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Think BIG in Washington – as soon as you arrive in DC, 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 DC is, above all, a trendy and international town.

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THE CITY



Photo: Eli Duke

Washington is a city of contrasts. While it might be best recognized in its political role, DC wants the world to know that it has much more to offer than governmental gossip and diplomatic deals. Divided into districts, each neighbourhood represents another distinct feature that adds to the diverse characteristics breathing life into the city.

While isolated Georgetown is bustling with new, trendy boutiques and restaurants, Shaw, once the site of racial tension and riot, is undergoing a revitalization program to make it a hot destination for African-American heritage tours. Downtown might offer theatres, galleries and the best Chinese food in the Chinatown restaurants, while the New U district, where Duke Ellington once played, is the in vogue neighborhood for hearing live music. And amid all this, let's not forget the political and military monuments and memorials along the National Mall. It is in this area that you'll also find the wonderful Smithsonian complex of museums.

The city is a melting pot of cultures and communities, which have a fantastic influence on restaurants in particular. Whatever your culinary preferences, DC can cater to them, be it French, American or Ethiopian. Spread out across the city, all the choices are on offer. Additionally, one of the key aspects of Washington, DC is that, despite being crammed with different tastes, smells, sights and sounds, it is not claustrophobic. DC's

neighborhoods are spread out over an expanse that is broken up by generous oases of green space, giving the city that sense of liberation and harmony which it strives to promote.

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DO & SEE



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Washington D.C is the capital of patriotic monuments and symbols of political power. Home to influential institutions including Congress and the White House, the city also boasts some of the best museums and art galleries in the world.

The White House

A trip to Washington would not be complete without visiting the world's most recognizable residence. Witness the comings and goings, and you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the man himself, the President of the United States. Due to heightened security, internal tours are not possible, although, there is a visitor center that offers a 'virtual' tour.

Address: 1450 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Public Transport: Federal Triangle or Metro Center
Phone: +1 202 208 1631
Tickets: Visitor Center free
Internet: www.nps.gov/whho

National Air and Space Museum

Here, children will be in their element. Airplanes and spaceships from Amelia Earhart's Lockheed to World War II spitfires are on display along with re-enactments of the first moon landing and educational workshops. Also contains an IMAX cinema, simulators and a Planetarium.

Address: Independence Ave at 6th Street, SW
Public Transport: L'Enfant Plaza
Phone: +1 202 633 2494
Tickets: Free entrance

Internet: www.nasm.si.edu

National Gallery of Art

The National Gallery is home to one of the most expansive art collections in the world. Both the Neo-Classical West building and more modernistic East building reflect the range and quality of the works within.

Address: 4th St & Constitution Ave NW
Public Transport: Archives-Navy Memorial
Phone: +1 202 737 4215
Internet: www.nga.gov

The Mall/Monuments

The Mall comprises the main stretch of significant sights in Washington. Among these are the National Gallery and Sculpture Garden in addition to an abundance of Smithsonian institutions, including the National Museum of American History. Monuments include memorials to Presidents Lincoln and Roosevelt, as well as those remembering veterans of the Vietnam and Korean wars.

Address: The National Mall
Public Transport: Smithsonian

National Museum of American History

This is Washington's patriotic tribute to all things American, detailing events in U.S history from The Civil War to the assassination of JFK.

Address: 14th St & Constitution Ave NW
Public Transport: Federal Triangle
Phone: +1 202 633 1000
Tickets: Free entrance
Internet: www.americanhistory.si.edu

United States Capitol

Rising up from the Mall, this impressive monument symbolizes steadfast American democracy. The Capitol is regarded as an important museum and bears testament to America's governmental prowess.

Address: Independence Mall
Public Transport: Capitol South
Phone: +1 202 225 6827

Tickets: free

Internet: www.aoc.gov

More Info: Between 1st and 3rd Sts and Independence and Constitution Aves, SW

Arlington National Cemetery

Not many cemeteries would list 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.

Address: Arlington, VA

Public Transport: Arlington Cemetery

Phone: +1 703 607 8000

Tickets: free

Internet: www.arlingtoncemetery.net

Georgetown

Unique Georgetown has a reputation for great shops, the trendiest restaurants and quaint cobblestone streets. It's the place to be in DC and is a haven for the city's students. A trip to this charming part of Washington is a must.

Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU and then bus 50c

DINING



Photo: Elvert Barnes

Regarded as one of the culinary capitals of the world, Washington offers a fantastic variety of cuisines and dining experiences. Washington's eclectic mix of nationalities demands an array of tastes to suit all backgrounds.

Neighborhoods and districts boast their own signature fare. Head to Georgetown for trendy hot spots, Adams-Morgan to sample East African 'wat' (simmered veg or meat in sauce), or Downtown for great seafood (soft-shell crab is a specialty).

Dinner service stretches from 6pm-11pm and tips of at least 15 percent are expected. It's advisable to book ahead for popular places, especially on weekends.

Citronelle

This restaurant is renowned for its creativity with food. Described as French/Californian, dishes include scallops with cauliflower couscous and venison with chestnut risotto. Jackets are required for dinner, and you are advised to book ahead.

Address: 3000 M St, NW

Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU

Phone: +1 202 625 2150

Internet: www.citronelledc.com

Meskerem

There are simpler Ethiopian venues along this stretch, but Meskerem provides the best package with a lively bar and exciting food. Use your hands to sample meat, seafood and vegetarian dishes, served with 'injera,' an East African bread.

Address: 2434 18th St NW

Phone: +1 202 462 4100

Internet: www.meskeremonline.com

Pizzeria Paradiso

Undoubtedly the most authentic Italian pizza in Washington. Made for healthy appetites, pizzas are large and topped with the freshest ingredients.

Address: Dupont Circle 2003 P St, NW

Public Transport: Dupont Circle

Phone: +1 202 223 1245

Internet: www.eatyourpizza.com

More Info: Also in Georgetown at 3282 M Street NW

Jaleo

Jaleo receives critical acclaim for its Spanish tapas. Opt for simple paella or more exotic eggplant flan, just two examples of choices on a menu of more than 40 tapas dishes.

Address: 480 7th St, NW

Public Transport: Archives-Navy Memorial

Phone: +1 202 628 7949

Internet: www.jaleo.com

Bistrot Lepic

Known for its restaurant and wine bar, Bistrot Lepic is a firm favorite in Georgetown. Choose between the cozy, intimate first floor and downstairs restaurant for either appetite whetting 'Appetizers' or a fish and seafood-dominated main menu.

Address: 1736 Wisconsin Ave, NW

Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU, then Georgetown shuttle

Phone: +1 202 333 0111

Internet: www.bistrotlepic.com

Sushi-ko

It's just a five-minute cab ride from Georgetown to Washington's first and best sushi joint. The menu is inspired by Japanese art and cuisine philosophy.

Address: 2309 Wisconsin Ave, NW

Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU

Phone: +1 202 333 4187

Internet: www.sushikorestaurants.com

Mie N Yu

A world of cultures comes together at Mie N Yu, where, whatever your mood, there will be something to satisfy it. Oriental, Middle Eastern, American, North African and Mediterranean offerings are available here, presented in ornate dining areas. Turkish Tent anyone?

Address: 3125 M St, NW

Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU

Phone: +1 202 333 6122

Internet: www.mienyu.com

Komi

An extensive wine list is just one of the appealing features that have won Komi so many local fans. Presenting a Greek-inspired menu, concoctions from mascarpone-stuffed dates to tzatziki with white truffle paste will stimulate the taste buds.

Address: 1509 17th St, NW

Public Transport: Dupont Circle

Phone: +1 202 332 9200

Internet: www.komirestaurant.com

CAFES



Photo: Dewita Soeharjono

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 café culture ensuring there is something for everyone.

Ben's Chili Bowl

It's hot dogs galore at this local neighborhood haunt. With the likes of Duke Ellington eating here over the years, this colorful diner is a favorite for simple tastes and great atmosphere.

Address: 1213 U St N.W.

Public Transport: U Street-Cardozo

Phone: +1 202 667 0909

Internet: www.benschilibowl.com

Cascade Café

After trawling museums for a morning, stop at the National Gallery's café for a welcome break. The view here

is of a man-made waterfall flowing over a cascade in the gallery's concourse.

Address: 4th St & Constitution Ave, NW
Public Transport: Archives-Navy Memorial
Phone: +1 202 712 7451
Internet: www.nga.gov
More Info: East Building, National Gallery of Art

Café Milano

See and be seen at Georgetown's hottest lunch spot. Simple, authentic Italian dishes are served alfresco by bossy waiters.

Address: 3251 Prospect St
Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU
Phone: +1 202 333 6183
Internet: www.cafemilano.net

Market Lunch

For seafood lovers, this café hidden in the Eastern Market is a must. The legendary soft-shell crab along with oysters and other fishy fare are served here in addition to a weekend-only brunch.

Address: 225 7th St, SE
Public Transport: Eastern Market
Phone: +1 202 547 8444
Internet: www.easternmarket.net

Full Kee

Head to Chinatown for cheap but mouth-watering bowls of steaming soup and noodles.

Address: 509 H St, NW
Public Transport: Gallery Pl-Chinatown
Phone: +1 202 371 2233
Internet: www.fullkeedc.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Tech Cocktail

Student life and an established city Happy Hour make DC'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.

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Eden

Eden is a four floor club/lounge complete with a beautiful rooftop. Walking up to the first floor, you will instantly feel as though you have been transported to a hedonist's paradise. The mock waterfalls behind the bamboo-fronted bar, jungle-esque decor and leveled VIP provide an instant escape from office and government buildings throughout Washington. Eden's second floor provides a more traditional, club-like atmosphere, with extended VIP, top 40/mash up and club kids dressed to impress. The third floor, known as the Forbidden Room, is open based on capacity. Its intimate setting allows for an up close and

personal experience with the DJ as well as a calming alternative to the fruitful garden below.

Address: 1716 St. Northwest

Opening hours: Saturday from 9 p.m.-3 a.m.

Internet: tinyurl.com/ReserveEden

More Info: Eden VIP Party Package Includes (\$300): One Bottle of Premium Vodka and One Bottle of Champagne, Complimentary Admission for up to 12 Guests, Skip the Line Privileges, and VIP Table Area

Bar-Code

Barcode provides comfort built on a high-end backdrop of marble, open-air and illumination. The venue boasts a 45 ft bar, HDTV's, massive booths, a lounge area with projector, dining area/dance floor and sliding glass-door-panels in the spring/summer to create an indoor/outdoor ambience. A no cover/no dress code policy promotes a relaxing vibe in a modern setting. The music format is generally top 40/pop-house/popular hip-hop.

Address: 1101 17th Street (Northwest)

Opening hours: Friday from 9 p.m.-3 a.m.

Internet: tinyurl.com/ReserveBar-Code

More Info: BarCode VIP Package Includes (\$400): Three Bottles of Grey Goose Vodka, Complimentary Admission for up to 10 Guests, Skip the Line Privileges, VIP Table Area

Tattoo Bar

With an edgy, hip, rock n' roll theme, Tattoo Bar offers a place to enjoy both the simplicity of a bar and the splendors of a nightclub, while still avoiding the heart thumping "house" music that most other places only offer. Tattoo Bar beckons the rock n' roll lover to come enjoy an evening of great music, good company and excellent customer service. Tattoo Bar's flexibility of music genres makes it a true pioneer of the "Party Rock" theme in the DC nightlife scene. Rocking a 90-inch projection screen and seven high definition TVs, Tattoo Bar provides visual entertainment as well as some of the best music in DC.

Address: 1413 K Street

Opening hours: Friday from 9 p.m.-4 a.m.

Internet: tinyurl.com/ReserveTattooBar

More Info: Tattoo VIP Package Includes (\$300): Two Bottles of Belvedere Vodka, Complimentary Admission for up to Eight Guests, Skip the Line Privileges, VIP Table Area

Dirty Bar

Dirty Bar is the Michael Romeo Group's newest addition the Connecticut Avenue corridor will never be the same. This intoxicating and provocative pleasure palace screams sexy and mysterious. There is nothing like it in the area, the only nightclub nodding at Moulin Rouge. Allow yourself to experience a different era, feel untamed - step back into a time of fishnets, burlesque dancers and feathers.

Address: 1223 Connecticut Avenue (Northwest)

Opening hours: Thursday from 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Internet: tinyurl.com/ReserveDirtyBar

More Info: Down and Dirty Package Includes (\$170): One Premium Bottle, Complimentary Admission for up to Four Guests, Skip the Line Privileges, VIP Table Area

MIA Lounge

A space that truly embraces the many phases of an evening out in Washington DC, M.I.A Lounge is a destination for guests from dinner to morning with the energy of the space evolving and amplifying through the night. By cultivating a number of different styles within a single space, M.I.A Lounge aims to accommodate a varied crowd, making each part rich with its own character and appeal. Together they function cohesively to create an innovative nightlife experience.

Address: 1214 18th Street (Northwest)

Opening hours: Friday from 9 p.m.-4 a.m.

Internet: tinyurl.com/ReserveMIA

More Info: MIA Celebration Includes (\$400): Two Bottles of Absolut Vodka and One Bottle of Champagne, Complimentary Admission for up to 12 Guests, Skip the Line Privileges, and VIP Table Area

McFadden's

McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon opened in the Washington DC area on St. Patrick's Day 2003 and has quickly taken its place among the premier Irish Pubs/ Restaurants and citywide nightspots as a party bar in DC.

McFadden's is open for lunch & dinner with seating available for over 100 people. They have Happy Hour Specials Monday through Friday with a Live DJ spinning the hottest music Tuesday through Saturday nights.

Address: 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue (Northwest)

Opening hours: Sunday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m.

Internet: tinyurl.com/ReserveMcFaddensSaloon

More Info: Premium Open Bar Package Includes (\$40/Person): Three Hour Premium Open Bar Includes Any Premium Liquor, Draft or Bottled Beer and Wine, Available from 9PM-12AM or 10PM-1AM

Uptown Tap House

Uptown Tap House is a bar/restaurant located in the Cleveland Park area of Washington, D.C focused on specializing in providing a legendary, casual dining experience. The menu offers a selection of American pub fare, an expedition raw bar, and a refined, upscale beverage program. Uptown Tap House also features, weekly live music and entertainment, daily happy hour paired with nightly specials, a covered patio seating area, and a private party and event space featuring it's own private bar area.

Address: 3412 Connecticut Avenue (Northwest)

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday from 4 p.m.-2 a.m.

Internet: tinyurl.com/ReserveUptown

More Info: Premium Open Bar Package Includes (\$40/Person): Three Hours of Premium Open Bar Includes All Top Shelf Liquor, Bottled and Draft Beers and Wine Selections, Package Available from 9PM to 12AM or 10PM to 1AM Only

Sign of the Whale

Sign of the Whale, an 18th Street landmark for nearly one-half century located in Mid-Town is the most dynamic establishment in DC to combine both work and play. The venue offers lunch, brunch, dinner, upbeat nightlife or an exciting place to watch a sports game. Sign of the Whale is equipped with state of the art technology including digital surround sound: nine 50 inch, six 42 inch and one 72 inch plasma screen TVs and live satellite broadcasts featuring East and West Coast (college and professional) sports and events.

Address: 1825 M Street (Northwest)

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m.- 2 a.m

Internet: <http://tinyurl.com/SignOfTheWhale>

More Info: Top Shelf Open Bar Includes (\$40/Person): Three Hour Open Bar with Top Shelf Liquor Includes All Top Shelf Liquors, Draft and Bottled Beer, Wine and Red Bull, Package Available from 9PM-12AM or 10PM-1AM Only

701

Featuring the extravagant Caviar Bar, 701 is DC's vodka specialist. To accompany the wide range on offer, connoisseurs can sample an assortment of Russia's best roe.

Address: 701 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

Public Transport: Archives-Navy Memorial

Phone: +1 202 393 0701

Internet: www.701restaurant.com

Clyde's

Georgetown regulars have been frequenting this Washington institution for almost 40 years. Once a student watering hole, it now boasts more sophisticated décor to match its upscale clientele.

Address: 3236 M St, NW

Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU, then Georgetown shuttle

Phone: +1 202 333 9180

Internet: www.clydes.com

Pharmacy Bar

Previously a local chemist, old medicine bottles still litter the shelves and pills are scattered beneath glass tabletops. Just what the doctor ordered.

Address: 2337 18th St, NW

Public Transport: Woodley Park-Zoo

Phone: +1 202 483 1200

Reef

New on the Adams-Morgan scene, Reef's rooftop deck draws a young, social crowd. The main indoor attractions are the centralized bar and huge colorful fish aquariums.

Address: 2446 18th St, NW

Public Transport: Woodley Park-Zoo

Phone: +1 202 518 3800
Internet: www.thereefdc.com

Tombs

This is Georgetown's most popular student/lecturer hang-out. Tutorials are forgotten in a relaxed but noisy atmosphere where the latest college gossip is washed down with pitchers of beer.

Address: 1226 36th St
Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU then Georgetown shuttle
Phone: +1 202 337 6668
Internet: www.tombs.com

9:30 Club

Take in some indie-rock with regular acts at 9:30's warehouse-based venue. The club attracts up to 1,200 revelers on weekends who appreciate up and coming and established musical talent.

Address: 815 V St, NW
Public Transport: U Street-Cardozo
Phone: +1 202 265 0930
Internet: www.930.com

SHOPPING



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For a serious shopping spree, Georgetown is probably the most famous area for a bit of retail therapy but many DC neighborhoods have enough boutiques, markets and designer stores to make the city a shopper's paradise. Malls are generally located in more suburban areas but their popularity ensures they are easily accessible. These shopping districts are recommended:

Georgetown

The 'daddy' of places to shop in DC, Georgetown has something to keep everyone happy. This is where most of the big chains are located - Zara, Urban Outfitters, H&M and Victoria's Secret are based here and, despite Georgetown's cobbled street charm, retail development is ongoing. Seek out Barnes & Noble's wonderfully old-fashioned flagship store where book lovers will be in their element.

For designer fiends, Ralph Lauren is among several high-class stores scattered about the neighborhood. There are plenty of smaller, more alternative boutiques in addition to an abundance of music, art and antique shops to keep bargain hunters busy. Look out for Georgetown's largest gallery, Creighton-Davis (3222 M St, NW), and Village Art & Craft (1353 Wisconsin Ave, NW) for funky, ethnic jewelry and knick-knacks.

Downtown and Chinatown

Downtown is DC's department store center. Downtown Washington borders Pennsylvania Avenue, the direct route between the White House and the Capitol. A few central malls including the Old Post Office Pavilion and The Shops at National Place are quieter alternatives to the suburban giants further out of town. Wafts of sweet and sour pork are also likely to drift by in the Downtown area since you are just around the corner from Chinatown.

Friendship Heights

Next stop Maryland. In the far northwest of the city, the swanky Friendship Heights area is home to some of the most exclusive retail outlets in DC. Along with designer stores including Banana Republic and the furniture manufacturer Pottery Barn, the Mazza Gallerie mall is another upscale establishment featuring a variety of costly boutiques. Neiman Marcus fashion is based here, while a short walk further along Wisconsin Avenue will get you to Tiffany, St-Laurent Rive Gauche and Cartier.

The New U District

The New U District is the new home to some of the trendiest shops in the city. You'll find the quirky, the kitsch and the truly bizarre spilling out of second-hand and alternative boutiques along U Street and 14th St, NW. If you're tired of seeing the same brands again and again elsewhere, look for gems like Home Rule (1807 14th St, NW), selling original variations on regular home wares, and Pulp (1803 14th St, NW), for unusual and funky gifts.

Eastern Market

Besides delicious fresh produce, the Eastern Market also sells soaps, candles, pottery, jewelry and almost anything else you can think of. There's also an irresistible flea market just across the street.

Address: 225 7th St, SE
Public Transport: Eastern Market
Internet: www.easternmarket.net

Georgetown Park

A former power generation plant, this lovely old building houses an assortment of art, home furnishings, kitchenware, fashion and electrical goods shops in an airy and spacious environment.

Address: 3222 M St, NW
Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU then Georgetown shuttle
Phone: +1 202 342 8190
Internet: www.shopsatgeorgetownpark.com

The Fashion Center at Pentagon City

160 shops including Gap and Abercrombie & Fitch. There's also a cinema and food court in this expansive downtown mall.

Address: 1100, S Hayes St, Arlington
Public Transport: Pentagon City
Phone: +1 703 415 2400
Internet: www.simon.com/mall

Potomac Mills Mall

Perfect for the thrifty buyer, Potomac is the East Coast's largest discount outlet mall. Comprised of a staggering

250 shops, it is a half-hour drive south of DC.

Address: 2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Phone: +1 703 469 9330
Internet: www.potomacmills.com

Union Station

Souvenirs galore, Union Station is a DC landmark as well as a mall complete with a multiplex cinema, hundreds of shops, a food court, and an influx of souvenir boutiques.

Address: 50 Massachusetts Ave, NE
Public Transport: Union Station
Phone: +1 202 289 1908
Internet: www.unionstationdc.com

ACCOMMODATIONS



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Washington, D.C. takes tourism seriously and caters to all requirements in terms of accommodation. Relax in lavish comfort or take advantage of DC's more basic inns. These are the top picks across the board. Check for special and/or selected rates on the websites for Fridays, Saturdays and holidays.

Willard Inter-Continental

This historic hotel has been host to a plethora of famous visitors. Martin Luther King wrote his 'I Have a Dream' speech here and other distinguished guests include Calvin Coolidge and Abraham Lincoln. The Willard still draws a politically influential crowd.

Address: 1401 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Public Transport: Federal Triangle

Phone: +1 202 628 9100

Internet: www.washington.intercontinental.com

Hotel Monaco

Combining classic architecture and modern interiors, the Monaco is among Washington's best boutique hotels. Funky art deco blends with the old-fashioned for a unique feel.

Address: 700 F St, NW

Public Transport: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

Phone: +1 202 628 7177

Internet: www.monaco-dc.com

Latham Hotel

Perfectly situated for Georgetown exploration, the Latham also houses the first-rate Citronelle restaurant and sports a roof sundeck and pool. Treat yourself to one of the two-story 'carriage house' suites.

Address: 3000 M St NW

Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU then Georgetown shuttle

Phone: +1 800 583 7591

Internet: www.lathamhotelwashington.com

Embassy Inn

Boutique yet budget, the Embassy offers a surprising mix for visitors looking to save pennies. 38 tastefully decorated rooms fill this elegant house complete with original mosaics and a marble staircase.

Address: 1627 16th St, NW

Public Transport: Dupont Circle

Phone: +1 202 234 7800

Internet: www.embassy-inn-hotel-dc.com

Hotel Harrington

This is an affordable option for the center of town. The Harrington caters to families with large suites going at reasonable rates. Popular with school groups, the hotel is not for those seeking peace and quiet.

Address: 436 11th St, NW

Public Transport: Federal Triangle

Phone: +1 202 628 8140

Internet: www.hotel-harrington.com

Four Seasons Hotel

The Rock Creek Park location of the Four Seasons has won endless awards for its style and service. Brimming with antiques and boasting a world-renowned spa, luxury is the order of the day.

Address: 2800 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

Public Transport: Foggy Bottom-GWU then Georgetown shuttle

Phone: +1 202 342 0444

Internet: www.fourseasons.com/washington

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Airports

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National Airport is accessible by Metro (Yellow/Blue Line), the Washington Flyer (www.washfly.com, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Sat/Sun, \$18 round trip ticket) operates a shuttle from West Falls Church Metro

Station-Dulles, and BWI can be reached by Maryland Rail Commuter trains (only weekends) and Amtrak trains (between DC's Union Station and a terminal near BWI). SuperShuttle (+1 800 258 3826, www.supershuttle.com, 5:30 a.m.-1230am, National/Dulles) offers a door-to-door service in a shared shuttle bus.

A taxi to National Airport from the National Mall takes approximately 15 minutes and costs \$12. Dulles and BWI are a little further from the center at 26 miles (42 km), which makes a taxi trip about \$55, and 30 miles (48 km), which makes a taxi trip about \$60, respectively.

Ronald Reagan National Airport
Web: www.metwashairports.com

Washington Dulles International Airport
Web: www.metwashairports.com

Baltimore-Washington International Airport
Web: www.bwiairport.com

More Info: Prices updated July 2014

Time Zone

Washington, D.C. is in the Eastern time zone, and all times are reflected in eastern time.

Public Transport

Public transport in Washington consists of the super-efficient Metrorail and bus services. Computerized fare cards are available from self-service machines at the stations. The minimum fare is \$1.65 depending on the time of day and the distance traveled. One-day passes at \$8 to weekly ones at \$35 are available.

The bus service in DC provides services throughout the city and to outlying suburbs. Stops are marked by red, white and blue signposts. The fixed fare is \$1.35 (\$3.10 on express routes) and kids travel free. Be sure to have exact change ready for the automatic fare machines.

Web: www.wmata.com

If public transport doesn't appeal to you, cycling is one of the best ways to get around DC. Rental companies include: Better Bikes Inc - delivers and picks up bikes anywhere in DC (from \$38 per day).

Bike the Sites - daily or weekly rental (\$25 for 4 hrs, \$45 for the day).

More Info: Prices updated July 2014

Taxi

Taxis are everywhere in the city, just hail one down. DC is based around eight geographical zones, and a cab fare is determined by how many of these you cross during your ride, as well as the time of day you travel and the number of passengers. A basic fare of \$5 is charged to travel within one zone and each additional zone/passenger costs \$1.50. It is expected to tip about 10 percent. Three major taxi companies are:

Diamond
Phone: +1 202 387 6200

Yellow
Phone: +1 202 544 1212

Capitol
Phone: +1 202 636 1600

More Info: Prices updated July 2014

Post

Blue postal drop boxes are located across DC. Stamps can be bought at many hotels, museums, grocery stores and post offices. You can find your nearest branch on the Postal Service website.

Opening hours: Opening hours are usually 8am-6pm Mon-Fri and until 4pm on Saturdays.
Phone: +1 800 275 8777
Internet: www.usps.com

Pharmacy

DC's major pharmacy chain is CVS. The CVS Dupont Circle is open 24 hours.

Address: 6-7 Dupont Circle, Washington DC
Public Transport: Dupont Circle
Phone: +1 202 785 1466

Telephone

Country code: +1
Area code: 202

Electricity

US current is 110-115V, 60Hz AC. Outlets accept flat 2-prong or 3-prong grounded plugs.

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The dome's architecture and interior splendour make it DC's most recognizable city attraction. The United States Capitol is where the United States Congress meet for politics.

2. National Mall

Enjoy a picnic, take in some history or partake in one of the many festivals in Washington's collective garden. This area includes West Potomac Park and Constitution Gardens and attract 24 million visitors per year.

Address: National Mall

3. Georgetown

Washington's classiest district Georgetown is a thriving community known for its style and quaint charm. It is located along the Potomac River and was founded in the early 1750's.

Address: Georgetown

4. Independence Day Fireworks

If you're lucky enough to be in town for this event, you will witness a truly spectacular fireworks' display. The United

States celebrates their Independence Day on the fourth of July and this is a huge deal all over the country.

5. Escargots At Bistro Du Coin

Adventurous foodies will rate the very garlicky escargots at this bistro in their own top ten. Escargot is a super luxurious dish of cooked snails.

Address: 1738 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Phone: +1 202 234 6969
Internet: www.bistrotducoin.com

6. Tomb Of The Unknowns At Arlington Cemetery

The 24 hour dedication of the soldiers who keep guard next to Arlington's Tomb of the Unknowns only adds to the poignancy of this site.

The monument is dedicated to American soldiers who have died and not been identified.

7. Clyde's Burger

With a reputation for serving the best burger in DC, Clyde's is more than just a veteran drinking spot.

8. East Building At The National Gallery

IM Pei's magnificent East Building is often considered a work of art in itself. The Sculpture Garden is also located here.

9. 'luncheon Of The Boating Party' At The Phillips Collection

The Luncheon of the Boating Party is one of the most famous pieces by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. The idyllic painting features friends sharing a meal on a balcony.

Address: 1600 21st Street, NW
Opening hours: Closed on Mondays
Phone: +1 202 387 2151
Internet: www.phillipscollection.org

10. Jazz At Madam's Organ

Try to drop in on a Wednesday when 'fine bluegrass jam' is the theme. However, every day of the week there is live

music to be heard and enjoyed here, so come on by and participate in the thrill.

Address: 2461 18th Street NW
Phone: +1 202 667 5370
Internet: www.madamsorgan.com

EVENTS



Events from Nickes.Com

Population

581,000

Currency

US Dollar, \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

General opening hours for shops are 10am-7pm/9pm Monday-Saturday. Noon-5pm/6pm Sunday. Some shops are closed on Sundays.

Newspapers

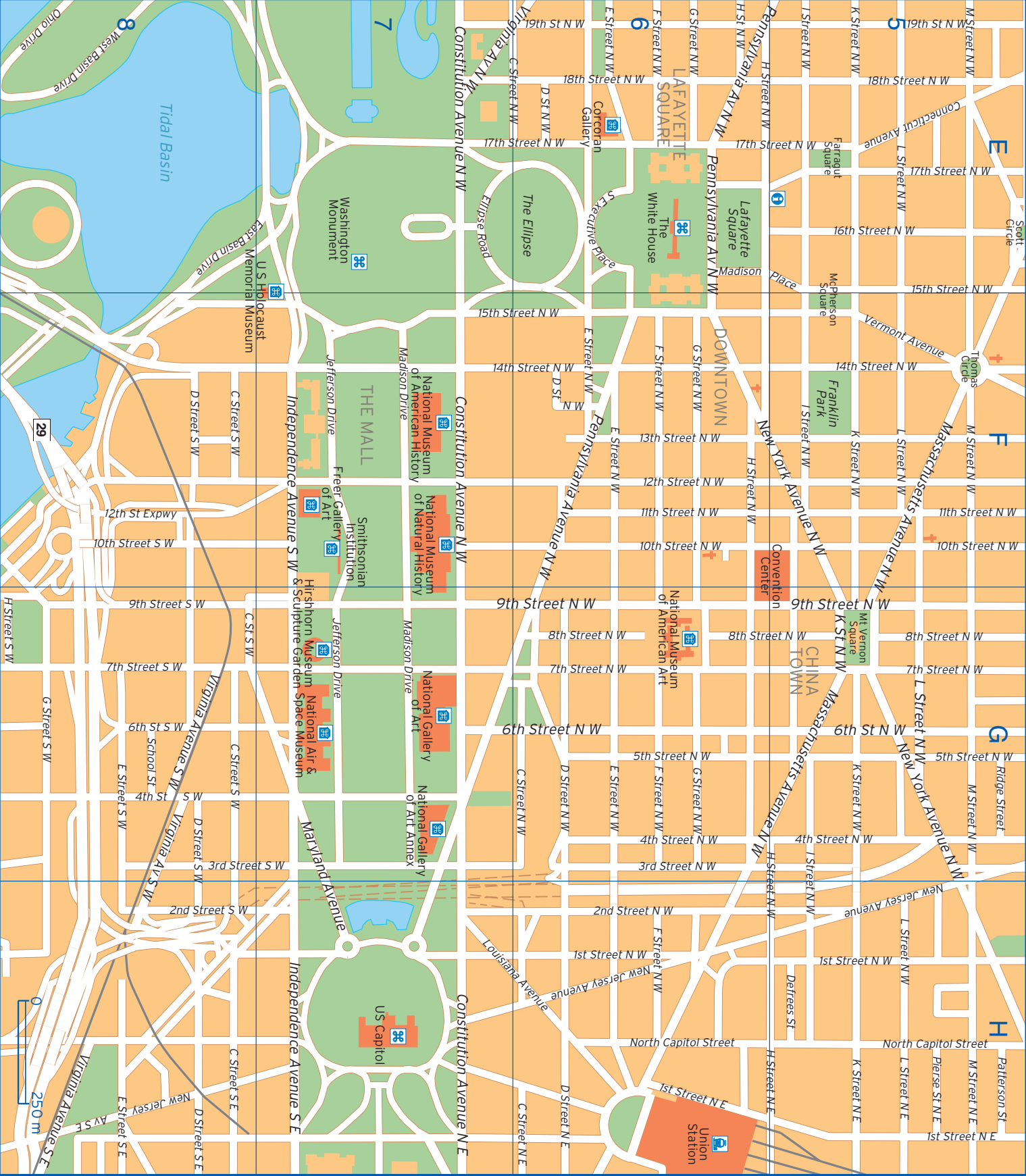
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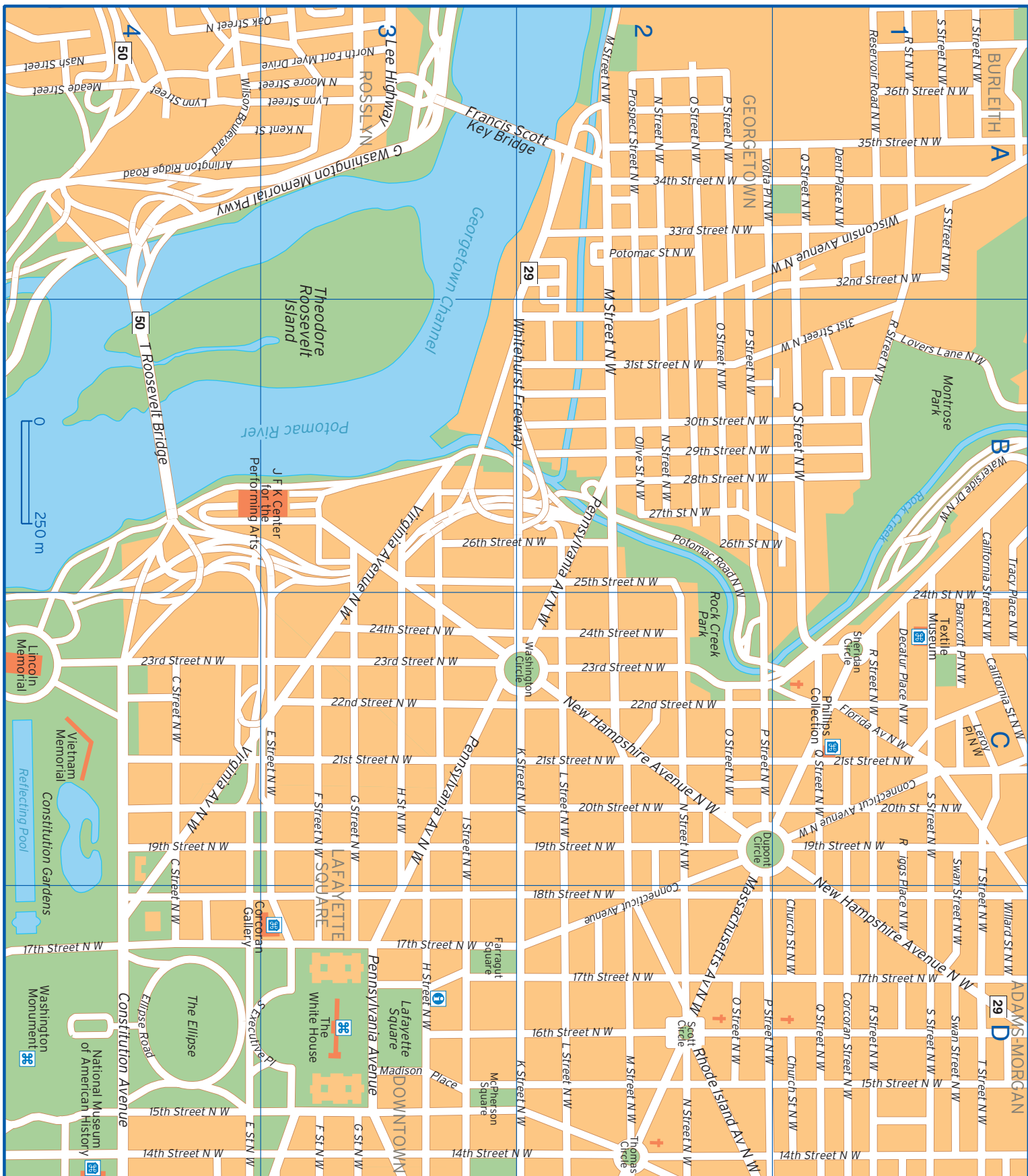
Emergency numbers

911

Tourist information

DC Chamber of Commerce Information Center
Address: 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Ronald Reagan Building
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 4:30 pm, closed on Saturday and Sunday.





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

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		