



The People's House



'A Soldier's Journey'



Capital Pride

ARTS & CULTURE

100+ Free Things to Do (Year-round)

Enjoy 25+ free museums including 16 prestigious Smithsonian museums and the National Zoo. Free tours, festivals, art installations, seasonal markets and live music events are offered year-round.

National Air and Space Museum Renovation (Ongoing)

Eight new and renovated exhibitions and a planetarium feature hundreds of artifacts like a Star Wars X-wing starfighter have opened. The remaining 15 exhibitions open in 2025.

Hirshhorn Museum's 50th Anniversary (October 2024)

The modern art museum is celebrating with OSGEMEOS: ENDLESS STORY, an exhibit that showcases light, movement and music by Brazilian twin brothers Gustavo and Otavio Pandolfo. The museum is also undergoing a renovation of its Sculpture Garden (2026).

Go-Go Museum (2024)

Digital and interactive exhibits showcase the music genre's creation in Washington, DC and trace its roots to West Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, which will also be reflected in its cafe.

National Museum of Women in the Arts (October 2023)

The first major museum dedicated to women artists finished a \$67.5 million renovation that provides increased gallery space.

HISTORY

The People's House (September 2024)

A new interactive replica of the White House offers an immersive educational experience about the executive mansion. The project from the White House Historical Association features a look into the Rose Garden and a model of the Oval Office.

'A Soldier's Journey' Sculpture Wall at the National World War I Memorial (September 2024)

The longest free-standing bronze sculpture in the Western hemisphere at 58 feet (17.8 meters) was recently unveiled, featuring 38 soldier figures alongside engraved quotes.

Folger Shakespeare Library renovation (June 2024)

Housing the world's largest Shakespeare collection and historic theater, the renovation added two exhibition halls and an accessible outdoor pavilion and garden.

Lincoln Memorial Renovation (2026)

The Lincoln Memorial is getting a new 15,000-square-foot exhibit space that will highlight the complete history of the memorial, including the achievements of Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Marian Anderson.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Every Major American Sports Team

Experience seven major sports leagues: Washington Capitals (hockey), Washington Wizards (basketball), Washington Mystics (women's basketball), Washington Commanders (American football), Washington Nationals (baseball), D.C. United (men's American soccer), Washington Spirit (women's American soccer) and Old Glory DC RFC (rugby).

#1 ParkScore in America (2024)

Ninety-nine percent of DC residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park and 24 percent of city land is reserved for park space, like the 59-hectare National Mall and 709-hectare Rock Creek Park.

11th Street Bridge Park (2026)

The city's first elevated public park will open over the Anacostia River with an amphitheater, gardens, interactive art and event space.

VUE Roo top at
Hotel WASHINGTON

4th of July

Audi Field

DEVELOPMENT

The Wharf — Phase 2

Designed to achieve LEED Gold certification, the development includes a Pendry hotel and spa, shopping and restaurants, a marina and public parks.

Metro Silver Line to Dulles International Airport

The new line connects Dulles International Airport to downtown DC for \$6 USD on weekdays and \$2 USD on weekends.

Dulles International Airport Expansion (2026)

Construction will begin soon on a \$580 million concourse that will include seven international gates.

ACCOMMODATIONS

23 New Hotels and 3,900+ Rooms in the Pipeline

NoMa will receive the Parisian-inspired MOB Hotel, Georgetown will open a CitizenM with a green roof, and Capitol Riverfront will have a Moxy Hotel with a farmers' market. Dupont Circle's Royal Sonesta will rebrand as The James, reflecting the local community. Many properties are elevating the city's dining scene with celebrity chefs and decadent seasonal menus.

Salamander Washington DC renovation (Fall 2024)

The woman-owned property and spa by the cofounder of Black Entertainment Television will finish a full renovation. The project includes an updated lobby,

bar, pool, spa and guest suites. The highly anticipated restaurant Dōgon by chef Kwame Onwuachi opened in September.

Arlo (Fall 2024)

The boutique hotel will open in Penn Quarter within one of DC's oldest multiunit residential buildings, and will feature two restaurants, a rooftop pool, bodega and a speakeasy.

Le Méridien Madison, Washington, DC (September 2024)

The boutique Madison Hotel will join the Marrio portfolio, rebranded as Le Méridien Madison, Washington, DC. The property has undergone an expansive \$15 million renovation inspired by the Golden Age of travel.

CULINARY

Washington, DC Michelin Guide Update

Home to 25 Michelin Star restaurants, DC is one of only a handful of U.S. cities with a Michelin Guide. Thirty-seven cuisines are highlighted including Indian (Rasika), Spanish (Cranes) and Latin American (Seven Reasons).

20 New or Renovated Rooftop Bars and Restaurants

With no buildings over 13 stories, rooftop dining locations like Moonraker, Smoke & Mirrors and VUE Rooftop offer stunning views of Washington, DC's iconic landmarks.

New Restaurants from World-Renowned Chefs and Restaurateurs

DC welcomes Mr. Lyan (Silver Lyan), Stephen Starr (El Presidente & Pastis DC), Gordon Ramsay (Hell's Kitchen and Street Pizza), José Andrés (The Bazaar) and more.

EVENTS

ICONIC FREE FESTIVALS

•**The National Cherry Blossom Festival** (March 20 – April 13, 2025) celebrates the blooming of 3,000 cherry trees gifted from Japan each spring.

•**Passport DC** (May 1- 31, 2025) showcases the city's 175+ embassies with open houses and cultural programming.

•**WorldPride DC 2025** (May 23 – June 8, 2025) coinciding with Capital Pride's 50th anniversary, a week of additional celebratory experiences happen across the city.

•**Smithsonian Folklife Festival** (July 2-7, 2025) showcases cultural heritage on the National Mall.

•**DC JazzFest** (Labor Day weekend 2025) experience the distinctly American genre in the birthplace of Duke Ellington, one of the greatest jazz composers of his time.

America 250 (2026)

A year-long, citywide celebration of the country's birthday in its capital. Museums and theaters are planning exhibits and shows, and restaurants and festivals are incorporating the theme into their menus and celebrations.