

## Getting Around in Washington, DC

The rail and bus systems in the Washington Metropolitan Area are called the metrorail (or simply the metro) and the metrobus. Both trains and busses run throughout Washington DC and into suburban Virginia and Maryland. Metrorail connects the city to Reagan National Airport and metrobus service is available to Dulles Airport. Maps, routes, bus schedules, and detailed fare information are available on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority website <http://www.wmata.com>. The website also has a trip planner which gives bus and rail connections and travel costs between places.



### Metrorail



**Cost:** Metrorail cost varies with distance traveled and time of day. (Peak fares: before 9:30 am, between 3 and 7 pm, and after midnight on Friday and Saturday.) You must purchase a SmarTrip fare card from a vending machine at a station and touch it to a gate sensor before boarding and after exiting a train. You can purchase a card for the exact fare from one station to another or for a larger amount that allows you to make more than one trip. You can also add value to your card at the vending machines. All machines accept cash, credit and debit cards. If you use cash, note that the machines only provide up to \$10 in change. A One Day Pass is available for unlimited metrorail and metrobus rides for \$13.00. The Trip Planner at <http://www.wmata.com> is an excellent resource to calculate fares and routes.

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs: 5 am-12 am; Fri: 5 am-1 am; Sat: 7 am-1 am; Sun: 7 am-1 am.

**Finding Metrorail stations:** See the Transit Authority website for a map of rail lines and stations. Signs with a large "M" identify station entrances, and one or more colored stripes identify the line(s) served by each station. (Green Line, Red Line, etc.) The Omni Shoreham Hotel is located one-half block from the Red Line's Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan metro stop on Connecticut Avenue.

**Taking Metrorail from Reagan National Airport:** From the airport, take the Yellow Line (toward Mount Vernon Square) to Gallery Place/Chinatown. *Change there to the Red Line* (toward Shady Grove). Exit the metro at the Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan station.

### Metrobus



**Cost:** Bus fare is \$2 within the city and higher on routes that are express or go beyond the city. *You must have the exact fare in cash* or present a metro fare card that has the required balance.

**Hours:** 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but service frequency varies with the time of day and night.

**Finding bus stops:** See the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority website <http://www.wmata.com> for bus stops, which are easily identified by red, white and blue signs.

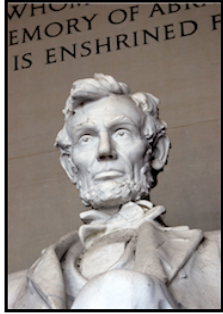
### Uber, Lyft, Taxi



All are available in DC. Taxis often wait outside the hotel, and they can be hailed on any busy street.

**Cost:** Uber and Lyft inform you of the fare when you request a ride. The minimum taxi fare is \$3.50, and the charge for each additional mile is \$2.16. Each additional passenger is charged \$1. For a trip originating at the Reagan National Airport taxi stand, you will pay a \$2.50 surcharge and a \$.50 fee per bag placed in the trunk. (Metrobus or airport shuttles are better from Dulles, which is a considerable distance from DC.)

# Museums, Monuments, and Other Interesting Places



Washington DC is a city of outstanding museums and monuments that honor people, events, and moments in history.

Below is a selection of these attractions and information about their locations and hours. This is by no means a comprehensive list. For more complete information, see the city's official tourism site, <http://www.washington.org>.

Note that a number of the federal buildings, such as the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, offer behind-the-scenes tours. However, the covid pandemic has changed many procedures. Please visit the website for the most up to date information. The hotel concierge can also assist you with questions and tour reservations.

## White House

<http://www.nps.gov/whho/>

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Metrorail stations: Farragut West and McPherson Square. Tours may be arranged through a member of congress. At this time the National Park Service is not organizing tours. Other inside access is not permitted.



## National Zoo

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu>

3001 Connecticut Avenue NW. Admission is free but entry passes are required. The zoo is within walking distance of the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Officially part of the Smithsonian Institution complex, the zoo grounds are open from 8 am to 4 pm.

## Smithsonian Museums

<http://si.edu>

See the website for locations and exhibit information. Admission is free but many require timed entry tickets. Most museums have gift shops with unique items, and many have restaurants or cafes.

Open 8:30-5:30 daily:

- Smithsonian Institution Building (the Castle)

Open 10 am to 5:30 pm daily:

- African American History and Culture Museum
- African Art Museum
- Air and Space Museum
- American History Museum
- American Indian Museum
- Freer /Sackler Galleries
- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
- Natural History Museum
- Postal Museum
- Renwick Gallery
- Ripley Center

Open 11:30 am to 7 pm daily:

- National Portrait Gallery
- Smithsonian American Art Museum

## Arlington National Cemetery

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Memorial Drive, Fort Myer, Virginia  
Metrorail station: Arlington Cemetery. The cemetery is open from 8 am to 6 pm, and admission is free. Visitors can see the graves of thousands of men and women who served in the U.S. military, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the graves of John F. Kennedy and many other famous Americans.

## U.S. Holocaust Museum

<https://www.ushmm.org/>

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW. Metrorail station: Smithsonian. This internationally acclaimed museum tells the story of the Holocaust through artifacts, films, photos, and oral histories. The museum is open daily from 10 am to 5:20 pm, and admission is free. Timed-entry tickets are required.

## National Cathedral

<https://cathedral.org>

3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW. No metrorail station is nearby. See the metro website trip planner for a bus connection (or walk the 1.4 miles from the Omni Shoreham hotel). Open 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday; 10 am to 4 pm Saturday; 12:45 to 4 pm Sunday. Tours are scheduled every half hour, Monday through Friday, between 10:15 and 11:15 am and 1 pm and 3:30 pm; Saturdays between 10:15 am and 3 pm. A tour is included in the \$15 cost of admission.

### **U.S. Capitol Building**

<https://www.visitthecapitol.gov>

Visitor Center: Intersection of East Capitol St. NE and First Street NE. Metrorail station: Capitol South. Admission is free, and the Capitol is open Monday - Saturday, 8:30 to 3:30. Currently entry to the Capitol Visitor Center is only available to those with tour reservations. Advance reservations are required for a tour. Visit the [Schedule a Tour](#) page to select a day/time.



### **Supreme Court**

<http://www.supremecourtus.gov>

First St. NE and Maryland Ave. NE. Metrorail station: Union Station. The Supreme Court is open for official business but is currently not accepting visitors.

### **FDR Memorial**

<https://www.nps.gov/frde/>

400 West Basin Drive SW. Metrorail station: Smithsonian. (Requires a walk; bus service is more direct.) This site depicts the pivotal years of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency through a series of four outdoor galleries. Open 24 hours a day.

### **Jefferson Memorial**

<http://www.nps.gov/thje>

701 East Basin Drive SW.

Metrorail station: Smithsonian

(Requires a walk; bus service is more direct.) Open 24 hours a day. The memorial celebrates Thomas Jefferson as the primary author of the Declaration of Independence and reflects his love of classical architecture.

### **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial**

<http://www.nleomf.com/>

605 E St. NW, between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets NW.

Metrorail station: Judiciary Square. Marble walls display the names of more than 17,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Open 24 hours/day.

### **International Spy Museum**

<https://www.spymuseum.org>

700 L'Enfant Plaza, SW. Metrorail station: L'Enfant Plaza. Open daily 10 am to 6 pm. Admission: \$27.95. (College student discount available.) This is world's only public museum that is dedicated to the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage. Self-guided 1.5 to 2 hour tours. Advanced tickets encouraged.

### **National Archives**

<https://www.archives.gov>

700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Metrorail station: Archives/ Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter. Open daily 10 am to 5:30 pm. (Last admission 5 pm.) Admission is free. The Archives house the original copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Louisiana Purchase Treaty, and the Emancipation Proclamation, as well as collections of photography and historically significant American artifacts.

### **Bureau of Printing and Engraving**

<http://www.moneyfactory.gov>

14<sup>th</sup> & C Streets SW. Metrorail station: Smithsonian. (Use the Independence Ave. exit.) This building is currently closed to visitors due to the pandemic.

### **National Mall**

<http://www.nps.gov/nama>

Metrorail station: Smithsonian. The mall is an inviting green park that extends for about two miles west from the U.S. Capitol Building. This is where you will find most of the **Smithsonian Museums** listed on page 2.

Among the other National Mall attractions are:

**U.S. Botanical Gardens** <http://www.usbg.gov>

**National Gallery of Art** <http://www.nga.gov>

**Washington Monument** <http://www.nps.gov/wamo>

**World War II Memorial** <http://www.nps.gov/mlkm/>

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial** <http://www.nps.gov/vive>

**Lincoln Memorial** <http://www.nps.gov/line>

**Korean War Veterans Memorial** <https://www.nsp.gov/kowa>

**Martin Luther King Memorial** <http://www.nps.gov/mlkm/War>

# Places to Eat

## At the Conference

Make new friends and enjoy good food at Wednesday's opening dinner, at breakfast and lunch on Thursday, and at breakfast on Friday. These meals are provided free of charge as part of your conference registration.

## Neighborhood Restaurants

Many affordable restaurants are located within easy walking distance of the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Here are a few inexpensive to moderately priced options. See the hotel concierge for a list that includes upscale restaurants.



**Bistro Bites** (French Crepes) - 2623 Connecticut Ave NW - inexpensive

**Cocina Mexicana** (Mexican) 2609 24th St NW - moderate

**District Kitchen** (American) 2606 Connecticut Ave NW

**Eddie's Café** (Chinese) - 2600 Connecticut Ave. NW - inexpensive

**Lebanese Taverna** (Middle Eastern) - 2641 Connecticut Ave. NW - moderate

**Lilies Restaurant & Bar** (Med & Italian Accents) 2915 Connecticut Ave NW - moderate

**Mama Ayesha's** (Middle Eastern) - 1967 Calvert Street NW - moderate

**McDonald's** - 2616 Connecticut Ave. NW - inexpensive

**Nando's** (peri peri chicken) - 2631 Connecticut Ave NW - moderate

**New Heights Restaurant** (American) 2317 Calvert St NW- moderate to expensive

**Open City** (combined American diner, coffeehouse, bar) - 2331 Calvert St. NW- inexpensive

**Rajaji Curry House** (Indian) - 2603 Connecticut Ave. NW - inexpensive to moderate

**Tono Sushi** (Sushi House) - 2605 Connecticut Ave NW - moderate

**Umi Japanese Cuisine** (Japanses) - 2625 Connecticut Avenue NW - moderate



## Convenience Food, Coffee, and Snacks

**CVS** (drug store & convenience store) - 2601 Connecticut Ave. NW

**FroZenYo** - 3000 Connecticut Ave. NW

**Manhattan Market** (groceries) - 2647 Connecticut Ave NW

**Starbucks** - 3000 Connecticut Ave. NW