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**THE 29TH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
FOR FORENSIC GENETICS**

AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2021



★ WELCOME LETTER

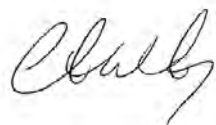
On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, it is our distinct pleasure to present this bid to host the Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics in 2021 in Washington, D.C. We believe that our professional network within the field of forensic genetics coupled with our experience in professional membership participation and meeting organization make us capable of hosting an exciting Congress.

Given the focus of promoting responsible change in forensic science, we believe the time is right for the ISFG Congress to return to the United States. As our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. is at the epicenter for promoting advancements in science and policy governing this field. In support of these initiatives, the Organization for Scientific Area Committees was established in 2014 under the direction of NIST in the Washington, D.C. metro area with the goal of strengthening the nation's use of forensic science by providing technical leadership, guidelines and standards based on sound scientific principles. Fostering the concept of a path forward, the United States has been advocating for sensible change, practice and application of the forensic sciences both nationally and abroad.

Washington, D.C. is also home to major reputable agencies including the FBI and the District of Columbia Department of Forensic Services as well as several major universities including George Washington University. This provides a large pool of current and future practitioners that can take advantage of the expertise that would be present for the ISFG Congress and will help to sponsor additional ISFG membership within North America.

It is for these reasons as well as its international culture, outstanding conference venues, cultural experience and ease of access that makes this city a prime candidate for hosting ISFG Congress in 2021.

We look forward to welcoming you to Washington, D.C.



Christian Westring, PhD
Chair of Bid Committee



Heather McKiernan, MSFS
Co-Chair of Bid Committee





★ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposed Dates

Monday August 30th to Saturday September 4th 2021

Location

As the capital city of the United States, Washington D.C. is a popular destination easily accessible by both U.S. and international travelers. With three major airports servicing the area, travelers enjoy flight service from over 100 cities worldwide. Once in D.C., the world-renowned Metrorail and Metrobus systems provide safe and easy public transportation to all attractions, neighborhoods and nightlife destinations.

Washington, D.C. offers tourists a wide variety of cultural experience. Visitors have the opportunity to learn about American history and government and to explore a wide assortment of nationally recognized monuments and museums. Driven by its vibrant culture, Washington, D.C. is home to unparalleled culinary experiences, art and cultural attractions, shopping and entertainment.

World Class Facilities

As Washington, D.C.'s Convention Hotel, the Marriott Marquis provides an ideal venue for hosting the ISFG Congress. With over 105,000 square feet of event space, adjacency to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, and over 1,175 rooms, the Marquis provides world-class conference, exhibition and meeting facilities. Centrally located, the Marquis is also close to a number of other hotels and within walking distance to Washington D.C.'s most popular tourist attractions making it easy to explore all Washington D.C. has to offer.

Organization

Our chosen professional conference organizer is Meetings In General, a highly energetic and dynamic full service professional Meeting Management / Consulting Company. With broad based experience in supporting professional organizations with conference and meeting planning, Meetings In General offers services that begin with the development of a conference plan and provide support through to conference close-out.

Meetings in General offers professional expertise, a Certified Meeting Professional with over twenty-two years experience, and over 60 years' combined company experience, providing meeting management resources to a wide array of clients. With Association, Corporate, Government, and Military backgrounds, Meetings in General has the ability to relate conference requirements to the hospitality industry and ensure those needs are satisfied.

Financially Sound

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has developed a comprehensive conference budget for the ISFG Congress based on the solicitation of multiple quotes for services and venues. The LOC worked to select the most competitive bids to ensure the lowest possible registration fees for all participants, including members, non-members and students, without compromising on the quality of the meeting. Early and standard registration fees were also established in order to incentivize early registration.

Sponsorship

The employers of the Chair and Co-Chair of the Bid Committee have generously offered an in-principal award of \$20,000.00 in funding towards the ISFG Congress. The LOC has extensive experience in securing commercial sponsorship from a wider range of sponsors – including contacts within industry, societies, grant-awarding organizations and government agencies.

Promotion

The LOC has established a close working relationship with industry experts in marketing and sales to promote the 2021 ISFG Congress in Washington, D.C. These experts will provide assistance with web development, marketing materials and dissemination strategies as well as overall Congress promotion. Through these relationships, the LOC has access to a number of publication and mailing lists currently utilized to promote similar continuing education opportunities for forensic practitioners.

Experienced Hosts

Washington, D.C. has a track record for hosting high profile and international meetings. The city plays host to presidential inaugurations, national memorial and museum dedications, major conventions and events like the NBA All-Star Game, the FIFA World Cup in soccer and the World Figure Skating Championships. In particular, the selected venue, the Marriott Marquis, has hosted similar annual conventions for the Cardio Vascular Research Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Academy of Health, the American Academy of Cancer Research, the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Society for Cell Biology and the American Society of Human Genetics.

Additionally, this bid is enthusiastically supported by a strong partnership of organizations, all of whom are committed to a highly successful ISFG Congress in Washington, D.C.



George Washington University is home to one of the oldest and most prestigious forensic sciences programs in the United States. Degree track options include Forensic Molecular Biology.



NIST is one of the nation's oldest physical science laboratories and is currently working with the forensic science community to establish the new Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic in an effort to coordinate development of standards and guidelines for the forensic science community to improve quality and consistency of work in the forensic science community.



The FBI Laboratory is one of the largest and most comprehensive crime laboratories in the world. The Lab's scientific experts travel the world on assignment, using science and technology to protect the nation and support law enforcement, intelligence, military and forensic science partners.



The Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS) provides science services to District agencies, including the Metropolitan Police Department, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Health, the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, as well as to other law enforcement or investigative agencies.



NMS Labs has built a reputation of excellence and innovation as a private laboratory offering forensic testing services for over 40 years to healthcare professionals, researchers, medical examiners/coroners and those in the legal and law enforcement fields.



The Center for Forensic Science Research & Education was established to improve the best practices of forensic science and promote the field's advancement by providing leadership, conducting meaningful research and providing high quality education and training programs for students, practitioners and the law enforcement and legal communities.



Destination DC is the official destination marketing organization for Washington, D.C.

★ LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

A Local Organizing Committee including the following industry experts has been assembled. We envision that that additional members with expertise in the field of forensic genetics and meeting organization would be added over time.



DR. CHRISTIAN WESTRING, NMS LABS

Chair of Bid Committee

Dr. Westring is a Forensic Geneticist at the NMS Labs Department of Criminalistics. As the laboratory Director for the crime lab services under ASCLD/LAB International (ISO 17025) accreditation program, he has more than 15 years of experience in forensics. He is member of the Biological Data Interpretation and Reporting Committee for the Organization of Scientific Area Committees. In addition, he is also a Board member of the American Society for Crime Laboratory Directors helping to foster professional interests and the highest standards of practice in the field. As an active member of the Board, he served as the Ethics and Bylaws Chair and currently serves as Chair of the International Committee.

Dr. Westring is also an Adjunct Professor in Forensic Genetics at Arcadia University. He received research training in molecular biology at Penn State University's Department of Natural Sciences (BS), the University of Denver department of Biological Sciences (PhD), and the University of Copenhagen's Department of Forensic Medicine, Section of Forensic Genetics. He currently has an active research and development program and is a contributing member to several professional organizations in forensic science. His work has been funded by the National Institute of Health, National Institute of Justice, and the Danish Research Council – leading to several peer reviewed publications in forensic genetics and molecular neuroendocrinology.

HEATHER MCKIERNAN, CFSRE

Co-chair of Bid Committee

Heather E. McKiernan is an experienced forensic researcher and practitioner. She has served as the Interim/Assistant Director for the Master's Program at Arcadia University for four years where she taught the forensic biology content for the MSFS program and was responsible for academic degree development. Ms. McKiernan maintains an adjunct appointment at Arcadia University and now serves as the Director of the Center for Forensic Science Research & Education. In this role, she has developed partnerships between the Center and other local universities to provide professional science master's degree options in forensic science and develops continuing education courses for forensic science professionals and the legal community. Having developed a suite of engaging workshops, online training courses, internships, and certificate programs, she has worked on all aspects of course planning from development of marketing materials, promotion, identifying sponsorship opportunities, negotiating with venues, and budgeting to development of the scientific program.

In addition to these appointments, Ms. McKiernan serves as a private forensic biology consultant and is currently an NIH funded research scientist working in the area of forensic proteomics and genetic profiling of challenging sample types. Ms. McKiernan is a member of many professional organizations in forensic science including the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), the International Society of Forensic Genetics (ISFG) and the Council of Forensic Science Educators (COFSE). In recognition of her contributions to the field, she was elected President of COFSE in 2012.





DR. MECHTHILD PRINZ, JOHN JAY COLLEGE

Member of Bid Committee

Mechthild Prinz is an associate professor and the director of the Master in Forensic Science Program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. She has an MS in Biology from the University of Cologne and a PhD in Human Biology from the University of Ulm, both in Germany. Prior to joining John Jay, Dr. Prinz worked as a forensic geneticist and laboratory director performing, and later supervising, paternity and criminal casework for the Institute of Legal Medicine of the University of Cologne and the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in New York City. She has more than 20 years experience in forensic DNA including low copy number

DNA analysis and mass disaster victim identification. Dr. Prinz is vice-president of the International Society for Forensic Genetics and co-chair of the Biology Data Reporting and Interpretation DNA subcommittee of the Organization of Scientific Area Committee formed by the US National Institute of Standards.

DR. JOHN BUTLER, NIST

Member of Bid Committee

John M. Butler is an internationally recognized expert in forensic DNA analysis and holds a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Virginia. He has written five textbooks on *Forensic DNA Typing* (2001, 2005, 2010, 2012, and 2015) and given hundreds of invited talks to scientists, lawyers, and members of the general public throughout the US and in 25 other countries. Dr. Butler's research, first conducted at the FBI Laboratory and now at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), pioneered the methods used today worldwide for DNA testing in criminal casework, paternity investigations, and many DNA ancestry procedures. He has been honored in multiple White House ceremonies for his work in advancing DNA testing. In 2011, ScienceWatch.com named him the world-wide high-impact author in legal medicine and forensic science over the previous decade. He has received the Gold Medal (2008) and Silver Medal (2002) from the US Department of Commerce, the Scientific Prize of the ISFG (2003), and the Paul L. Kirk Award from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (2017). Dr. Butler is a NIST Fellow (high scientific rank at NIST) and Special Assistant to the Director for Forensic Science and serves as the Vice-Chair of the National Commission on Forensic Science.



DR. MICHAEL COBLE, NIST

Member of Bid Committee

Dr. Michael Coble is a Forensic Biologist in the Applied Genetics Group at NIST. He received his Ph.D. in Genetics from the George Washington University. Prior to working at NIST, Dr. Coble was the Chief of the Research Section at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL). While at AFDIL, he was involved in resolving a number of high profile historical cases including the genetic identification of the two missing Romanov children and the identification of Sydney Goodwin, the unknown child from the *RMS Titanic*. In 2009, Dr. Coble received the Washington Academy of Sciences Award for work of merit and distinction in the Biological Sciences. He is currently the President of the Washington Academy of Sciences and serves as the vice-

chair of the Forensic Science Advisory Board for the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory. He is an invited guest to the Scientific Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods (SWGDM) and is a member of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) Biological Data Interpretation and Reporting Committee. Dr. Coble is a member of the International Society for Forensic Genetics and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. He currently serves as a member of the editorial board for *Forensic Science International: Genetics*. Dr. Coble was listed among the top 20 high-impact authors in Legal Medicine & Forensic Science from 2001 to 2011 by Science Watch.



Host City: Washington, DC



PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS

U.S. CAPITOL BUILDING



The United States Capitol Building is located in Washington D.C., at the eastern end of the National Mall on a plateau 88 feet above the level of the Potomac River, commanding a westward view across the U.S. Capitol Reflecting Pool to the Washington Monument 1.4 miles away and the Lincoln Memorial 2.2 miles away.

At the U.S. Capitol Building the Senate and the House of Representatives come together to discuss, debate and deliberate national policy; develop consensus; and craft the country's

laws. As the nation has grown so has the U.S. Capitol Building: today it covers well over 1.5 million square feet, has over 600 rooms, and miles of corridors. It is crowned by a magnificent white dome that overlooks the city of Washington and has become a widely recognized icon of the American people and government.

The U.S. Capitol Building is among the most architecturally impressive and symbolically important buildings in the world. It has housed the meeting chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives for over two centuries. Since its beginning, the U.S. Capitol has been burnt, rebuilt, extended and restored; today, it stands as a monument not only to its builders but also to the American people and their government.

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL



The Thomas Jefferson Memorial, modeled after the Pantheon of Rome, is America's foremost memorial to our third president. As an original adaptation of Neoclassical architecture, it is a key landmark in the monumental core of Washington, DC. The circular, colonnaded structure in the classic style was introduced to this country by Thomas Jefferson. Architect John Russell Pope used Jefferson's own architectural tastes in the design of the Memorial. His intention was to synthesize Jefferson's contribution as a statesman, architect, President, drafter of the Declaration of Independence, adviser of the Constitution and founder of the University of Virginia. Architects Daniel P. Higgins and Otto R. Eggers took over construction

upon the untimely death of Pope in August 1937. On November 15, 1939, a ceremony was held in which President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Memorial.

In 1941, Rudolph Evans was commissioned to sculpt the statue of Thomas Jefferson. The statue of Jefferson looks out from the interior of the Memorial toward the White House. It was intended to represent the Age of Enlightenment and Jefferson as a philosopher and statesman. The bronze statue is 19 feet tall and weighs five tons. Adolph A. Weinman's sculpture of the five members of the Declaration of Independence drafting committee submitting their report to Congress is featured on the triangular pediment. Also noteworthy, and adorning the interior of the Memorial, are five quotations taken from Jefferson's writings that illustrate the principles to which he dedicated his life.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES



The National Archives, occupied in 1935, is the repository of the more valuable and rare documents of this Government as well as a reference library. On display in the Exhibition Hall are the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. By the 20th century, the need for a central repository was urgent, and the Public Buildings Act passed by Congress in 1926 appropriated funds for plans for acquisition of the site. Planned as a square with fountains by L'Enfant, this site was the location of the Marsh Market constructed in 1801 and known as Center Market following the Civil War. The seventh building to be constructed in the Federal Triangle, the Archives Building is a monumental structure designed in the 20th century Neo-Classical manner by John Russell Pope. Pope was also the architect for the Jefferson Memorial, Constitution Hall, and the National Gallery of Art. The Archives Building occupies a dominant position in the

Federal Triangle as a focal point on the 8th Street Axis between the National Portrait Gallery (Old Patent Office) to the north and the Hirshhorn Museum to the south. Large pumps were built beneath the structure to safeguard the foundations from flooding by the Old Tiber Creek, whose bed runs under the building.

U.S. CAPITOL DOME



The United States Capitol Dome may well be the most famous man-made landmark in America. The U.S. Capitol's dome made of cast iron was designed by Thomas U. Walter and constructed from 1855-1866. The Capitol Dome was constructed with 8,909,200 pounds of ironwork bolted together in a masterpiece of American will and ingenuity.

The U.S. Capitol's first dome was finished in 1824 to the design of Charles Bulfinch, a Boston architect. Bulfinch's low dome was constructed of wood covered by copper. Light was admitted through an oculus. By the 1850s, this dome was considered too small for the vastly enlarged Capitol Building. It was also a fire hazard and was in constant need of repair. For these reasons, a new fireproof dome was considered a necessary and practical improvement to the Capitol.

In January 1855, the House of Representatives appropriated \$100,000 to begin construction of a new Capitol dome. On December 2, 1863, the last section of the Statue of Freedom was put in place on top of the dome amid a great celebration with military salutes. The interior of the dome was finished in January 1866 when the scaffolding was removed from below Constantino Brumidi's great fresco, the Apotheosis of Washington, 180 feet above the Rotunda floor. Walter resigned on May 26, 1865, and was succeeded by Edward Clark, who completed the last details of the dome.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL



The Lincoln Memorial stands at the west end of the National Mall as a neoclassical monument to the 16th President. The memorial, designed by Henry Bacon, after ancient Greek temples, stands 190 feet long, 119 feet wide, and almost 100 feet high. It is surrounded by a peristyle of 36 fluted Doric columns, one for each of the thirty six states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death, and two columns in-antis at the entrance behind the colonnade. The north and south side chambers contain carved inscriptions of Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address and his Gettysburg Address. Lying between the north and south chambers is the central hall containing the solitary figure of Lincoln sitting in contemplation. The statue was carved in four years by the Piccirilli brothers under the

supervision of the sculptor, Daniel Chester French. The statue of Lincoln is 19 feet high and weighs 175 tons. Congress approved the bill to construct this memorial in 1910. Construction began in 1914, and the memorial was opened to the public in 1922. The Memorial is visited by millions of visitors each year and is the site of many large public gatherings and protests. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech to a crowd by the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

THE EINSTEIN MEMORIAL



The memorial to Albert Einstein, situated in an elm and holly grove in the southwest corner of the National Academy of Science grounds, was unveiled at the Academy's annual meeting, April 22, 1979, in honor of the centennial of the great scientist's birth. Einstein is depicted seated on a three-step bench of Mount Airy (North Carolina) white granite. The bronze figure, weighing approximately 4 tons, is 12 feet in height. Three caissons, totaling 135 tons, sunk in bedrock to a depth of 23 to 25 feet, support the monument. In its left hand, the figure holds a paper with mathematical equations summarizing three of Einstein's most important scientific contributions: the photoelectric effect, the theory of general relativity, and the equivalence of energy and matter.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY



In 1800, the Department of the Treasury moved into a porticoed Gregorian-style building designed by an English architect, George Hadfield. This structure was partially destroyed by fire in 1801. Later it was burned by the British in 1814, but was rebuilt by White House architect James Hoban. The Treasury Building, to the southeast of the White House, was again burned by arsonists on March 31, 1833, with only the fireproof wing left standing.

On July 4, 1836, Congress authorized the construction of a "fireproof building of such dimensions as may be required for the present and future accommodations" of the Treasury Department. It was found necessary in a few years to enlarge the building, and on March 3, 1855, Congress granted authority to extend the building, by appropriating \$100,000. Construction of what is now the South Wing was begun in July 1855 and completed and occupied in September 1861. Construction started on the west wing in 1855 and was

completed and occupied in 1864. The Department continued to grow, and construction began on the North Wing, the final addition to the Treasury Building in 1867.

The Treasury Building is the oldest departmental building in Washington, and the third oldest federally occupied building in Washington, preceded only by the Capitol and the White House. The Main Treasury Building covers five stories and a raised basement and sits on 5 acres of ground. The building measures 466 feet north to south by 260 feet east to west. The Treasury Building was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark on October 18, 1972.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT & REFLECTING POOL



The Washington Monument was built between 1848 and 1884 as a tribute to George Washington's military leadership from 1775-1783 during the American Revolution. Plans for a national monument began as early as 1783. Washington's 1799 death rekindled public aspiration for an appropriate tribute to him, and John Marshall proposed that a special sepulcher be erected for the General within the Capitol itself. In 1833, the Washington National Monument Society was formed. By 1836, the society advertised for competitive architectural designs. The winning architect was Robert Mills, whose design called for a neoclassical plan which provided for a nearly-flat-topped obelisk surrounded by a circular colonnade on which would stand a statue of Washington in a chariot. Inside the colonnade, statues of thirty prominent Revolutionary War heroes would be displayed.

The monument was dedicated on February 21, 1885, and officially opened to the public on October 9, 1888.

The Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool is the largest of the many reflecting pools in Washington, D.C. It is a long and large rectangular pool located on the National Mall, directly east of the Lincoln Memorial, with the Washington Monument to the east of the reflecting pool. Part of the iconic image of Washington, the reflecting pool hosts many of the 24 million visitors a year who visit the National Mall. Depending on the viewer's vantage point, it dramatically reflects the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Mall's trees, and/or the expansive sky. The Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool was designed by Henry Bacon and constructed in 1922 and 1923, following the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial.

DUPONT CIRCLE



Designed by Henry Bacon and sculpted by Daniel Chester French, the marble fountain is in honor of Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Du Pont. The fountain's shaft features carvings of three classical nudes symbolizing the sea, the stars, and the wind. Sculpted in 1921, the fountain is designated as a contributing property to the Dupont Circle Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

WHY DC?

Washington, DC is an impressive place. From the sprawling parks to the majestic monuments and bountiful meeting space, the nation's capital does not miss a beat.

A Short History

Washington D.C. is a "district" created by the Congress of the United States in 1790 as the nation's capital. In the early years, the U.S. Congress met in several cities, including Philadelphia, New York and Princeton, before committing to a permanent seat of government in 1790. George Washington personally selected the site of the nation's permanent capital in 1791, and Congress agreed because it was a natural midpoint that would satisfy both northern and southern states. Maryland and Virginia agreed to cede land to create the District of Columbia, and an area 'ten miles square' (26 sq km) was laid out. Virginia's portion south of the river was returned to that state in 1846.

President George Washington commissioned French architect Pierre L'Enfant, one of his staff officers at Valley Forge, to design the new city. But, soon after construction began, L'Enfant was fired and replaced by city surveyor Andrew Ellicott and Benjamin Banneker, a freeborn black man who was an astronomer and mathematician. Parts of L'Enfant's vision for the layout of the city can still be seen today, including the Washington Monument.

Work started on the ornate Capitol in 1793, and the seat of government was transferred from Philadelphia to Washington on 1 December 1800. But, construction of the first phase of the Capitol was not completed until 1826. President John Adams was the first resident in the White House, moving into the unfinished building in 1800.

Two hundred years ago, the world wondered why America had chosen this swampy locale as its capital. It took its first hundred years for Washington to evolve from bumpkin backwater status to an international hub of power, diplomacy, and beauty. Today, Washington fully commands center stage.

Washington D.C. plays a unique role both in national and international life. It is the only major planned city in the United States and one of the nation's most impressive. The central northwestern portion of the city, surrounding the Mall, is the focus of governmental activity and is defined by the structures housing the various units of government: the Capitol, on Capitol Hill; the White House, at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue; the Supreme Court; the Library of Congress; the State Department; the Justice Department; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and many more. Interspersed among these buildings are the Washington Monument; the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials on either side of the Tidal Basin, around which Japanese cherry trees flower each spring; and the imposing neo-Gothic facade of the Smithsonian Institution. The Pentagon complex lies across the Potomac in Virginia adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery.

Powerful Place

- Washington, DC is a place that makes history every day – where Americans and citizens of other countries come experience some of the most powerful symbols of democracy.
- Access to powerful world leaders, industry experts, authors and political figures, giving you powerful content to drive attendance.
- Meet with representatives of the U.S. Congress, the Department of State or arrange programs with your embassy.
- Stay in the hotels and dine where celebrities and heads of state stay.

A Media Hub

The metro area is home to the headquarters of major media organizations like the Washington Post, USA Today, National Geographic, Discovery Communications and XM Satellite Radio – and most of all major newspapers and news networks have bureaus here. The strong media presence means increased opportunities to raise awareness of your organization.

A Must-See Destination

- #1 Departure City for International Travel (WTOP Radio)
- #2 Top 50 Meeting Destinations (CVent)
- #3 Top 5 East Coast Destinations (TakeTours)
- #3 Top 20 Urban Destinations for Nature Lovers (Examiner)
- #6 Park Land (Trust for Public Land)
- #8 Best City for Recreational Activities (NerdWallet.com)
- #8 Most Visited US City by International Travelers

In a national survey of American travelers, 82% strongly agreed that Washington, DC is a destination that everyone should visit at least once in his/her lifetime.

Experience Handling Large-Scale Meetings and Events

The city plays host to presidential inaugurations, pope's visits, national memorial and museum dedications, major conventions and events like the NBA All-Star Game, Soccer's World Cup and the World Figure Skating Championships.

An Intellectual Center

- Home to the US' largest and fastest growing concentration of "knowledge workers" – fields like education, research, healthcare, information technology, media, arts and design.
- Home to more than 50 colleges and universities – including Georgetown, Howard, Catholic, the University of Maryland and Gallaudet.
- NIH (National Institutes of Health), the largest biomedical research facility on Earth, is headquartered in the DC suburbs, and is the primary agency of the United States government responsible for biomedical and health-related research.
- 42% of the DC-area population has a bachelor's degree or higher and 19% has advanced degrees – this is the highest percentage in the US.

★ weather report



Washington, DC enjoys a temperate climate with four distinct seasons. Nothing compares with each season's natural treasures: the cherry blossoms blooming in spring, flower gardens full of color in the summer, the brilliance of the changing leaves in fall and the crisp, clear air and holiday magic in winter. Spring, early summer and fall are the most comfortable seasons, although moderate winters are not uncommon, with more rain than snow.

	High	Low	Precipitation
January	43/6	29/-2	2.81 in
February	47/8	31/-1	2.71 in
March	56/13	38/3	3.48 in
April	67/19	47/8	3.06 in
May	75/24	56/13	3.99 in
June	84/29	66/19	3.78 in
July	89/32	71/22	3.73 in
August	87/31	70/21	2.93 in
September	80/27	63/17	3.72 in
October	68/20	51/11	3.40 in
November	58/14	41/5	3.17 in
December	47/8	33/1	3.05 in

★ an eco-capital

Home to organizations like the Environmental Protection Agency, the Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Green Building Council, DC makes a perfect backdrop for earth-friendly events.

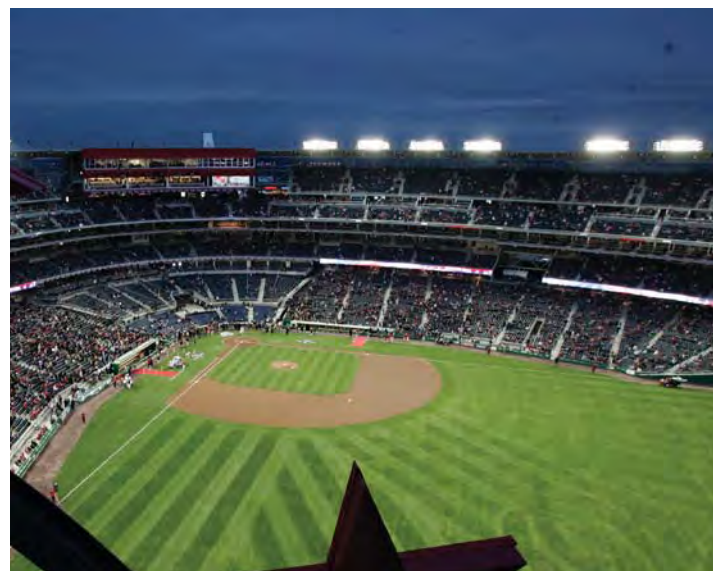
MEETING GREEN. The **Walter E. Washington Convention Center** is outfitted with features like low emission glass for temperature control and natural lighting, energy-conserving heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, high-efficiency lighting, automatic controls on restroom fixtures, recycling programs and direct access to public transportation on Metro or the DC Circulator. Stage your meeting or event at an eco-minded venue like **Nationals Park**, the first green-certified ballpark in the U.S., the **Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center** or the **National Geographic Society**.

STAYING GREEN. Many DC hotels cater to green-minded planners and guests with extensive environmental programs. A leader in environmentalism, the **Willard InterContinental Washington** offers a Green Meeting package that incorporates sustainable food, beverages, supplies, amenities and team-building eco-opportunities. The **Fairmont Washington, D.C.** does its part to alleviate the worldwide bee shortage by raising bees on its rooftop.

GOING GREEN. Recently named the “most walkable city” in America by the Brookings Institute, DC boasts 40 new miles of bike lanes. The region is home to more than 234,000 acres of parkland and more than 800 miles of trails.

Within DC’s top-notch public transportation system you’ll find many **Metrobuses** and **Circulator** buses running on clean-burning natural gas. Even some private transportation companies have shown their commitment to environmental stewardship through maintenance and emission reductions for their vehicles as well as their operations centers.

DINING GREEN. Keeping in line with Michelle Obama’s passion for healthy foods and fresh flavors, DC restaurants focus on local, sustainable and organic products. The city is home to **Restaurant Nora**, the first certified organic restaurant in the U.S., as well as eco-minded hotspots like LEED-certified and farmer-owned **Founding Farmers**.



★ welcome ambassadors: safety and security

As the nation's capital, Washington, DC is home to major agencies including the Metropolitan Police Department, FBI, Secret Service, the National Park Police and the U.S. Capitol Police that work closely together to ensure that visitors and locals feel safe and secure. The most intricate, high-profile events run smoothly. Local businesses and residents also play a role in creating neighborhoods where you can shop, dine and explore with comfort and ease.



BIDs in other neighborhoods, including **Adams Morgan**, **Capitol Hill**, **Georgetown** and the **Golden Triangle**, also staff their streets with uniformed workers who help to keep DC clean and inviting.



DC BIDs work hand in hand with their supporting businesses, residents other community organizations to put on festivals, concerts and special events throughout the year. The **Downtown BID** helps to stage blockbuster annual events like the **National Cherry Blossom Festival**, **Capital Fringe Festival** and **Downtown Holiday Market**. The **Golden Triangle BID** entices summer visitors with its outdoor concert series, while the **Georgetown BID's** annual **Taste of Georgetown** attracts foodies from across the region.

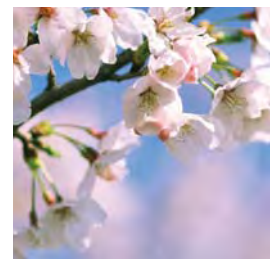
WELCOME AMBASSADORS. DC's **Business Improvement Districts** (BIDs) are designed to support economic development and urban revitalization, and they recognize that meetings and tourism play a powerful role in their mission. When you leave the Convention Center or a downtown hotel, you're bound to see the Safety and Maintenance Workers (SAMs) dressed in bright red jackets. SAMs are there to maintain the cleanliness and beauty of **Downtown DC**, but they're also front-line ambassadors who can point delegates to restaurants, hotels, shops and attractions throughout the city.

DC Hot Tip

PLANNING A DINE-AROUND IN GEORGETOWN? A THEATRE OUTING IN DOWNTOWN? WE'LL PROVIDE YOUR SHOW SCHEDULE TO OUR NETWORK OF BIDS SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE SURE THEIR FRIENDLY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADORS ARE ON DUTY TO ASSIST YOUR ATTENDEES.

★ annual events

January & August	Washington, DC Restaurant Week
February & September	DC Fashion Week
March	St. Patrick's Day Parade
March or April (Monday after Easter)	White House Easter Egg Roll
March/April	National Cherry Blossom Festival
April/May	Washington International Film Festival
May	Passport DC (embassy open houses)
April/May & September/October	Walkingtown DC (free neighborhood walking tours)
May	Memorial Day Celebration & Parade
June	Capital Pride
June	National Capital Barbecue Battle
June/July	Smithsonian Folklife Festival
July	Independence Day
July	Capital Fringe Festival
August	Legg Mason Tennis Classic
August-September	Shakespeare Free-For-All
September	Kennedy Center Prelude Festival
September	National Book Festival
October	Taste of Georgetown
October	Marine Corps Marathon
November	Veterans Day
November	FotoWeek
December	National Christmas Tree Lighting & Holiday Celebrations



★ access for disabled



Washington, DC is one of the most accessible cities in the world, and the city's hospitality industry stands ready to welcome visitors with special needs.

Transportation:

Metro prides itself on being one of the most accessible public transportation systems in the world. In addition to a comprehensive website outlining services available to mobility challenged visitors, Metro has also compiled a downloadable guide to accessible transportation options throughout the region. ScootAround offers scooter and wheelchair rentals for a minimum of three days, weekly or for longer periods of time so that you can navigate the city and its site in comfort and ease. Call 1-888-441-7575 for details.

Scooter Plus Rentals provides service throughout the DC Metro area and delivers daily, weekly or monthly rentals to the location of your choice for no additional charge. Call 1-866-474-4356 or 202-387-1960 for more information.

Parking:

The DC Department of Motor Vehicles recognizes disability tags from other states. Cars bearing disability tags may park in designated spaces, park for double the posted time in metered or time-restricted spaces, and park for free at metered spaces.

Attractions:

On the National Mall and in the memorial parks, you'll find permit-only parking adjacent to the FDR Memorial. A limited number of wheelchairs are available for loan at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. You can reach the interiors of the Lincoln Memorial and Jefferson Memorial using elevators located in the memorials' ground-level lobbies.

★ restaurants & Private Dining



Meeting planners discover beautiful private dining spaces in DC, from classic, historic dining rooms to stylish new eateries.

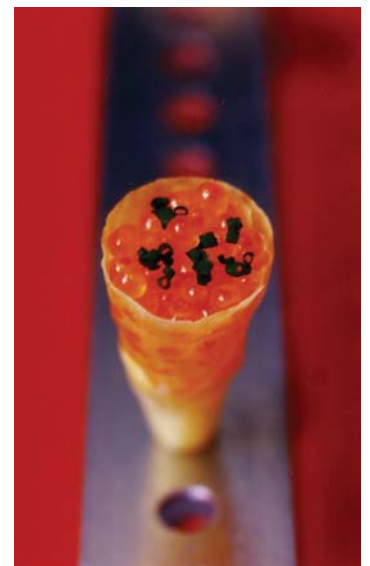
POWER DINING. Private dining spaces in DC's power restaurants on **Capitol Hill**, **Downtown**, and in star-studded **Georgetown** are made for making connections and deals as well as spotting Senators and celebrities.



CAPITAL CLASSICS.

When it comes to DC dining mainstays, you can't beat the piping-hot chili half-smokes at **Ben's Chili Bowl**, the lively happy hour scene at the **Old Ebbitt Grill** or the smooth sounds and southern fare at **Blues Alley Jazz Supper Club**.

CONTEMPORARY CUISINE. Celebrity chefs like **Wolfgang Puck**, **Laurent Tourondel** and **Eric Ripert** have tapped into the power of the DC dining scene, opening up stylish eateries in downtown and the West End. They join homegrown culinary talents like **José Andrés**, **Michel Richard** and rising culinary stars such as **Johnny Monis** and **Barton Seaver** in changing the face of the DC culinary scene.



★ NIGHTLIFE & ENTERTAINMENT / DC AFTER DARK



From themed bars and luxe lounges to local music, theatre and sporting events, the District is not just powerful – it's powerfully entertaining.

NEIGHBORHOOD VIBES. Just blocks from the Convention Center, smooth music and cool cocktails set the stage at stylish **Downtown** lounges. For jazz lovers, the destination is **U Street**, while salsa beats and international sounds spill out of **Adams Morgan's** bars and restaurants. Wine and spirits lovers can share an interesting bottle at a **Logan Circle** wine bar. For edgy entertainment and fun, funky themed bars, head north of **Capitol Hill** to the **Atlas District**.

DATE NIGHTS. Visitors can take a cue from the Obamas and check out acclaimed dining destinations like **Equinox** or **Citronelle**, take in a performance at the **Kennedy Center** or catch a game at the **Verizon Center**. Destination DC's **Obama itinerary** guides you to some of the locations where they've been spotted.

SOUL POWER. DC strikes a chord with live music fans thanks to powerful venues like the **9:30 Club** and **Blues Alley**. Homegrown talents such as Duke Ellington, Shirley Horne, Roberta Flack, Chuck Brown (the Godfather of Go-Go), Wale and electronica DJ team, Thievery Corporation, also put DC on the music map.

POWER BALL. Score points with your sports fans by planning a group outing to a **Wizards** or **Capitals** game at the Verizon Center. Rent a private box to catch the **Nationals** in action at baseball's newest –and greenest – stadium, Nationals Park. Impress football fans with hard-to-snap seats to watch the **Redskins**.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT. Cap off your day of meetings and programs with a night at the theatre. Choose from classic and contemporary performances at award-winning venues like **Arena Stage** and the **Shakespeare Theatre Company**, or catch a touring musical at **Warner Theatre** or **National Theatre**. Introduce your delegates to DC's fresh and edgy theatre scene at **Studio Theatre** or **Woolly Mammoth**.



★ POWER SHOPPING

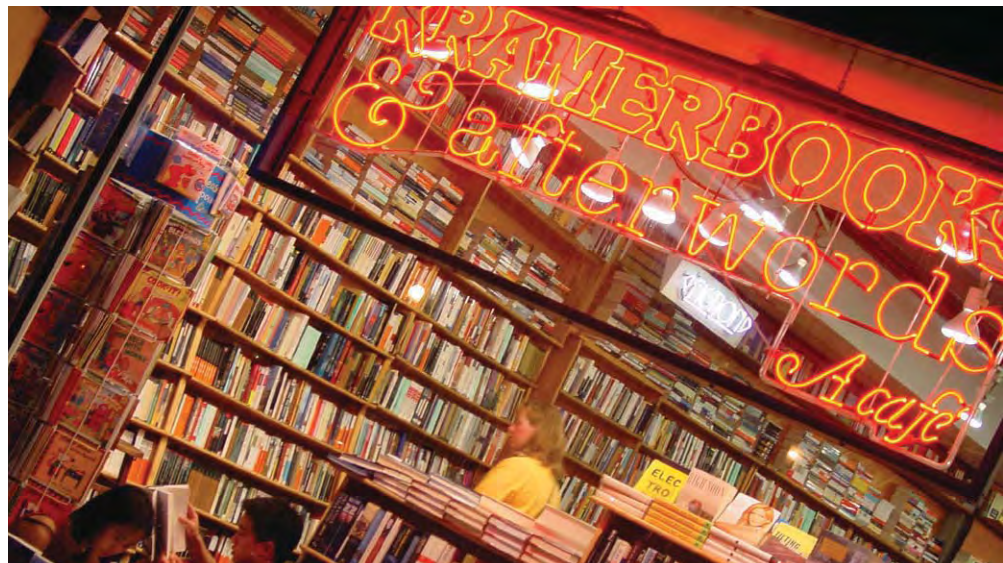


Boutiques that speak to DC's emerging fashion and design scene are popping up all over the city. Visitors can also find major malls and designer collections just minutes away from downtown.

DESTINATION: DOWNTOWN. In downtown, new developments like **Gallery Place** and the historic **Woodward & Lothrop Building** have attracted tenants like Urban Outfitters, H&M, Zara and Anthropologie. A multilevel Macy's houses its own visitors center and welcomes out-of-town shoppers with passes for discounted shopping. Or, hop on the Metro or Circulator and head to Union Station for dozens of shops under one roof.

CHIC BOUTIQUES. Hip and historic **Georgetown** attracts serious shoppers to its one-of-a-kind boutiques and internationally-known retailers clustered on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue. Antiques shops and independent retailers hold sway on **Capitol Hill** and **Barracks Row**. Nearby, locals are drawn to **Eastern Market** for fresh fare and hand-crafted gifts on weekends. Art galleries and book shops match the funky feel of **Dupont Circle**, while **14th Street** and **Logan Circle** appeal to fashion-forward shoppers in search of stylish home furnishings and vintage clothing.

CAPITAL KEEPSAKES. Find unique thank you gifts for your VIPs or shop for souvenirs for yourself in DC's museum shops. Locals love the accessories and home accents at the **National Museum of Women in the Arts**, **National Building Museum** and **Smithsonian American Art Museum & National Portrait Gallery**.



★ GETTING HERE BY air

GETTING HERE BY AIR. Travelers enjoy non-stop flight service to DC from **nearly 100 cities** around the world. The region's **three major airports**, Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA), Washington Dulles International (IAD) and Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall (BWI), are serviced by major national and international airlines as well as budget carriers.

GOT CONNECTIONS? Three major airports serve 2,100 international and domestic flights daily

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is located just 5 miles south of the convention center. The airport has its own Metrorail station with direct service to downtown DC, or you can take a taxi for about \$15. Limousine service is approximately \$75. Airlines: Air Canada, Air Tran, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, American Eagle, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Jet Blue Airways, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, US Airways, US Airways Express and Shuttle.

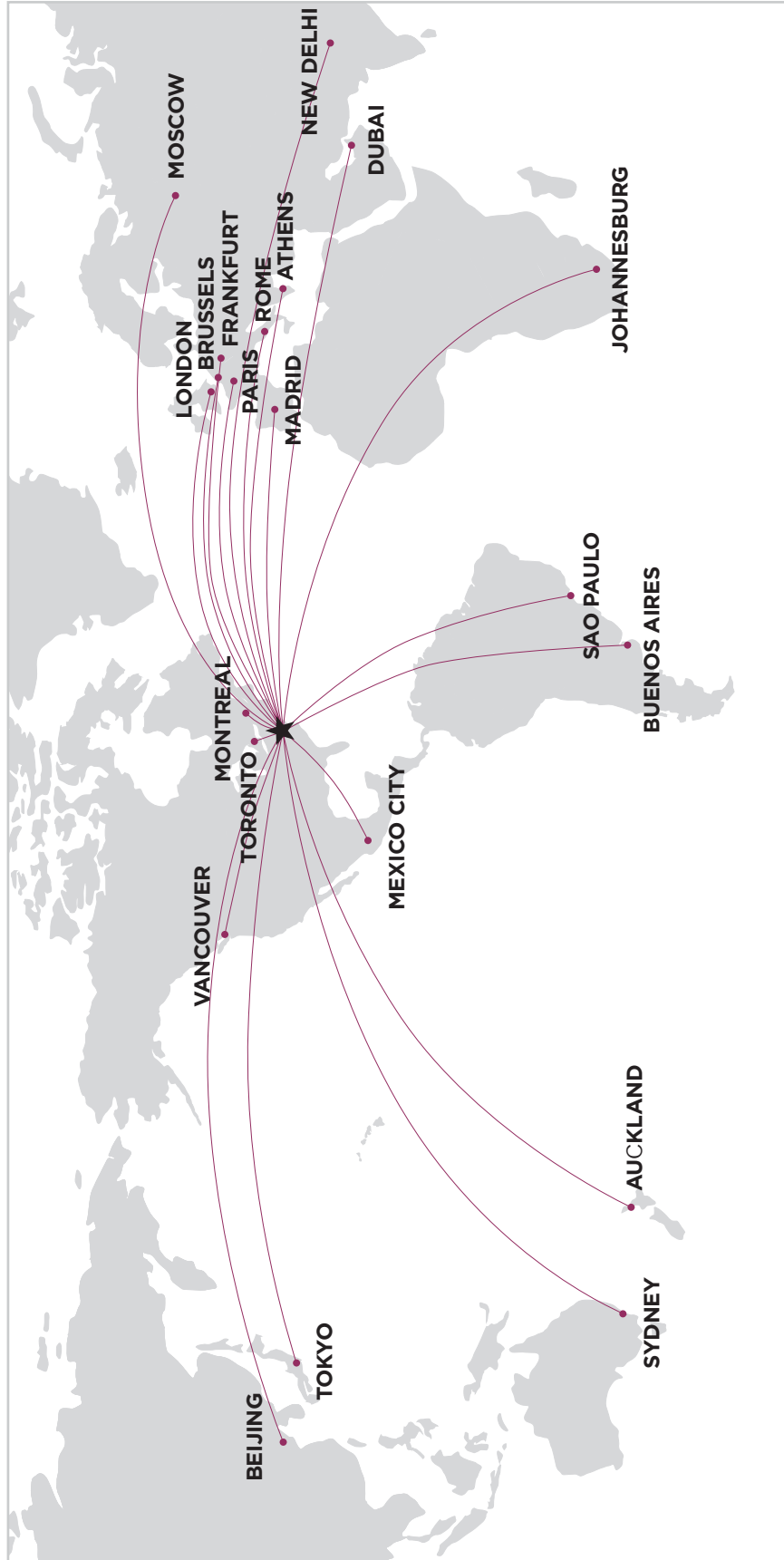
Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) sits about 25 miles west of DC and is a major hub for international arrivals and departures. Reach the airport by taking Metrobus Route 5A from the L'Enfant Plaza and Rosslyn Metrorail stations, Washington Flyer coach service from the West Falls Church Metrorail station, or by taxi (about \$60 to downtown DC). A Metrorail extension to Dulles is currently under construction. Limousine service is approximately \$115. Airlines: Aeroflot, Air Canada, Air France, Air Tran, ANA, American Airlines, American Eagle, Austrian Airlines, Avianca, British Airways, Cayman Airlines, Continental Airlines, Copa Airlines, Delta, Ethiopian Airlines,

Jet Blue, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Korean Air, Lufthansa, Open Skies, Qatar Airways, Saudi Arabian Airlines, SAS, South African Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, Grupo Taca, United Airlines, United Airlines Express, US Airways, US Airways Express, Virgin America, Virgin Atlantic.



Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) lies about 30 miles north of DC. Amtrak and MARC (Maryland Area Rail Commuter) trains offer easy connections to the airport. The BWI Express Metrobus runs between BWI and the Greenbelt Metrorail station approximately every 40 minutes. Taxi fare to downtown DC is approximately \$70. Limousine service is approximately \$150. Airlines: Air Canada, Air Mobility Command, Air Tran, American Airlines, British Airways, Cape Air, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, Jet Blue, RY, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, US Airways, US Airways Express.

★ average FLIGHT times TO washington, DC international

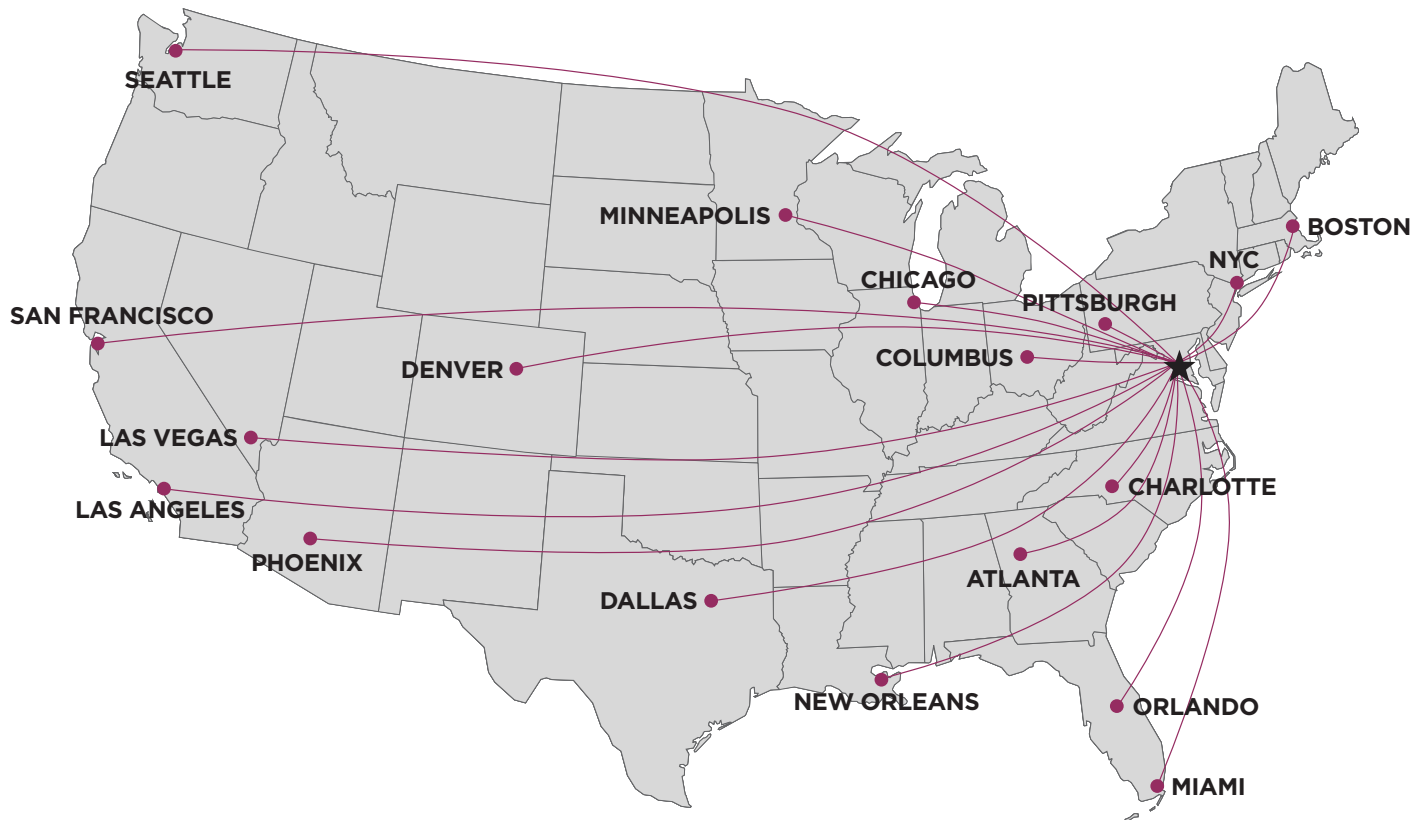


FLYING

Argentina - Buenos Aires	10 hrs, 44 mins	Greece - Athens	10 hrs, 39 mins	South Africa - Johannesburg	16 hrs, 45 mins
Australia - Sydney	20 hrs, 15 mins	India - New Delhi	15 hrs, 37 mins	Spain - Madrid	7 hrs, 55 mins
Belgium - Brussels	8 hrs, 4 mins	Italy - Rome	9 hrs, 21 mins	UAE - Dubai	14 hrs, 40 mins
Brazil - Sao Paulo	9 hrs, 47 mins	Japan - Tokyo	14 hrs, 10 mins	UK - London	7 hrs, 39 mins
China - Beijing	14 hrs, 29 mins	Mexico - Mexico City	3 hrs, 53 mins	Canada - Vancouver	4 hrs, 55 mins
France - Paris	7 hrs, 59 mins	New Zealand - Auckland	17 hrs, 54 mins	Canada - Toronto	53 mins
Germany - Frankfurt	8 hrs, 26 mins	Russia - Moscow	10 hrs, 9 mins	Canada - Montreal	1 hrs, 15 mins

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★ average FLIGHT times TO washington, DC Domestic



FLYING

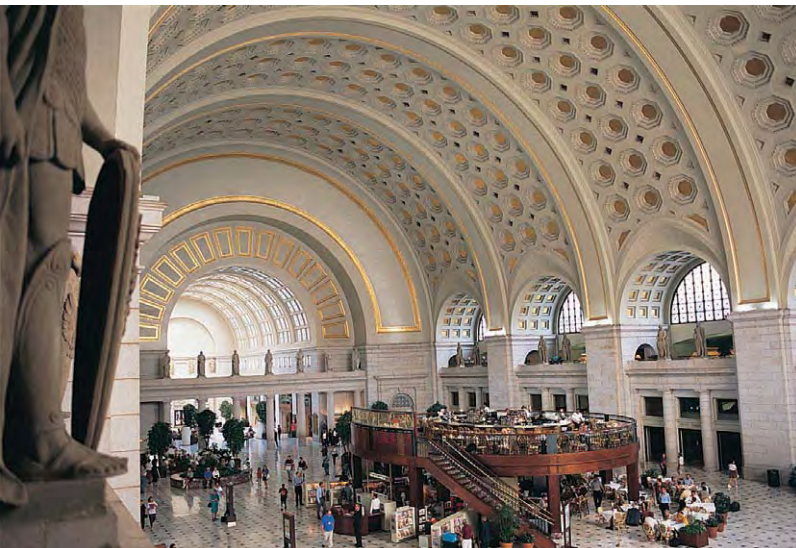
Los Angeles	4 hrs, 46 mins	Chicago	1 hrs, 25 mins	Charlotte	46 mins
San Francisco	5 hrs, 4 mins	New Orleans	2 hrs, 10 mins	Columbus	46 mins
Denver	3 hrs, 4 mins	Boston	60 mins	Pittsburgh	30 mins
Miami	2 hrs, 3 mins	Minneapolis	2 hrs, 5 mins	Phoenix	4 hrs, 7 mins
Orlando	1 hrs, 48 mins	Las Vegas	4 hrs, 20 mins	Dallas	2 hrs, 37 mins
Atlanta	1 hrs, 19 mins	NYC	34 mins	Seattle	4 hrs, 50 mins

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★ GETTING HERE BY Train, BUS or car

GETTING HERE BY TRAIN, BUS OR CAR. For direct train access to Capitol Hill and easy connections to public transit, travelers can take **Amtrak** to historic Union Station. Cost-conscious visitors will also discover high-tech, sophisticated bus companies like **Megabus** or **Bolt Bus** offering low-cost connections to New York and Philadelphia.

POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS. Destination DC works closely with **AMTRAK**, along with many of the airlines that offer service into **DCA**, **IAD** and **BWI**. Work with our convention services managers to find out how your attendees can take advantage of special rates, discounts and more.



BY TRAIN. With Union Station right in the heart of the city, attendees can arrive in Washington, DC via train.

Amtrak offers special deals and services for groups and conventions:

- Bookings of 20 or more passengers traveling together are eligible for a group discount of 20% off the best available Amtrak fare. Select trains with excess capacity during off-peak travel periods may be eligible for even deeper discounts.
- For those attending meetings or conventions and wish to travel on their own schedule from different cities, **Amtrak's Meeting & Convention Desk** can provide attendees with maximum flexibility and a 10% discount off the lowest applicable fare for travel into Washington, DC from any other Amtrak city.
- For more information on Amtrak Group and Convention fares, call the Amtrak Group Desk at 1-800-872-1GRP (1-800-872-1477)
- **Amtrak Charter Services** can provide assistance in planning your company's next group meeting, everything from reserving partial or exclusive occupancy of a private rail car and providing plush Conference Cars for corporate meetings en route to assisting you in your on-board catering needs.

For more information on Amtrak Charter Services contact: Bob Breslin at (215) 349-3403 or breslib@amtrak.com.

★ GETTING around



DC's safe, clean and efficient public transportation system is world-renowned. **Metrorail** and **Metrobus** offer quick and easy connections to hotels, meeting spaces and transportation hubs, as well as attractions, neighborhoods and nightlife destinations.

METRO FACTS

Rail Lines: 5, named for colors (Red, Blue, Orange, Yellow, Green)

Stations: 86, including stops at Reagan National Airport, Union Station and the convention center

Bus Routes: 340, with 12,000 stops

Hours: Metrobus operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but service intervals vary by time of day and by weekday/weekend to best meet demand. Metrorail operates from 5AM Weekdays & 7AM Weekends. Services stops at midnight Sun.-Thur. & 3AM Fri.-Sat.

Cost: Metrorail minimum fare is \$1.95, daily passes are \$9. Rail rates increase during rush hour and for longer trips. Farecards and passes can be purchased at vending machines located inside the stations. Metrobus fare starts at \$1.70 cash/\$1.50 SmarTrip. Bus fare can be paid by cash or by using a SmarTrip card. Bulk tickets can be purchased on at www.wmata.com.

DC's newest transportation option, the **DC Circulator** connects the Downtown, Georgetown, Capitol Hill, Southwest, Shaw and Adams Morgan neighborhoods in hip and stylish buses for just \$1 per ride.

DC CIRCULATOR FACTS

Routes: 6

Hours: Vary by routes.

Georgetown-Union Station: 7AM-9PM

Additional Night Service: Whitehaven - 17th & K St, Sun.-Thurs. til 9PM-12AM, Fri. & Sat. til 9PM-2AM

Woodley Park-Adams Morgan-McPherson Square

Metro: Sun.-Thurs. 7AM-midnight, til 3:30AM Fri. & Sat.

Convention Center-SW Waterfront: 7AM-9PM

Union Station-Navy Yard via Capitol Hill: 6AM-7PM with extended service on Nationals game days

Rosslyn-Georgetown-Dupont: Sun.-Thurs. 7AM-Midnight, Fri. & Sat. 7AM-2AM

Cost: \$1. One-day, three-day, weekly and monthly passes are also available at commuterdirect.com



TAXIS

DC boasts one of the highest ratios of taxi cabs to residents in the country, making it generally easy to find a ride. Cabs operate on a meter system. The base fare is \$3, plus 25 cents for every one-sixth of a mile after the first sixth of a mile traveled or every minute stopped in traffic. There is a \$1.50 fee for each additional passenger. The maximum fare is \$19.

DC Hot Tip

GET BULK CIRCULATOR TICKETS FOR YOUR DELEGATES! DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDERS OF 100 TICKETS OR MORE.

CITY MAP



IN THIS TEMPLE
THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
ENSHRINED FOREVER

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



Program plan

(based on edition 2017)

	August 30 (Mon)	August 31 (Tue)	September 1 (Wed)	September 2 (Thu)	September 3 (Fri)	September 4 (Sat)
08:00 – 08:30	Workshop Registration		ISFG Registration			
08:30 – 09:00						
09:00 – 09:30	Workshop 1, 2	Workshop 7, 8, 9	Session 1 (08:45 – 11:00)	Session 3	Session 5	Session 7
09:30 – 10:00	Workshop 3, 4	Workshop 10				
10:00 – 10:30						
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break		Coffee Break & Poster Session			
11:00 – 11:30			Session 1	Session 3	Session 5	Closing Ceremony
11:30 – 12:00	Workshop 1, 2	Workshop 7, 8, 9				
12:00 – 12:30	Workshop 3, 4	Workshop 10				
12:30 – 13:00			Lunch			
13:00 – 13:30	Lunch					
13:30 – 14:00						
14:00 – 14:30	Workshop 1, 2	Workshop 7, 8, 9	Session 2	Session 4	Session 6	Coffee Break
14:30 – 15:00	Workshop 5, 6	Workshop 11				
15:00 – 15:30		ISFG Board Meeting				
15:30 – 16:00			Coffee Break & Poster Session			
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break		Session 2	Session 4	Session 4	
16:30 – 17:00	Workshop 1, 2	Workshop 7, 8, 9				
17:00 – 17:30	Workshop 5, 6	Workshop 11				
17:30 – 18:00		ISFG Board Meeting	Session 2	Session 4		
18:00 – 18:30						
18:30 – 19:00						
19:00 – 19:30	Opening Ceremony		Working Group Meeting	General Assembly	Gala Dinner & After-Party	
19:30 – 20:00						
20:00 – 20:30	Welcome Reception					
20:30 – 21:00						
21:00 – 21:30						
21:30 – 22:00						



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Allow guests to keep up with their daily routine in our 8,000 square-foot, 24-hour fitness center with cardio equipment, free weights and even a stretching zone. And give your VIPs access to our M Club Lounge where they'll enjoy the latest business technology, complimentary daily breakfast and 24-hour access to snacks and beverages. If your meeting falls between Sunday and Thursday, guests will also enjoy hors d'oeuvres and access to an honor bar.

From a formal, sit-down dinner to casual bites choose from find 5 flavorful options of on-site outlets, including a 1920's-style diner, Starbucks® and an outdoor bar.

Visit Anthem for classic diner favorites and a seasonally inspired menu of elevated cuisine, or The Dignitary for a selection of over 40 sippable bourbons and a menu to pair with every barrel-aged dram. On game day, there's no better place be than High Velocity, our interactive sports bar with 40 HD TVs and 48 beers on tap. For an intimate social experience, gather your guests at the Lobby Bar for craft cocktails and an abundance of natural light. And our dining experience options grow even more in early 2017 with Arroz, a southern Spanish concept by award-winning chef and restaurateur, Mike Isabella.

No matter why you're here or what your guests like to do, you'll find more than one way to ensure a productive and memorable stay.

BRAGGING RIGHTS

- Grand Lobby Atrium Style featuring a 56' sculpture as the focal point. Largest sculpture in any Marriott Hotel Worldwide
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- 8,000 sq. ft. bi-level fitness center
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- Five unique restaurants and retail outlets on street level
- Directly connected to Washington Convention Center via underground concourse
- Metro accessible on the green and yellow lines via Mt. Vernon Square Station

EASY ARRIVAL

- Ronald Reagan International Airport – DCA
- Hotel direction: 5.5 miles North
- Subway fare: \$2.55 (one way)
- Estimated taxi fare: \$16.00 (one way)
- Amtrak Union Station
- Hotel direction: 3.0 miles
- Subway fare: \$2.55 (one way)
- Estimated taxi fare: \$8.00 (one way)
- Washington, DC/Dulles – IAD
- Hotel direction: 27.6 miles East
- Estimated taxi fare: \$55.00 (one way)
- Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport – BWI
- Hotel direction: 31.7 miles Northeast
- Estimated taxi fare: \$60.00 (one way)

A NIGHT IN

- **Dignitary:** Over 40 Bourbons and Micro Brews with outdoor seating
- **High Velocity:** Sports Bar & Grill with 48 beers on draft
- **Anthem:** Urban Café Two meal Restaurant with 2 private dining rooms
- **Dining Your Way:** NEW In Room Dining Concept
- Lobby Lounge
- Starbucks
- **Arroz** – Southern Spanish concept by award-winning chef and restaurateur, Mike Isabella. Opening 2017.

LITTLE LUXURIES

- Plug-in technology panel and LCD flat-screen television
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- Fed Ex – On site

EXPLORING DC

- Washington Convention Center – connected
- Verizon Center/ Chinatown – 1 block
- National Portrait Gallery – 2 blocks
- International Spy Museum – 3 blocks
- Newseum – 4 blocks
- National Mall and surrounding Museums – Over 19 Smithsonian Museums Institute and Air & Space Museum The White House – 5 blocks
- Georgetown – 10 min metro/cab
- Union Station – 10 min metro/cab
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Attending an event at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center? Inside corridors connecting our hotel to the convention center make for an easy commute. Root for your favorite team and make concerts a breeze with Verizon Center less than a mile away. Or send your guests down the block to CityCenterDC for high-end boutiques, such as Dior and Burberry, as well as world-class dining, such as Momofuku.

Need some inspiration or a local suggestion? Our experienced staff is here to help, and our proximity to DC Metro will help get your there, fast.

Of course, there are even more reasons to bring your group to the center of the free world, like festivals, theater, politics and more. It all works together to form a hub of revolutionary ideas and leave your guests with unforgettable experiences.

DOWNTOWN DC



WAYS TO GET HERE

- UNION STATION - AMTRAK**
- REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT**
DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan Airport
- CAPITAL BIKESHARE**
Bikeshare locations available around the city, including near the hotel.
- RENTAL - AERIAL, RENT, RIDE & YELLOW JAMES**
Jamaica, VA, and the hotel is near:
• Ron C. Davis Blvd / U.S. Secret Service
• Capitol Mall / Capitol Hill
• Dupont Circle
• Navy Yard / Nationals Park

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LET'S TAKE A WALK

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 THE WHITE HOUSE | 8 PORTRAIT GALLERY |
| 2 NATIONAL MALL | 9 VERIZON CENTER |
| 3 MUSEUM | 10 NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM |
| 4 SPY MUSEUM | 11 SMITHSONIAN AIR & SPACE MUSEUM |
| 5 LONG VIEW GALLERY | 12 CITY CENTER |
| 6 SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY | |
| 7 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS | |



EAT, DRINK & REPEAT

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 13 ORBITIN | 19 CASA VIVA |
| 14 CITY TAP HOUSE | 20 BLACKBERRY ALLY |
| 15 DODGE KITCHEN & BAR | 21 BACON |
| 16 RIGHT PROPER BREWING | 22 PROOF |
| 17 EAT THE RICH | 23 JAMBA |
| 18 ACADIANA | 24 ZAYTUNA |



RETAIL THERAPY

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|--------------|---------------------|
| 25 MACY'S | 28 KATE SPADE |
| 26 J CREW | 29 LONGCHAMP |
| 27 HUGO BOSS | 30 CAROLINA HERRERA |



EXPERIENCE *the* DIFFERENCE



WASHINGTON, DC BY THE NUMBERS

21.3
MILLION

Record total
visitors to
DC (2015)

\$7.1
BILLION

Record visitor
spending in DC
(2015)

\$9.6
BILLION

Sum of major
development
projects in
DC

24

New hotels in
2016 and
beyond

4,978

New hotel
rooms in 2016
and beyond

2,233

Number of dining
& drinking
locations

75+

Number of
museums and
art galleries

5,740

Number of rooms
within one mile of
the Walter E.
Washington
Convention Center

31,156

Number of
hotel rooms
in DC

2,078

Daily flights from
three local airports

Sources: DK Shifflet; Travel Market Insights, National Travel & Tourism Office, U.S. Department of Commerce; IHS Global; Washington, DC Economic Partnership; Lodging Econometrics; National Restaurant Association; STR; Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority; Maryland Aviation Administration (as of November 2016)

Contact the Convention Sales Team for more information!

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