Guide to Washington, DC

Navigating the City

The city is divided into four sections: Northeast (N.E.), Northwest (N.W.), Southeast (S.E.) and Southwest (S.W.). The Capitol, the building that houses the United States Congress, is the geometric center of the city. If you are asking for directions, it is very important to know exactly which section you’re referring to, so that you do not go, for instance, to 9th and G Streets, Southeast, if you are supposed to go to 9th and G Streets, Northwest.

Streets running north and south are numbered; those running east and west are lettered (the letters J, X and Z are omitted, however). Houses and building numbers for each section start at the above baselines. For example, 1700 K Street is between 17th and 18th Streets on K. Avenues named after the states of the Union cross the square patterns of streets. The avenues, and the numbered and lettered streets come together in circles (e.g., Dupont Circle, Washington Circle, etc.).

Public Transportation

Metrorail - often simply called “the Metro” - is the underground subway system. The closest stops to The Mayflower Hotel are Farragut North Station (red line), and Farragut West Station (blue, orange and silver lines). The fare for Metro ride varies depending on the distance and time of day you will be riding. Fair card machines are located at the entrance of every Metro station.

Metrobus is the public bus system. The bus fare is $1.75 within Washington, DC. Transfer to another bus without paying additional fare only when using a SmarTrip Card (cost $5.00 at any Metro Station). Bus operators do not carry money and, therefore, cannot give change. Please have the exact fare when boarding a bus. Bus Stop Located on NW I St & NW 17th St.

The DC Circulator www.dccirculator.com network of buses offers an alternative to Metrobus. These red buses run about every 10 minutes on 5 different routes throughout out Washington, DC. These buses cost $1 per trip. Visit the website for routes and further information.

Visit the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority at www.wmata.com for more information, or call 202-637-7000 for information on bus or Metrorail schedules, location of stops, fares and routes. Or use the WMATA Trip Planner http://wmata.com/rider_tools/ tool to help you navigate the public transportation.
Taxicabs

The taxicab prices in Washington, DC are based on meter readings with an initial charge of $3.00, with an additional $0.25 for each 1/6 of a mile, and a maximum fare within the District of Columbia of $19.00. There are additional charges for long waiting times, luggage handling, telephone dispatch, etc. Taxi drivers charge an additional dollar during evening rush hour (4:00 to 6:30PM) and also charge extra during snow emergencies (snow storms). The taxi driver should be given a tip of 10-15% of the total fare, and no less than $0.25 in any case.

Diamond Cabs: 202-387-6200  
Yellow Cabs: 202-544-1212  
Red Top Cab, VA: 703-522-3333  
VIP Cab DC: 202-269-9000

Airports

- Dulles International Airport (IAD) – Metro Bus access @ L’Enfant Plaza/Rosslyn Metro Station, VA - 26 mi.
- Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) with Amtrak train access.

Washington DC March for Science, April 22, 2017

On Saturday April 22, 2017, the Washington DC March for Science is taking place on the National Mall. The rally and march could increase road closures and cause delays so factor this into transportation times. For more on the march visit: https://www.marchforscience.com/
The venue for the AUHCCF is The Mayflower Hotel (1127 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC, tel: +1 202-347-3000). The Mayflower is centrally located in a prime downtown location, blocks from the White House and Washington’s most famous landmarks and close to the Ronald Reagan National Airport and Union Station.

The World Bank HQ is located a few blocks west on 18th and H street NW.
The World Bank and its Surroundings

The World Bank has five main buildings in the area. These are **Main Complex (MC), I, J, IFC, and C** buildings:

- **MC Building** 1818 H Street, NW
- **I Building** - 1850 I Street, NW
- **J Building** 701 18th Street, NW
- **IFC Building** 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Cafeterias inside the World Bank buildings are open Monday through Friday. Breakfast, morning breaks, lunch and afternoon breaks will be provided at the set times as indicated in the agenda.
Explore Washington, DC

If you find yourself with a little extra free time during your stay, check out these resources for information on attractions, sightseeing, entertainment, shopping, special events, recreation, sports, and much more.

- http://washington.org
- http://dc.about.com/od/touristattractions/u/Thingstodo.htm#s5
- http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/

Walking around the World Bank

World Bank (A) → White House (B) ~ 7 minutes walking

World Bank (A) or White House (B) → Washington Monument ~ 25 minutes walking

The Washington Memorial is located in the National Mall, where several of the nation’s greatest monuments and Smithsonian museums are located. For more information on sightseeing and tours, visit:

- http://www.si.edu/Visit
- http://www.nationalmall.org/sites.php

If you are using a smartphone, download the free NPS National Mall App (on iTunes) to explore the cultural and historical sites.