

## ***Destination DC***

Washington, DC visitors enjoy access to an impressive list of fascinating attractions, from the monuments and memorials on the National Mall to inspiring cultural treasures like the Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress and National Gallery of Art. A diverse and beautiful world capital, DC invites visitors to step beyond these federal landmarks to explore charming neighborhoods like historic Georgetown, eclectic Adams-Morgan and trendy U Street. DC's neighborhoods tempt visitors with chic boutiques, hip new restaurants and bars, world-class theaters, art galleries and peaceful parks and gardens.

While you are here, join in on some of the amazing deals DC has to offer! Enjoy discounts at attractions, performing arts events and world-class dining. Simply show your conference badge to any of the participating partners and receive exclusive discounts and great treatment – view a list of the [participating partners](#).

### ***Museum & Memorial Highlights***

#### **Smithsonian Institute**

[www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

This educational and research institute is primarily funded by the US Government as well as contributions and profits from its shops and publications. With about 19 museums, zoos and research center in DC alone, the Institute also holds facilities in New York City, New York, Chantilly and Leesburg, Virginia and Panama.

**Freer Gallery** – Jefferson Dr. and 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W.

<http://www.asia.si.edu/>

See exhibits featuring art from all over the world- including Chinese, South Asian, American, and Japanese art.

**National Museum of African American History & Culture** – 1400 Constitution Ave., N.W.

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

Come see the newest addition to the Smithsonian Museum collection. Explore the Civil Rights Movement to the Musical Crossroads in African American History.

**National Air & Space Museum** – 655 Jefferson Dr., SW

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/>

Come see the largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world and stop by the gift shop to sample some astronaut ice cream!

**National Gallery of Art** – 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> streets

<http://www.nga.gov/>

Walk through the many corridors covered in masterpieces or take a pleasant stroll in the sculpture garden to grab a coffee and enjoy the sunlight in the center courtyard.

**National Museum of American History** – Constitution Ave., between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/>

Visit this newly renovated museum and see the exhibits that represent America's history. Experience exhibits like *The First Ladies*, *FOOD: Transforming the American Table*, and *America on the Move*.

**National Museum of the American Indian** – 4<sup>th</sup> St. and Independence Ave., S.W.

<http://www.nmai.si.edu/>

Stop by the National Museum of the American Indian, the world's largest museum complex, to see the many exhibitions on display that highlight the history, culture, and art.

**National Museum of Natural History** – 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Constitution Ave., N.W.

<http://www.mnh.si.edu/>

According to the National Museum of Natural History website, the Butterfly Pavilion is a visitor favorite! The exhibit consists of about 300 butterflies that are from all over the world including Mexico, India, and Southeast Asia.

**National Portrait Gallery** – 8<sup>th</sup> and F St., N.W.

<http://www.npg.si.edu/>

Originally housing the US Patent Office in 1836, this National Historic Landmark is one of the finest Greek Revival Architectural Buildings in DC. Aside from the great fine art exhibits, enjoy a tour of the building alone and see the curving double staircase, porticos, skylights and vaulted galleries.

**International Spy Museum** – 700 L'Enfant Plaza, SW

<http://www.spymuseum.org/>

The International Spy Museum is open to explore your curiosity and see what it feels like to walk on the tips of your toes as an undercover agent ready to solve the case? Learn all the tricks of the trade at the International Spy Museum, where you can see spy gadgets and learn about the spies that had once lived around you.

**Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream** - 1503 Pennsylvania Ave NW

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

Explore the newly open MCAAD where a cultural institution where immersive technology and storytelling collide to illuminate the essence of opportunity and resilience. Step into the "American Dream Experience" with five gallery spaces filled with exhibits, narratives, and interactive installations.

**National Museum of Women in the Arts** – 1250 New York Ave., N.W.

<http://nmwa.org/>

NMWA is the only major museum in the world solely dedicated to recognizing women's creative contributions. By bringing to light remarkable women artists of the past while also promoting the best women artists working today, the museum directly addresses

the gender imbalance in the presentation of art in the U.S. and abroad, thus assuring great women artists a place of honor now and into the future.

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** – 100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl., S.W.

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

Visit the four floors of survivor testimonies and exhibition displays and take a self-guide tour through this museum. View actual footage from the Holocaust as well as the *American Witnesses* exhibit.

**Monuments** – throughout the National Mall

<http://www.nationalmall.org/>

Including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, etc.

## ***Tour Options***

### **Big Bus Tours**

<https://www.bigbustours.com/en/washington-dc/washington-dc-bus-tours/>

Enjoy a tour of remarkable landmarks throughout DC including Capitol Hill, Jefferson Memorial, the White House, and more.

### **Gray Line Tours**

[www.graylinedc.com](http://www.graylinedc.com)

This tour company provides a variety of tours of Washington, DC and surrounding area ranging in length and price. Visit their website for more details.

### **Old Town Trolley Tours**

<http://www.trolleytours.com/washington-dc/>

Enjoy narrated tours of DC entertainment with historical facts and anecdotes. Passengers can get off and re-board at any of 25 stops from 9:00 AM – 4:45 PM.

## ***Theatre Highlights***

**Ford's Theatre** – 511 10<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.

[www.fords.org/](http://www.fords.org/)

**The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** – 2700 F St., N.W.

[www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org)

**The National Theatre** – 1321 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

<http://thenationaldc.org/>

**The Warner Theatre** – 513 13<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.

[www.warnertheatredc.com/](http://www.warnertheatredc.com/)

**Arena Stage** – 1101 6th St., S.W.

[www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org)

## **Shopping Areas**

**Chinatown & Penn Quarter** – Along H and 7<sup>th</sup> Sts., N.W.

<https://washington.org/dc-neighborhoods/penn-quarter-chinatown>

This up-and-coming neighborhood has shops and restaurants not to mention a beautifully ornate Chinese Entrance Gate, called the Friendship Arch.

**City Center DC** – 825 10th St NW

<https://www.citycenterdc.com/>

City Center DC has public plazas and green spaces with sleek architecture and beautifully landscaped public spaces. This downtown district is home to high-end shops, and world-class dining for a sophisticated escape steps from the city's cultural landmarks.

**Georgetown**

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

Found in 1751, the oldest section of Washington, DC is now filled with shops, restaurants, antiques and crafts, Georgetown is also home to the Historic dwellings such as the Taylor Place and Dumbarton Oaks. You can also sit by the waterfront and enjoy a few cocktails.

**The Wharf** – 760 Maine Ave., S.W.

<http://wharfdc.com>

Along the Potomac River lies is a wide variety of shops and restaurants. Enjoy the magnificent views and overall great atmosphere while browsing around this remarkable DC destination.

**U Street Corridor/Adams Morgan** – 13<sup>th</sup> and U St., N.W.

<https://washington.org/dc-neighborhoods/u-street>

One of the most culturally diverse areas of DC, Adams Morgan and the U Street corridor have excellent restaurants and great eclectic shops. It's one of the best areas to taste the flavors of DC- literally!

For a list of other things to do, please visit <https://washington.org/things-to-do-washington-dc>