Washington, D.C.
14th Edition

- Hotels & attractions, ranked and rated
- Insider tips that save you time & money

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DECIDING WHERE to STAY

Because the best way to get around Washington, D.C., is on the Metro, and because most major attractions are also Metro-accessible, we recommend you consider a hotel within reasonable walking distance of a Metro station. Of course, with ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft, and multiple bus services, visitors have more flexibility. But the D.C. area is burdened with horrendous traffic, so any opportunity to avoid it just makes sense. To help you decide where to stay, read about Washington's neighborhoods in the "Where to Go" section in Part One: Planning Your Visit (page 24).

WASHINGTON, D.C.'S ICONIC HOTELS

One way to soak up the history of the city is to step by or stay in one of Washington's historic hotels. The following establishments have notable stories to tell, and all treat their guests like VIPs.

THE WILLARD INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL Located a block from the White House, The Willard was first a row house for journeymen in 1818. In 1901 the hotel was torn down to build an elegant Beaux Arts-style hotel similar to what you see today. US presidents first began staying there in 1853, beginning with Millard Fillmore. In 1861 Abraham Lincoln took up residence with his family for 10 days prior to his inauguration. The hotel fell on hard times but was renovated to its current glory in 1986. The Willard's regal edifice and aristocratic interior are worth seeing, as is the memorabilia from various guests who've stayed there. See notes written by Julia Ward Howe, who penned the lyrics to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" while staying at the hotel. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his legendary "I Have a Dream" speech there. The Willard's Round Robin Bar claims to be the spot where Kentucky senator Henry Clay introduced the bourbon mint julep. The term lobbyist came from the many influence peddlers lurking in the hotel's lobby, hoping for an audience with President Ulysses S. Grant.

The hotel's list of guests, from Charles Dickens, Harry Houdini, and the Dalai Lama to George Clooney, is too long to list.

THE HAY-ADAMS Location, location, location... but that's not the only reason President Barack Obama and his family spent the fortnight before his inauguration at the famed Hay-Adams. Formerly the home of Lincoln's private secretary, John Hay, and author Henry Adams (the grandson and great-grandson of presidents), it retains much of the look and sophistication of that mid-19th-century era. Located at the corner of Lafayette Park, the view from its west-facing windows is of the White House grounds and President's Park. The cocktail lounge, Off the Record, is a favorite among powerful politicos.

W HOTEL Known for almost a century as Hotel Washington, the W affords views of the White House, as well as the Treasury and Lincoln Memorial. The hotel and POV, its rooftop bar, attract celebrity patrons, including Taylor Swift, Lady Gaga, Calvin Klein, Leonardo DiCaprio, and, in yesteryear, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley. Italianate on the outside, it is ultra mod on the inside.

THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL About four blocks from the White House, The Mayflower has long been nicknamed the Grande Dame of Washington and has hosted a presidential inaugural every four years since Calvin Coolidge's day. President Franklin D. Roosevelt rehearsed his "fear itself" speech here; President Harry Truman, who kept a room at the hotel after leaving 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., called it "the second-best address in Washington." Its Edgar Bar & Kitchen was named for FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, who dined on chicken soup and cottage cheese every day here for two decades. In the hotel's Chinese Room, Winston Churchill was once heard from a distance whispering an off-color joke, thanks to the room's unique acoustics.

THE JEFFERSON This Beaux Arts beauty was originally built as an upscale apartment building in 1923. In 1955 the apartments were transformed into a hotel that wins more awards than any other in the city. Inspired by its namesake, Thomas Jefferson, it encompasses Monticello-inspired architectural elements, such as a parquet floor, historical artifacts, and a silk mural of Jefferson's vineyard. Quill, the elegant lounge, has a terrace and an alcove with a library full of signed books by famous guests, like President George W. Bush, who stayed here before his inauguration in 2001, and Barbara Streisand, who is said to be a fan of the hotel.

THE WATERGATE HOTEL Recently reopened after extensive renovations, this luxury hotel is part of the Watergate Complex and has always attracted some of the capital's most glamorous and well-known residents, including Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, actress Elizabeth Taylor, and singer Placido Domingo. It offers guests the opportunity to stay in Room 214, where the notorious break-in occurred in 1972 during President Nixon's reelection campaign. The Scandal Room has memorabilia from the 1970s, along with "Cover Up" robes to wear while you're there. It's worth visiting to enjoy cocktails at the Top of the Gate, with the bar's sweeping views of the skyline.
With so many families visiting D.C., we pay special attention to what makes an excellent family hotel. Roomy accommodations, in-room fridge, great pool (or access to one), complimentary breakfast, and programs for kids are a few of the things we researched when selecting top hotels among hundreds of properties in the area. Look for the icon for our family-friendly picks.

Although we would all love to stay at one of Washington D.C.'s super-luxury hotels (and there are many), the properties we list here offer the best value, based on access to major attractions, quality of service, tastefulness of furnishings and decor, state of repair, cleanliness, cost, and size of standard rooms. We describe each selection, noting nearby dining options, whether the hotel is pet-friendly and has a refrigerator in the room, and the maximum number of occupants allowed in one guest room. We group the hotels and motels into specific sections of town, noting access to downtown attractions such as the National Mall and subway stations. Our star ratings apply to Washington, D.C., properties only and do not necessarily correspond to ratings awarded by Forbes, AAA, or other travel critics.

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THE WHARF ON THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT

Hyatt House Washington, D.C./The Wharf

725 Wharf St. SW, 202-554-1234, hyatt.com


THIS MODERN, NEW HOTEL has an array of suites, including a one-bedroom penthouse and one-bedroom suites, some with views of the river and all with sleeper sofas to accommodate additional guests. The hotel is connected to its upscale sister property, Canopy by Hilton. They share a heated rooftop pool and fitness center. The Hyatt House rate includes a buffet breakfast. Staying in the Wharf neighborhood puts you in the middle of pet- and kid-friendly activities like boat trips. You'll also have access to a free shuttle to the National Mall playground, an ice rink in winter, a long boardwalk to explore, and several casual restaurants and shops at your doorstep.

InterContinental Washington, D.C.—The Wharf

801 Wharf St. SW, 202-800-0844, ihg.com

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Mandarin Oriental Washington, D.C.

1330 Maryland Ave. SW, 202-554-6500, mandarinoriental.com


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CAPITOL RIVERFRONT AND NAVY YARD

Courtyard Washington Capitol Hill/Navy Yard

140 L St. SE, 202-479-0027, marriott.com


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**IF YOU'RE YOUNG-AT-HEART** and looking for a D.C. neighborhood that is lively day and night, then staying at The Wharf is perfect for you. This new hotel pampers guests with sumptuous furnishings; a sparkling fitness center; a rooftop pool; and sweeping views of the marina, East Potomac Park, and the Potomac River. Walk to the new live-music venue, The Anthem; make s'mores on the boardwalk fire pit; and tour the historic Municipal Fish Market.

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5. The Conrad Washington DC
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10. Embassy Suites Washington, D.C. Convention Center
11. Embassy Suites Washington, D.C. Georgetown/The District
12. Fairmont Washington, D.C./Georgetown
13. Georgetown Suites
14. The Graham
15. Hamilton Hotel
16. Hampton Inn & Suites Washington DC Navy Yard
17. Hilton Garden Inn Washington, D.C. Downtown
20. Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol
21. Homewood Suites by Hilton NoMa Union Station
22. Homewood Suites by Hilton Washington
23. Hotel Palomar, A Kimpton Hotel
24. Hyatt House Washington, D.C./The Wharf
25. InterContinental Washington, D.C.—The Wharf
26. Liaison Washington Capitol Hill
27. The Line Hotel
29. Mandarin Oriental Washington, D.C.
30. Melrose Georgetown Hotel
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32. One Washington Circle Hotel
33. Phoenix Park Hotel
34. Pod DC Hotel
35. Residence Inn Arlington Courthouse
36. Residence Inn Foggy Bottom
37. Residence Inn Washington Capitol Hill/Navy Yard
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WHEN ONLY the BEST WILL DO

NOTE: The following are listed in alphabetical order and not by rank.

Best Luxury Boutique Hotels
- The Alexandrian  Alexandria
- The Avery Hotel  Georgetown
- Donovan Hotel  Dupont Circle
- Hotel Hive  Foggy Bottom
- Hotel Lombardy  Foggy Bottom
- Kimpton Hotel Monaco  Penn Quarter
- Kimpton Lorien Hotel & Spa  Alexandria
- The Jefferson  Dupont Circle
- The Line DC  Adams Morgan
- The Mansion on O Street  Dupont Circle
- Morrison-Clark Historic Inn  Convention Center
- Moxy Washington, DC  Downtown/White House
- Rosewood Washington, D.C.  Georgetown
- Sofitel Washington, D.C. Lafayette Square  Downtown
- Tabard Inn  Dupont Circle

Best Family-Friendly Chain Hotels
- Cambria Hotel and Suites  Rockville, Maryland
- Comfort Inn Downtown DC/Convention Center
- Courtyard Washington Downtown/Convention Center  Penn Quarter
- Embassy Suites Hotels  Dupont Circle, Friendship Heights, Georgetown, Convention Center
- Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center  National Harbor
- Georgetown Suites
- Hilton Garden Inn  near McPherson Square
- Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol  National Mall
- Holiday Inn Washington-Central/White House  Downtown
- Holiday Inn Rosslyn  Arlington, Virginia
- Homewood Suites  Dupont Circle
- Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
- Residence Inn National Harbor
- Residence Inn Washington, DC/Capitol
- Residence Inn Washington, DC/Foggy Bottom
Best Swimming Pools (INDOOR AND/OR OUTDOOR)

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- Marriott Wardman Park  Woodley Park
- Mason & Rook Hotel  Downtown
- MGM National Harbor  National Harbor
- Omni Shoreham Hotel  Woodley Park
- One Washington Circle Hotel  Foggy Bottom
- Park Hyatt Washington D.C.  Georgetown
- Residence Inn Washington, D.C./Foggy Bottom
- Residence Inn Washington, D.C./Capitol  Capitol Hill
- Ritz-Carlton Washington, D.C.  Georgetown
- Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City
- Rosewood Washington, D.C.  Georgetown
- Washington Hilton  Dupont Circle
- Washington Marriott at Metro Center  Penn Quarter
- Washington Plaza  Thomas Circle
- The Watergate Hotel  Foggy Bottom
- Westin Georgetown

Best Hotel Restaurants

- American Son  at Eaton Hotel
- Bistro Bis  at Kimpton George
- BLT Prime  at Trump International Hotel
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- Bourbon Steak  at Four Seasons Hotel
- Brabo Brasserie  at Kimpton Lorien Hotel & Spa
- Café du Parc  at Willard InterContinental
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- Kith/Kin  at InterContinental Washington, D.C.-The Wharf
- The Lafayette/Off the Record  at Hay-Adams
- Old Hickory Grill  at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
- Opaline Bar & Brasserie  at Sofitel Washington, D.C. Lafayette Square
- Plume  at The Jefferson
- A Rake's Progress  at The Line DC
- Seasons  at Four Seasons Hotel
- Tabard  at Tabard Inn
- Voltaggio Brothers Steak House  at MGM National Harbor

Best Hotel Fitness Centers

- Club Quarters Hotel Washington, D.C.  White House
- The Embassy Row Hotel
- Fairmont Washington, D.C.
- Four Seasons
- Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center  National Harbor
- Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
- The Jefferson  Dupont Circle
- Kimpton George  Capitol Hill
- Kimpton Glover Park Hotel
- Kimpton Hotel Palomar Washington, D.C.  Dupont Circle
- Mandarin Oriental  Capitol Hill
- Marriott Marquis Washington, D.C.  Convention Center
- The Mayflower Autograph Collection  White House
- MGM National Harbor
- Omni Shoreham Hotel  Woodley Park
- Park Hyatt Washington D.C.  Georgetown
- Renaissance Washington, D.C. Downtown Hotel
- Ritz-Carlton Georgetown  Georgetown
- Ritz-Carlton Washington, D.C.  Georgetown
Best Swimming Pools (INDOOR AND/OR OUTDOOR)
- Cambria Washington, D.C. Convention Center
- Courtyard Washington, D.C./Dupont Circle
- Courtyard Washington Downtown/Convention Center  Penn Quarter
- Courtyard Washington, D.C./Foggy Bottom
- Courtyard Washington Capitol Hill/Navy Yard  Capitol Hill
- Donovan Hotel  Dupont Circle
- The Embassy Row Hotel  Dupont Circle
- Embassy Suites Chevy Chase Pavilion  Northwest D.C.
- Embassy Suites Washington Convention Center  Penn Quarter
- Fairmont Washington, D.C.  Georgetown
- Four Seasons Hotel Washington, DC  Georgetown
- Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center  National Harbor
- Grand Hyatt Washington  Downtown
- Hampton Inn Washington, D.C.  White House
- Hilton Garden Inn  Bethesda
- Holiday Inn Washington-Capitol  National Mall
- Holiday Inn Washington-Central/White House  Downtown
- Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
- Hyatt House Washington, D.C./The Wharf
- InterContinental Washington, D.C.  The Wharf
- JW Marriott Washington, D.C.  Downtown
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Best Hotel Fitness Centers (continued)
- Washington Hilton Hotel  Dupont Circle
- Willard InterContinental  White House

Best for High Tea
- Brothers and Sisters at The Line DC  Any day
- Empress Lounge at the Mandarin Oriental  Friday–Sunday
- Fairmont Washington, D.C.  Saturday and Sunday
- Four Seasons Hotel  Saturday and Sunday
- Hay-Adams  Any day with advance reservations
- The Jefferson  Saturday and Sunday
- Kingsbird at The Watergate Hotel  Saturday and Sunday
- Mansion on O Street  Advance reservations for groups only
- Park Hyatt Washington D.C.  Saturday and Sunday
- Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City  Saturday and Sunday
- Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner  Seasonal
- The St. Regis  Any day with advance reservations
- Willard InterContinental  Friday–Sunday only

Best Hotel Bars
- Bar Moxy at Moxy Washington, DC
- Barrel & Bushel at Hyatt Regency in Tysons Corner
- Benjamin Bar at Trump International Hotel
- Blue Bar Lounge at Hay-Adams
- CUT Bar and Lounge at Rosewood Washington, D.C.
- Doyle Bar & Lounge at The Dupont Circle
- The Dubliner at Phoenix Park Hotel
- Empress Lounge at Mandarin Oriental (garden)
- Estuary at Conrad Washington, D.C.
- Jardine at Miro Hotel Washington, D.C.
- Kintsugi at Eaton Hotel
- The Living Room at W Washington D.C.
- The Lounge at Bourbon Steak, Four Seasons
- Next Whisky Bar at The Watergate Hotel
- Off the Record at The Hay-Adams
- Opaline Bar & Brasserie at Sofitel Washington, D.C. Lafayette Square
- POV at the W Washington D.C.
- Quill at The Jefferson
- Round Robin Bar at Willard InterContinental
- St. Regis Bar at The St. Regis

Best Views
- Citybar Rooftop Bar at Hyatt Place Washington DC/National Mall
- DNV Rooftop Lounge at the Donovan Hotel
- Ellipse Rooftop Bar at Hyatt Place Washington DC/White House
- Felt Bar and Lounge at MGM National Harbor in Maryland
- The Graham Georgetown Rooftop at The Graham Georgetown
- Key Bridge Terrace at Hyatt Centric Arlington
- Pose Rooftop Lounge at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland
- POV at W Washington D.C.
- The Rooftop at Embassy Row Hotel
- Sky Bar at the Beacon Hotel
- Skydome at DoubleTree by Hilton Washington DC-Crystal City, Virginia
- Tony & Joe's Seafood Place at Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia
- Top of the Yard at Hampton Inn Navy Yard
- Top of the Gate at The Watergate Hotel

Waves at InterContinental Washington, D.C.-The Wharf
Whiskey Charlie Rooftop Bar at Canopy by Hilton Washington, D.C.-The Wharf
PART 4 SIGHTSEEING TIPS, TOURS, AND ATTRACTIONS

FORT DERUSSY The Civil War garrison located in Rock Creek Park is mostly swallowed up with trees and shrubs, but it was where Confederate soldiers attacked Fort Stevens to the west and Fort DeRussy's Union soldiers fought back by firing 100 rounds at the enemy to protect Washington, D.C. (nps.gov).

GRAVELLY POINT PARK This park is located along the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington, Virginia, beside the grounds of Reagan National Airport. Take a picnic and watch as the jets fly directly over your head (virginia.org).

HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY Here you can cavort with the spirits of many of Washington's most notable residents, including U.S. Capitol, State funerals for First Lady Dolley Madison and Presidents John Quincy Adams, William Henry Harrison, and Zachary Taylor took place here (congressionalcemetery.org).

MANSION ON O STREET Built in 1896, this historic mansion is now a combination of hotel, gathering space, and museum filled with eclectic artifacts. It was the home of Rosa Parks, the civil rights icon, and countless celebrities have stayed there (omansion.com).

NATIONAL FIREARMS MUSEUM The museum, inside the offices of the National Rifle Association headquarters, has 15 galleries with more than 3,000 firearms used in American history. Some highlights include the rifles at the Jamestown Fort to gun factories in New England. Exhibits represent events such as the Western Front during World War I. The museum also catalogues 120 guns used in movies such as No Country for Old Men, Dirty Harry, and Die Hard and displays Annie Oakley's gun (nrmuseum.org).

SMITHSONIAN ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM Located in Anacostia, this small branch of the Smithsonian looks at Washington, D.C., has changed over the last century and the impact on development in the various neighborhoods (anacostia.si.edu).

THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND This spit of land is operated by the National Park Service and honors President Theodore Roosevelt, who was the founder of the National Park System. He was a lover of nature and adventure, so this is a fitting memorial to him. The statues in the island's center contain an image of him and etchings of his most famous statements. It's an entertaining place for a hike, with views of the Potomac River waterfront, Georgetown, and a boardwalk over lush wetlands (nps.gov/this).

THE TITANIC MEMORIAL Take a walk from The Wharf (in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood) to see this unique and stunning memorial funded and built by 25,000 American women to honor the men who died during the sinking of the massive ship in 1912. Women and children were evacuated first from the ship, which left the majority of all men onboard to die.

PART FIVE DINING

The WASHINGTON CUISINE SCENE

The Washington dining scene is a reflection of our community diversity. Because the city is home to millions of international residents, and because residents have a taste for global gastronomy, diners have their pick of nearly every kind of cuisine.

In 2016 Bon Appétit ranked Washington, D.C., as the Restaurant City of the Year. In the 2019 rankings, D.C. claimed three of the country's 50 best restaurants. In the past, the city always had "great meals in small-box restaurants in the center of town," writes Andrew Knowlton of Bon Appétit. "But now D.C. has more than that; It finally has a ton of great neighborhood restaurants. . . . And what all these restaurants have in common is fearlessness."

Washington continues to rank at the top of Michelin's, Zagat's, and People magazine's lists of best food cities thanks to its ever-expanding restaurant scene with a multicultural flair. Many are lured by women.

Maydan was recognized as the second-best new restaurant in America in Bon Appétit's "Hot Ten" in 2018. This much-admired eatery serves modern Middle Eastern cuisine and is owned by Rose Previte, a Lebanese American, who fires every dish in a blazing oven in the center of the restaurant. Another popular female chef is Marjorie Meek-Bradley, who won Eater.com 2018 Chef of the Year at her St. Anselm tavern. She reimagined menus found at traditional D.C. steakhouses to make room for vegetable-focused entrées.

Another notable trend is the expansion of fast-casual restaurants. Washington, D.C., was the incubator for Sweetgreen, the salad empire; Cava, featuring a taste of Greece in a bowl; and the international expansion of our own Five Guys, beloved for pick-your-own-toppings.
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Del Mar de Fabio Trabocchi ★★★★★
• MODERN SPANISH • VERY EXPENSIVE
791 Wharf St. SW; 202-525-1402; delmarc.com

Reservations Recommended. Metro Southwest Waterfront. Wine selection Very good. Open Lunch: Tuesday–Friday, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Dinner: Monday–Thursday, 5–10 p.m.; Friday–Saturday, 5:30–10:30 p.m. Brunch: Saturday–Sunday, 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunset menu (available at bar only): Tuesday–Sunday, 2:30–5 p.m. Happy hour (available at bar only): Monday–Thursday, 4–5:30 p.m.

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Kith/Kin ★★★★★½ • NIGERIAN AND JAMAICAN • EXPENSIVE
801 Wharf St. SW; 202-878-8566; kithandkin.com


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Officina ★★★★½ • ITALIAN • MODERATE-EXPENSIVE
1120 Maine Ave. SW; 202-747-5222; officinadc.com

Reservations Not needed except on weekends. Metro Southwest Waterfront. Wine selection Exceptional beverage program. Open Mercato: Sunday–Wednesday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; Thursday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Café: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–10 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–11 p.m. Trattoria: Monday–Friday, 5–10 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–10 p.m. Salotto: Daily, 5–10 p.m. Terrazza: Monday–Wednesday, 5–10 p.m.; Thursday–Friday, 5–11 p.m.; Saturday, noon–midnight; Sunday, noon–10 p.m.

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Best Bars for Hard Cider and Beer
- Anxo Cidery  NoMa
- Atlas Brew Works  Ivy City near the National Arboretum
- Bluejacket  Navy Yard
- Board Room DC  Dupont Circle
- Capitol Cider House  Petworth near President Lincoln's Cottage
- ChurchKey  Logan Circle
- Columbia Room  Penn Quarter
- Dacha Beer Garden  Navy Yard, NoMa
- District Winery  Navy Yard
- Jack Rose Dining Saloon  Georgetown
- Owen's Ordinary  North Bethesda
- The Sovereign  Georgetown
- Tortuga Caribbean Bar & Grille  Capitol Hill
- Union Pub  Capitol Hill
- Wunder Garten  NoMa

Best Breakfast
- A Baked Joint  Convention Center
- Bayou Bakery, Coffee Bar & Eatery  Capitol Hill; Arlington, VA
- Bread & Chocolate  Foggy Bottom; Chevy Chase, MD
- Busboys and Poets  Multiple locations
- Call Your Mother: A Jew-ish Deli  Columbia Heights
- The Diner  Adams Morgan
- Kramerbooks & Afterwords Café  Dupont Circle
- Little Red Fox  Tenleytown
- Open City  Woodley Park
- Red Apron  Penn Quarter
- Slipstream  Logan Circle
- Ted's Bulletin  Multiple locations, including Capitol Hill
- Unconventional Diner  Penn Quarter
- Uptowner Café  Foggy Bottom
- Wicked Waffle  White House

Best Brunches
- Agora  Dupont Circle
- Amber  Capitol Hill
- Ana at District Winery  The Wharf
- Bastille Brasserie & Bar  Alexandria, VA
- Belga Café  Barracks Row
- Birch & Barley  Logan Circle
- Bistro Cacao  Capitol Hill
- Blue Duck Tavern  West End
- Bombay Club  White House
- Busboys and Poets  Multiple locations
- Le Diplomate  Logan Circle
- Espita Mezcaleria  Shaw
- First Watch  Fairfax, VA
- Founding Farmers  Georgetown
- Four Seasons Hotel  Georgetown
- Garden Café  National Gallery of Art; Penn Quarter
- The Liberty Tavern  Arlington, VA
- Old Ebbitt Grill  Downtown
- Perry's Drag Brunch  Adams Morgan
- Ted's Bulletin  Multiple locations
- Tryst  Adams Morgan
- Tupelo Honey  Arlington, VA

Best Burgers
- The Avenue  Chevy Chase
- Bobby's Burger Palace  Multiple locations
- Burger Tap & Shake  Foggy Bottom
- Capital Burger  Convention Center
- Le Diplomate  Logan Circle
- Duke's Grocery  Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom
- Five Guys  Multiple locations
- Good Stuff Eatery  Multiple locations
- The Lounge at Bourbon Steak  Georgetown
- Lucky Buns  Adams Morgan
- A Rake's Bar  Adams Morgan
- Red Apron  Penn Quarter
- Reverie  Georgetown
- The Salt Line  Navy Yard
- Shake Shack  Multiple locations
- Unconventional Diner  Penn Quarter

Best Chains (* designates local)
- Busboys and Poets*  6 locations, including U Street Corridor, Brookland, and Hyattsville, MD
- Carmine's Italian Restaurant  Penn Quarter
- Cava Mezze*  Capitol Hill; Clarendon; Rockville, MD
- Gydo*  8 locations, including Georgetown; Chevy Chase and Rockville, MD; and Willow Creek Farm in Virginia
**Best Chains (designates local) (continued)**

- **Corner Bakery** 13 locations, including White House; Penn Quarter; Bethesda, MD; and Tysons Corner, VA
- **Founding Farmers** Georgetown; Tysons Corner and Reston, VA
- **Jaleo** Penn Quarter; Bethesda, MD; Crystal City, VA
- **Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab** White House
- **Lebanese Taverna** 5 full-service locations, including Adams Morgan; Baltimore, MD; and Arlington and Tysons Corner, VA
- **Maggiano's Little Italy** Chevy Chase, MD; Tysons Corner, VA; Springfield, VA
- **Shake Shack** Multiple locations, including Union Station and The Wharf
- **Tara Thai** 7 locations in Maryland and Virginia
- **Ted's Bulletin** Capitol Hill, U Street Corridor; Gaithersburg, MD; and Arlington, Fairfax, and Reston, VA
- **True Food Kitchen** Multiple locations, including Bethesda, Fairfax, and Reston, VA

**Best Hotel Fine Dining**

- **Alhambra** St. Regis Hotel White House
- **Bistro Bis** Kimpton George Hotel Capitol Hill
- **BLT Prime** Trump International Hotel White House
- **Blue Duck Tavern** Park Hyatt West End
- **Bourbon Steak** Four Seasons Hotel Georgetown
- **Brabo/Brabo Tasting Room** Kimpton Lorien Hotel & Spa Old Town Alexandria, VA
- **Café du Parc** Willard InterContinental White House
- **Empress Lounge and Muze** Mandarin Oriental Southwest Waterfront
- **Kingbird** The Watergate Hotel Foggy Bottom
- **Kith/Kin** InterContinental Washington, D.C., The Wharf, The Wharf
- **Morrison-Clark Restaurant** Morrison-Clark Historic Inn & Restaurant Convention Center
- **Old Hickory Steakhouse** Gaylord Hotel National Harbor
- **Plume** The Jefferson Downtown
- **A Rake's Progress** The Line DC Adams Morgan
- **The Riggsby** Kimpton Carlyle Hotel Dupont Circle

**Best International Food Markets**

- **The Block** Annandale, VA
- **La Cosecha** NE Washington, D.C./Gallaudet Metro
- **Eastern Market** Capitol Hill
- **Eden Center** Falls Church, VA
- **Pike Kitchen** Rockville, MD
- **Quarter Market** Arlington, VA
- **The Spot** Rockville, MD; College Park, MD
- **Tastemakers** Brookland
- **Union Market** NE Washington, D.C./Gallaudet Metro
- **Urbanspace** Tysons Galleria in Tysons Corner, VA

**Best Museum Restaurants**

- **Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens** Merrickweather Cafe
- **Hirshhorn Museum** Dolcezza Coffee & Gelato
- **International Spy Museum** Sandella's Flatbread Cafe and L'Enfant Plaza food court (both near the museum)
- **Museum of the Bible** Manna
- **National Gallery of Art, West Building** Garden Cafe
- **National Gallery of Art, East Building** Cascade Cafe
- **National Museum of African American History and Culture** Sweet Home Cafe
- **National Museum of American History** Eat at America's Table (best for families)
- **National Museum of the American Indian** Misisitam Cafe
- **National Museum of Natural History** Atrium Cafe (best for kids)
- **National Museum of Women in the Arts** Mezzanine Cafe
- **The Phillips Collection** Trast at The Phillips
- **J.S. Holocast Memorial Museum** Museum Cafe (best for vegetarian, kosher)

**Best Night-Out Activities**

- **Board Room Bar** Dupont Circle
- **Bobby McKey's Dueling Piano Bar** National Harbor
- **Booze and blowouts at Sip and Dry Bar** NoMa/Shaw
- **Cooking classes at Sur La Table** Alexandria, VA
- **Decades nightclub** Dupont Circle
- **Destination Wedding** U Street Corridor
- **Friday ARThights at Capitol Hill Arts Workshop** Capitol Hill
- **Latin dancing at Cuba Libre** Penn Quarter
- **Paint and sip at ArtJamz** Dupont Circle
- **Picnic and concert at Wolf Trap Concert Hall** Vienna, VA
- **Primrose Wine Bar** Brookland
- **Rock and Twang Karaoke at Hill Country Barbecue Market** Penn Quarter
- **Salsa classes at Cafe Citron** Dupont Circle
- **Wild Days rooftop bar at the Eaton Hotel** Penn Quarter
- **Wine tasting at Flight Wine Bar** Penn Quarter

**Best Pizza**

- **Ai-Purpose** Penn Quarter
- **&Pizza** Multiple locations
- **Comet Ping Pong** Northwest D.C.
- **Ellio's** Penn Quarter
- **Etto** Logan Circle
- **Ghellina** Logan Circle
- **Il Canale** Georgetown
Best Pizza (continued)
- Pote's New Haven Style Apizza  Friendship Heights
- Pizzeria Paradiso  Dupont Circle; Georgetown; Old Town; Alexandria, VA
- Potomac Pizza  Chevy Chase, College Park, Potomac, Rockville (all MD)
- 7th Hill  Capitol Hill (Eastern Market)
- 2 Amys Neapolitan Pizzeria  Northwest D.C.
- We, the Pizza  Capitol Hill; Crystal City, VA
- Wise Guy Pizza  Foggy Bottom, Navy Yard, Penn Quarter

Best Restaurants with a View (Reservations Recommended)
- Brixton bar  U Street
- Del Mar  The Wharf
- DNV Rooftop Lounge at the Donovan Hotel  Thomas Circle near Convention Center
- Fioia Mare  Georgetown
- The Graham Georgetown Rooftop Bar in The Graham hotel  Georgetown
- Kith/Kin in the InterContinental  Southwest Waterfront/The Wharf
- The Lafayette at The Hay-Adams  White House/National Mall
- Mi Vida Restaurante  The Wharf
- Osteria Morini  Navy Yard/Capitol Riverfront
- Officina  The Wharf
- Roof Terrace Restaurant at The Kennedy Center  Foggy Bottom
- Sequoia  Georgetown

Best Restaurants Worth a Drive
- The Ashby Inn & Restaurant  Paris, VA
- L'Auberge Chez François/Jacques' Brasserie  Great Falls, VA
- Cantler's Riverside Inn (Maryland crabs)  Annapolis, MD
- Field & Main  Marshall, VA
- Harrimans Virginia Piedmont Grill at Salamander Resort & Spa  Middleburg, VA
- The Inn at Little Washington  Washington, VA
- The Old Angler's Inn  Potomac, MD
- The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm  Lovettsville, VA
- Volt  Frederick, MD
- Woodberry Kitchen  Baltimore, MD

Most Romantic Restaurants
- Barmini  Penn Quarter
- Blue Duck Tavern  Foggy Bottom/West End
- Bombay Club  White House
- Bourbon Steak  Georgetown
- Café du Parc  White House
- Chez Billy Sud  Georgetown

Best Steaks
- BLT Prime  White House
- Bobby Van's  White House
- Bourbon Steak  Georgetown
- The Capital Grille  Penn Quarter; Chevy Chase, MD; Tysons Corner, VA
- Charlie Palmer Steak  Capitol Hill
- Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse  Penn Quarter
- Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse  Penn Quarter; Bethesda, MD; Tysons Corner, VA
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- Mastro's Steakhouse  Penn Quarter
- Medium Rare  Multiple locations
- Morton's Steakhouse  Multiple locations
- The Palm  Dupont Circle; Tysons Corner, VA
- The Prime Rib  Foggy Bottom
- Rare  White House
- Urban Butcher  Silver Spring, MD

Best Sushi
- Dounturi  Dupont Circle
- Izakaya Sei  Mid City
- Kaz Sushi Bistro  Foggy Bottom
- Kintaro  Georgetown
- Koto Sushi  Northwest D.C.
- Himitsu  Petworth
- Nobu Washington D.C.  West End
- Sushi Hachi  Capitol Hill
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