like H&M and Zara sit alongside high-end boutiques and designer stores, while independent shops specialize in jewelry, homewares, and quirky gifts. Art and antique lovers will find plenty to explore, with galleries and specialty stores showcasing unique pieces, from vintage décor to contemporary artwork. For a taste of Georgetown's charm, stroll along M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, where historic rowhouses house modern shops, cafés, and artisanal stores.

Photo: VICTOR TORRES/Shutterstock

Address: Georgetown

Internet: www.georgetowndc.com

Eastern Market



One of D.C.'s most beloved landmarks, Eastern Market has been at the heart of Capitol Hill since 1873. Housed in a 19th-century brick building, it's a bustling spot where locals shop for fresh produce, meats, and baked goods, while artisans outside sell pottery, jewelry, soaps, and other handmade crafts. On weekends, the market spills into the surrounding streets with a lively flea market offering everything from antiques to international foods.

Photo: Von Givens/Shutterstock

Address: 225 7th Street SE, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 8am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 202 698 5253

Internet: <https://easternmarket-dc.org>

Georgetown Flea Market



Open Sundays, this long-running outdoor market is a treasure trove for collectors and browsers alike. Stroll between stalls packed with antiques, old books, vintage furniture, Chinese pottery, jewelry, and art from around the world. Grab a snack from one of the food vendors and soak up the weekend market vibe in one of D.C.'s most historic neighbourhoods.

Photo: sirtravelalot/Shutterstock

Address: 1819 35th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Sun 8am-4pm

Phone: +1 202 775 3532

Internet: www.instagram.com/georgetownflea

Union Market



A hub of D.C.'s food scene, Union Market is a lively indoor market where more than 40 local vendors serve everything from oysters and empanadas to Korean tacos and gelato. Beyond the food, you'll find pop-up shops, artisan goods, and weekend events that draw both locals and visitors.

Photo: Josep Suria/Shutterstock

Address: 1309 5th Street NE, Washington, D.C.

Public Transport: Nearest Metro: NoMa-Gallaudet U (Red line), about a 10-minute walk.

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 8am-8pm

Internet: www.unionmarketdc.com

Capitol Hill Books



Just a short walk from the U.S. Capitol and Supreme Court, this three-story used bookstore is a haven for book lovers.

Floor-to-ceiling shelves are packed with secondhand treasures, from first editions to obscure finds, making it easy to lose track of time browsing.

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Address: 657 C Street SE, Washington, D.C.

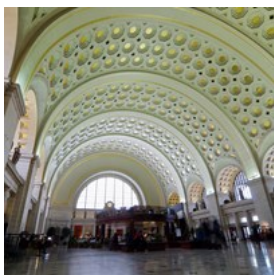
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-7pm

Phone: +1 202 544 1621

Internet: www.capitolhillbooks-dc.com

Email: info@capitolhillbooks-dc.com

Union Station



Union Station is Washington's grand Beaux-Arts gateway—part transit hub, part shopping arcade, and a destination in itself. Beneath the

soaring vaulted ceiling, more than a hundred shops—ranging from souvenir stalls and bookstores to fashion outlets—rub shoulders with cafés and quick bites. With Amtrak, Metro, commuter rail, and bus lines all under one roof, it's your one-stop stop for travel, shopping, and people watching.

Photo: Orhan Cam/Shutterstock

Address: 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 289 1908

Internet: www.unionstationdc.com

White House Gifts



A stone's throw from the White House, this specialty shop offers one of the city's widest selections of presidential, diplomatic, and

military-themed souvenirs. Visitors can browse more than 1,000 products, from mugs and apparel to collectibles, and even pose for a photo behind a replica of the famous Resolute Desk in the Oval Office.

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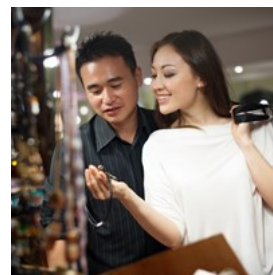
Address: 701 15th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 9am-8pm

Phone: +1 202 737 9500

Internet: www.whitehousegifts.com

Fashion Center at Pentagon City



Just across the river in Arlington, Virginia, the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City is a convenient stop for travelers. With over 170

stores—ranging from popular retailers to high-end brands—and plenty of dining options, it's easy to spend a few hours browsing. Direct access to the Pentagon City Metro station makes it simple to combine shopping with sightseeing in D.C., and it's only a short ride from Reagan National Airport.

Photo: merzzie/Shutterstock

Address: 1100 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA

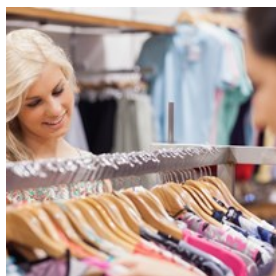
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +1 703 415 2400

Internet:

www.simon.com/mall/fashion-centre-at-pentagon-city

Potomac Mills



A shopper's mecca just south of D.C., Potomac Mills is Virginia's largest outlet mall with more than 200 stores. You'll find everything from Bloomingdale's The Outlet Store and Nordstrom Rack to IKEA and the Nike Clearance Store—all under one roof. And when you need a break, there's a large food court, a movie theatre, a bowling alley, and even a trampoline park. It's only about a 30-minute drive or reachable via the Franconia-Springfield Metro station, plus a short bus or ride-share trip.

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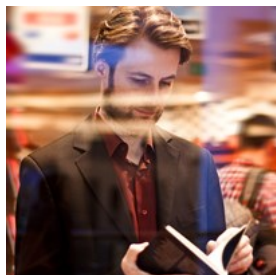
Address: 2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Woodbridge, VA

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10am–8pm, Fri & Sat 10am–9pm, Sun 11am–6pm

Phone: +1 703 469 9330

Internet: www.simon.com/mall/potomac-mills

Kramers



Since 1976, Kramers has been a D.C. institution, blending an indie bookstore with a lively café and bar. It's a local favorite for everything from browsing shelves to enjoying brunch, dinner, or cocktails with friends. The space also hosts regular events, making it a cultural hub as much as a spot for good food and books.

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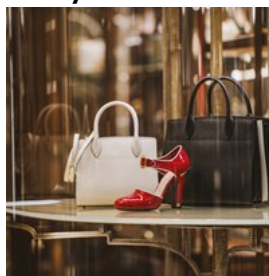
Address: 1517 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8am–10pm, Sun 8am–9pm

Phone: +1 202 387 1400

Internet: www.kramers.com

Chevy Chase Pavilion



Chevy Chase Pavilion is an upscale shopping destination in Northwest D.C., directly connected to the Friendship Heights Metro station. The sleek, modern complex houses a mix of well-known retailers, boutique shops, and dining spots, making it a convenient stop whether you're shopping for fashion, gifts, or just grabbing a bite.

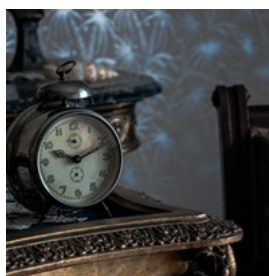
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Address: 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 7am–11pm, Sun 7am–9pm

Phone: +1 202 686 5335

Miss Pixie's



Miss Pixie's is a sprawling boutique in Georgetown, filled with an eclectic mix of vintage furniture and funky home décor. New items arrive every Wednesday, so regular visits are rewarded with fresh finds. Open daily, it's the perfect spot to browse, discover, and take home a unique piece of style or history.

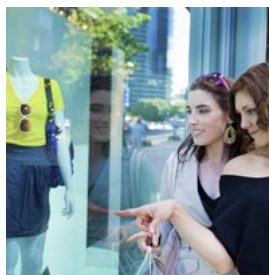
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Address: 1830 Columbia Road NW, Washington, D.C.

Phone: +1 202 232 8171

Internet: www.misspixies.com

Friendship Heights



Straddling the D.C.–Maryland border, Friendship Heights has long been known as one of the city's upscale shopping districts. Along Wisconsin Avenue, you'll find a mix of designer

boutiques, national retailers, and luxury jewelers. It's a refined stretch that feels more suburban than central D.C., but it's just a short Metro ride away.

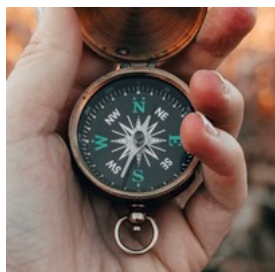
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Address: Friendship Heights

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Quadrants of Washington, D.C.



Washington, D.C. is divided into four quadrants—Northwest (NW), Northeast (NE), Southwest (SW), and Southeast (SE)—used primarily for addressing purposes. The city is split along its north-south axis (North and South Capitol Street) and east-west axis (East and West Capitol Street), with the center point marked by a star-shaped medallion in the Crypt beneath the Capitol Rotunda. Each quadrant has its own character, with distinct neighborhoods, attractions, and amenities.

NW (Northwest): Home to many of the city's most affluent neighborhoods, museums, and cultural institutions.

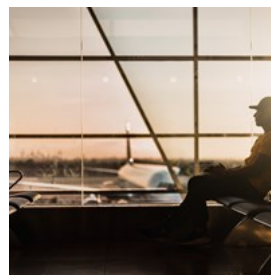
NE (Northeast): Features residential neighborhoods alongside landmarks like the U.S. Capitol and other government buildings.

SW (Southwest): Includes a mix of residential areas, lower-income communities, and key tourist attractions.

SE (Southeast): Known for historic Anacostia, the Navy Yard, and various residential neighborhoods.

Photo: Mariah Hewines/unsplash

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)



Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is the closest airport to downtown D.C., located in Arlington, Virginia, just

across the Potomac River — the drive typically takes around 15 to 20 minutes, depending on traffic.

Reaching the city from DCA is simple and efficient. The airport is directly connected to the Metrorail system via the Blue and Yellow Lines, with trains whisking passengers into downtown stations like Metro Center and L'Enfant Plaza in under 20 minutes. In addition, taxis and ride-share services such as Uber and Lyft are readily available from designated pick-up areas outside the terminals.

Photo: Marco López/Unsplash
Address: Ronald Reagan National Airport
Phone: +1 703 417 8000
Internet: www.flyreagan.com

Dulles International Airport (IAD)



Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), the primary international gateway to the Washington metropolitan area, sits about 42 km west of downtown D.C. A drive typically takes 35 to 40 minutes under normal traffic conditions.

Travelers can hop on the Metro Silver Line, which connects directly to the airport via a short underground tunnel with moving walkways. From there, trains reach downtown stops like Metro Center or L'Enfant Plaza in about 50 to 60 minutes.

For those traveling by road, Washington Flyer taxis provide direct service into the city, while ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft are available from designated pickup zones just outside arrivals.

Photo: CHUTTERSNAPE/Unsplash
Address: Dulles International Airport
Phone: +1 703 572 2700
Internet: www.flydulles.com

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI)



Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) is located approximately 51 km northeast of downtown Washington, D.C., with a typical drive time of about 45 to 60 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

For travelers heading into the city, there are several convenient options. MTA Commuter Bus

201 offers service to the Shady Grove Metro Station, where passengers can transfer to the Metro Red Line into downtown D.C. The bus ride takes approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Alternatively, Amtrak and MARC trains operate from the BWI Rail Station, providing service to Union Station in Washington, D.C., with an average travel time of about 40 minutes. A free shuttle connects the airport terminal to the rail station.

For those preferring direct road transportation, taxis and ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft are readily available. Taxis can be found on the lower level of the terminal, while ride-sharing pickups are located on the upper level.

Photo: Bao Menglong/Unsplash
Address: Baltimore/Washington International Airport
Phone: +1 410 859 7111
Internet: <https://bwiairport.com>

Passport/Visa



Citizens of Schengen Area countries, along with Andorra, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Ireland, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino,

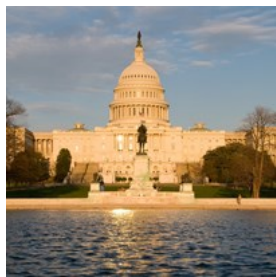
Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, can visit the United States for up to 90 days without needing a visa, provided they obtain an approved ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before their trip. All other travelers must secure a visa before visiting the U.S.

In addition, international travelers must ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond their intended stay. For the most current

information and any updates on entry requirements, it is advisable to consult the U.S. Department of State website or contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate before traveling.

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Best Time to Visit



The Best Time to visit Washington, D.C. is during spring and fall, when the weather is pleasant and the city is at its most picturesque. Late

March to April brings the famous cherry blossoms around the Tidal Basin, while September to November offers crisp air, colorful foliage, and smaller crowds. Summer is lively with festivals and outdoor events, though it can get hot and humid, and winter is quieter, perfect for museum visits and enjoying festive holiday decorations.

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Public Transport



Washington, D.C., has a comprehensive public transportation system that makes exploring the city a breeze for visitors. The Washington

Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) operates the Metrorail and Metrobus, connecting key neighborhoods, landmarks, and attractions. The Metrorail has six color-coded lines linking major points across the city, while the Metrobus covers extensive routes throughout the city and nearby suburbs. Additionally, the DC Circulator offers low-cost buses connecting popular destinations such as the National Mall,

Georgetown, and Union Station.

For tourists, the SmarTrip card—or the SmarTrip app—is the most convenient way to pay fares. The card works on both Metrorail and Metrobus. While Metrorail also accepts contactless credit cards and mobile payments like Apple Pay or Google Wallet, Metrobus requires a SmarTrip card for payment. Cards can be purchased at stations, online, or at retail locations. Metrorail fares vary by time and distance, whereas Metrobus fares are fixed. WMATA also offers 1-day, 3-day, and 7-day unlimited passes for unlimited travel within the chosen time frame.

To plan your journey, check routes, or view timetables, you can use WMATA's Trip Planner tool or visit the official WMATA website.

Photo: StockSnap/Pixabay

Internet: www.wmata.com

Taxi



Taxis are readily available throughout Washington, D.C., and all licensed cabs are easily recognizable by their red color with a gray stripe

along the doors. You can hail them on the street, find them at taxi stands near major hotels and attractions, or book in advance by phone or app. Ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft also operate extensively in the city, offering a convenient alternative with a variety of vehicle options.

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Post



In Washington, D.C., most U.S. Postal Service (USPS) locations operate Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, with select branches offering Saturday hours from 9 am to 12 pm. Many post offices are closed on Sundays. Some locations provide 24/7 lobby access for PO Box services, allowing customers to retrieve mail and packages at their convenience.

USPS post offices in D.C. offer a variety of services, including standard mail handling, PO Box rentals, domestic and international money orders, passport applications and photos, and package services.

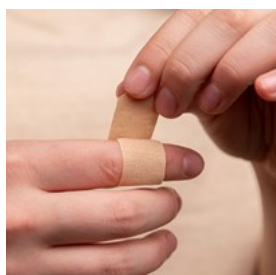
Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/Unsplash

Address: United States Postal Service (Union Station) - 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-5pm, Sat 7:30am-3:30pm, Sun closed

Internet: www.usps.com

Pharmacy



In Washington, D.C., the main pharmacy chains are CVS, Walgreens, and Safeway Pharmacy. They provide prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, health and beauty products, vaccinations, and other basic health services.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: Walgreens - 801 7th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +1 202 789 5345

Telephone



Country code: +1 Area code: 202

Photo: Miryam León/Unsplash

Electricity



US standard voltage is 110-115V, and the standard frequency is 60Hz. The sockets and the power plugs are of type A and B. Type A plugs have two flat parallel pins, while Type B plugs have two flat parallel pins plus a grounding pin.

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Time Zone



Washington, D.C. is located in the Eastern Time Zone (ET), which is 5 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC-5). During daylight saving time, observed from early March to early November, the city shifts to UTC-4.

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Population

684,394 (2025)

Currency

US Dollar (USD)

Internet

<https://washington.org>

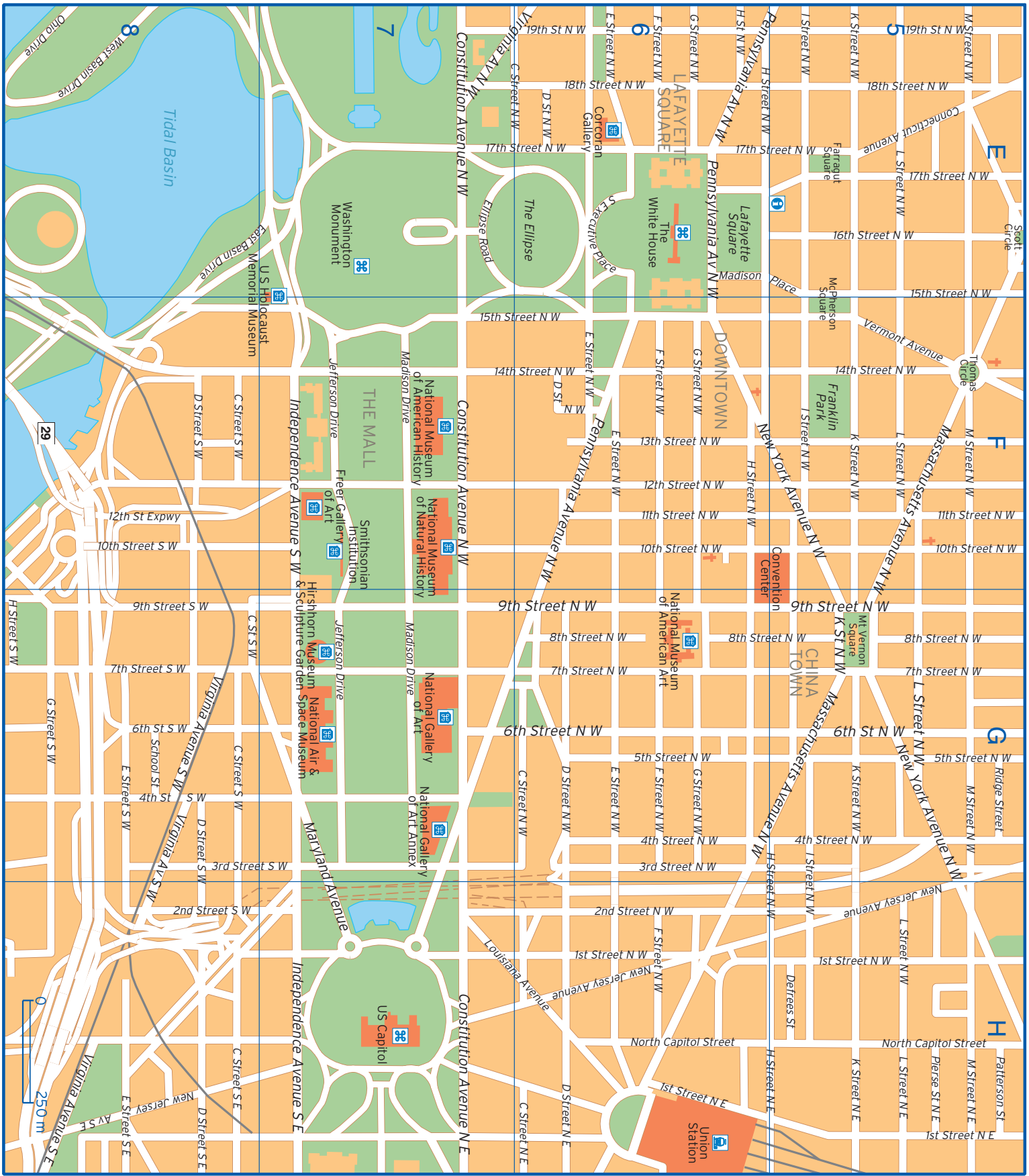
Newspapers

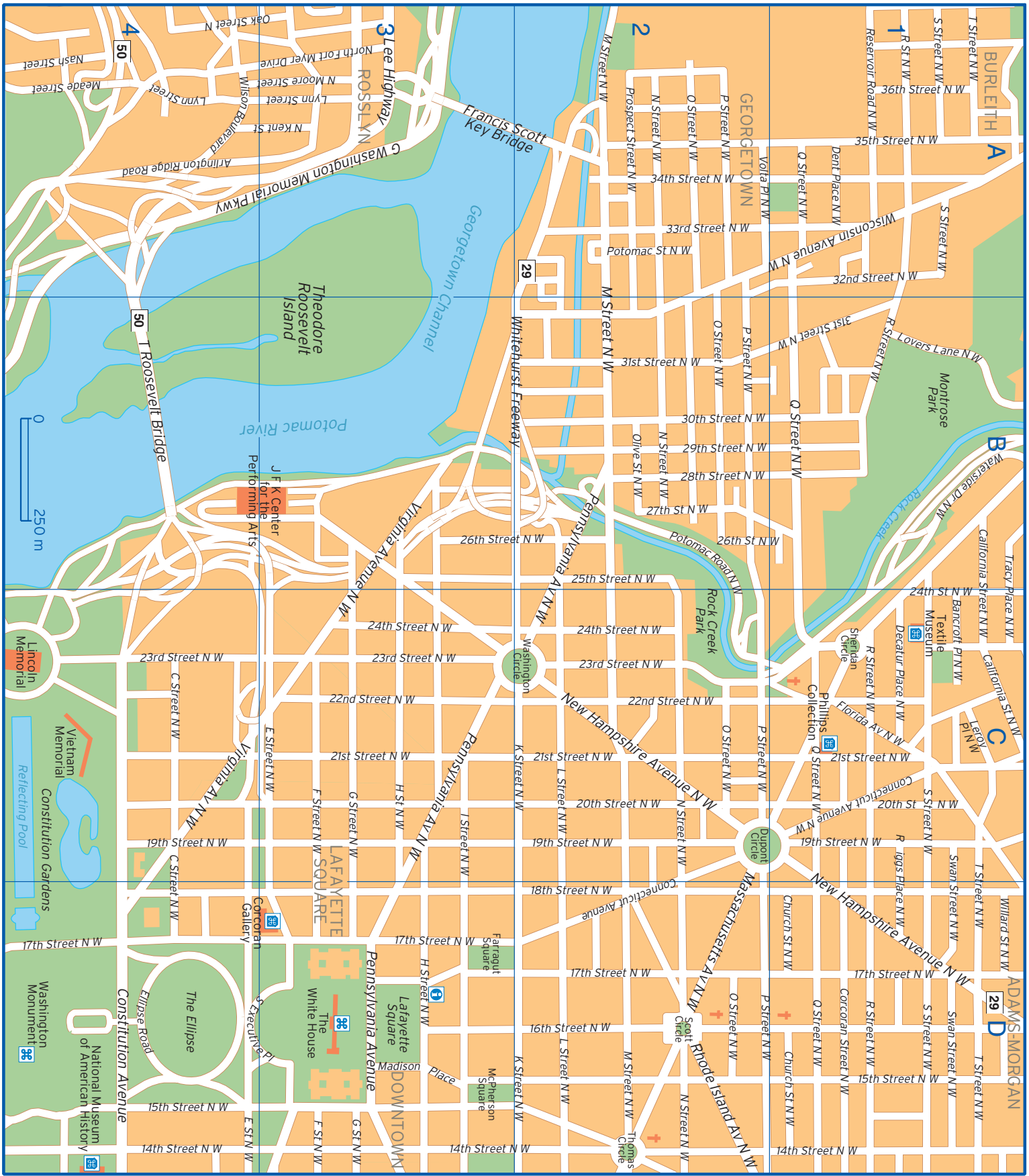
The Washington Post: www.washingtonpost.com

The Washington Times: www.washingtontimes.com

The Washington City Paper:
<https://washingtoncitypaper.com>

Emergency numbers
911





10th Street North West	F5 F6	9th Street North West	G5 G6 G7	Independence Avenue South East	H7
10th Street South West	F8	9th Street South West	G8	Independence Avenue South West	F7
11th Street North West	F5 F6	Arlington Ridge Road	A4	Jefferson Drive	F7 G7
12th Street Expressway	F8	Bancroft Place North West	C1	K Street North East	H5
12th Street North West	F6	C Street North East	H6	K Street North West	E5 F5 G5
13th Street North West	F6	C Street North West	E7 G6	K Street North West	C2 D2
14th Street North West	F5 F6 F7	C Street North West	C4 D4	L Street North East	H5
14th Street North West	D1 D2 D3 D4	C Street South East	H8	L Street North West	E5 F5 G5 H5
15th Street North West	D1 D4	C Street South West	F8 G8	L Street North West	C2 D2
15th Street North West	E5 F6 F7	California Street North West	B1 C1	Lee Highway	A3
16th Street North West	E5	Church Street North West	D1	Leroy Place North West	C1
16th Street North West	D2	Connecticut Avenue	C2 D2	Louisiana Avenue	H6 H7
17th Street North West	D1 D2 D3 D4	Connecticut Avenue	E5	Lovers Lane North West	B1
17th Street North West	E5 E6 E7	Connecticut Avenue North West	C1	Lynn Street	A3 A4
18th Street North West	E5 E6	Constitution Avenue	D4	M Street North East	H5
18th Street North West	D2	Constitution Avenue North East	H7	M Street North West	E5 F5 G5
19th Street North West	C1 C2 C4	Constitution Avenue North West	E7 F7	M Street North West	A2 B2 D2
19th Street North West	E5 E6	Corcoran Street North West	D1	Madison Drive	F7 G7
1st Street North East	H5 H6	D Street North East	H6	Madison Place	E5 E6
1st Street North West	H5 H6	D Street North West	E6 F6 G6	Madison Place	D3
20th Street North West	C1 C2	D Street South East	H8	Maryland Avenue	G7 H7
21st Street North West	C1 C2 C3	D Street South West	F8 G8 H8	Massachusetts Avenue North W	F5 G5 G6
22nd Street North West	C2 C3	Decatur Place North West	C1	Massachusetts Avenue North West	C2 D2
23rd Street North West	C2 C3 C4	Defrees Street	H5	McPherson Square	D3
24th Street	C1 C2 C3	Dent Place North West	A1	McPherson Square	E5 F5

North West					
25th Street	B2	Dupont Circle	C2	Meade Street	A4
North West					
26th Street	B1 B2 B3	E Street North West	C3 D4	Mt Vernon Square	G5
North West					
27th Street	B2	E Street North West	E6 F6 G6	N Street North West	A2 B2 C2 D2
North West					
28th Street	B2	E Street South East	H8	Nash Street	A4
North West					
29th Street	B2	E Street South West	G8	New Hampshire Avenue North W	C1 C2 D1
North West					
2nd Street	H6	East Basin Drive	E7 E8	New Jersey Avenue South East	H5 H6 H8
North West					
2nd Street	H8	Ellipse Road	E7	New York Avenue North West	F5 F6 G5
South West					
30th Street	B2	Ellipse Road	D4	North Capitol Street	H5 H6
North West					
31st Street	B1 B2	F Street North West	C3 D3	North Fort Myer Drive	A3
North West					
32nd Street	A1	F Street North West	E6 F6 G6 H6	North Kent Street	A3 A4
North West					
33rd Street	A2	Farragut Square	E5	North Moore Street	A3 A4
North West					
34th Street	A2	Farragut Square	D3	O Street North West	A2 B2 C2 D2
North West					
35th Street	A1	Florida Avenue North West	C1	Oak Street North	A3 A4
North West					
36th Street	A1	Francis Scott Key Bridge	A2 A3	Ohio Drive	E8
North West					
3rd Street	G6	G Street North West	C3 D3	Olive Street North West	B2
North West					
3rd Street	G7 G8	G Street North West	E6 F6 G6	P Street North West	A2 B2 C2 D2
South West					
4th Street	G5 G6	G Street South West	G8	Patterson Street	H5
North West					
4th Street	G8	George Washington Memorial Pkwy	A3 A4	Pennsylvania Avenue	D3
South West					
5th Street	G5 G6	H Street North East	H6	Pennsylvania Avenue North W	B2 C2 C3
North West					
6th Street	G5 G6 G7	H Street North West	E6 F6 G6 H6	Pennsylvania Avenue North West	E6 F6
North West					
6th Street	G8	H Street North West	C3 D3	Pierse Street North East	H5
South West					
7th Street	G5 G6	H Street South West	G8	Potomac Road North West	B2 C2
North West					
7th Street	G8	I Street North West	E5 F5 G5 H5	Potomac Street North West	A2
South West					
8th Street	G5 G6	I Street North West	C3	Prospect Street North West	A2
North West					

Q Street North West	A1 B1 C1 D1	South Executive Place	D3 D4	Virginia Avenue South East	H8
R Street North West	A1 B1 C1 D1	South Executive Place	E6	Virginia Avenue South West	G8 H8
Reservoir Road North West	A1	Swan Street North West	C1 D1	Volta Place North West	A2
Rhode Island Avenue North West	D2	T Street North West	A1 C1 D1	Washington Circle	C2
Ridge Street	G5	Theodore Roosevelt Bridge	B4	Waterside Drive North West	B1
Riggs Place North West	C1 D1	Thomas Circle	D2	West Basin Drive	E8
S Street North West	A1 C1 D1	Thomas Circle	F5	Whitehurst Freeway	B3
School Street	G8	Tracy Place North West	B1 C1	Willard Street North West	D1
Scott Circle	E5	Vermont Avenue	F5	Wilson Boulevard	A4
Scott Circle	D2	Virginia Avenue North West	B3 C3 C4	Wisconsin Avenue North West	A1 A2
Sheridan Circle	C1	Virginia Avenue North West	E6 E7		