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George Washington's Mount Vernon dazzles during the holiday season with candlelight tours, evening fireworks and festive daytime fun. ©BUDDY SECOR

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EDITOR'S NOTE

December 2018

#SeizeTheStay

With the holidays in full swing, it's easy to find all manner of spirit-lifting things to do. One of my favorites is to hit the outdoor bazaars, like the Downtown Holiday Market in D.C. at 8th and F sts. NW. wheretraveler.com/seizethestay.

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There's no question that Washington, D.C., is rich with history and tradition, especially during the holidays. But along with tree trimming parties and caroling, denizens are also engaging in new customs, like donning a bathing suit and running through a maze of ice! Learn all about unconventional ways to observe the season on page 8.

Of course, we've also got plenty of recommendations for the tried and true. Just turn to the Calendar on page 6.

Whether your celebrations are decades-old or just beginning, we wish you the best of the season.

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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC

of the season at George Washington's Mount Vernon, where Christmas past meets Christmas present. During the day, meet Aladdin the Camel and enjoy chocolate-making demonstrations, festive music and more. On weekend evenings, celebrate an 18th-century Christmas with candlelight tours, or watch dazzling fireworks during Christmas Illuminations. Mount Vernon is open 365 days a year, including Dec. 25. Learn more at mountvernon.org/Christmas.

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Ways to Connect

1

All Aglow

The spirit of the season lights up the capital with holiday traditions old and new, like ZooLights at the National Zoo (pictured).

2

Warming Trend

Old Man Winter's bite has Washingtonians heading inside top-shelf cocktail bars pouring soul-warming concoctions.

3

Food for Comfort

Diet fads may have been trending in summer, but this month, foodies are sitting down to satisfying comfort meals.

4

Light It Up

The District's always-thrilling theater scene heats up with showstoppers and thought-provokers all around town.

5

Shop Small

In this season of giving, supporting the mom-and-pop stores from Georgetown to downtown feels especially good.



WHERE NOW

CALENDAR

December at a Glance

Dec. 5-9

"Crystal"

Cirque du Soleil's first production on ice follows the title character through a surreal frozen world filled with pro skaters performing the company's signature jaw-dropping acrobatics. Prices/times vary. Capital One Arena, 601 F St. NW, 202.628.3200, capitalonearena.viewlift.com

Dec. 1-2

Native Art Market



Artisans from the Americas offer their handiwork in pottery, jewelry and intricately beaded objects. Free entry. American Indian Museum, 4th St. and Independence Ave. SW, 202.633.1000, americanindian.si.edu

LET'S DO THIS

Because we just want to have fun
IN DECEMBER

Ballston Quarter All month

Arlington, Virginia's newest mixed-use complex combines interactive experiences (star in a movie!) with top restaurants and bars. www.ballstonquarter.com

Metrocooking DC Dec. 1-2

Emeril Lagasse joins celeb chefs like Jacques Pepin and Carla Hall for demos, tastings and more. From \$21.50. www.metrocookingdc.com

Bob Woodward Dec. 7

Radio host Kojo Nnamdi chats with the legendary journalist. \$55-\$75. www.thelincolndc.com

Kwanzaa Celebration Dec. 15-16

Dancers twirl through the seven principles of the cultural holiday. \$15-\$30. www.danceplace.org

Cat Power Dec. 16

The songstress serenades with selections from "Wanderer," her first new album in six years. \$40. www.930.com

The Hip Hop Nutcracker Dec. 18-19

MC Kurtis Blow presides over a twist on the Tchaikovsky classic. \$30-\$60. www.strathmore.org

First Night Dec. 31

Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia, rings in the New Year with musical shows capped by riverside fireworks. \$30 (\$35 Dec. 31). www.firstnightalexandria.org

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Holidays 2.0

In a city steeped in tradition, new customs light up the spirit of the season.

By Amy Alipio

WE CAN'T COUNT ON A WHITE CHRISTMAS here in the nation's capital. (The National Weather Service estimates that snow falls on Dec. 25 in D.C. about once every 14-15 years.) But we *can* count on our uniquely local holiday traditions.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Washingtonians spark the holiday season with the National Tree Lighting ceremony, a tradition that dates to 1923, when President Calvin Coolidge lit a 48-foot fir tree on the Ellipse south of the White House. Also on the Ellipse, the equally spectacular lighting of the National Menorah follows this year on Dec. 2, an annual event that President Jimmy Carter initiated in 1979.

Locals also know to look for the theme of this year's holiday decorations at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy started the tradition for the official White House Christmas tree in 1961—she went with the can't-lose "Nutcracker Suite" theme. Since then, the chosen annual motif has taken over other public rooms at the presidential residence. If you don't get an invitation to one of the White House's holiday dinners, you can still view the festive décor—and the chocolate White House replica—during one of the public tours that take place throughout the season.

But D.C. holiday traditions are hardly staid and static. They evolve to reflect the times. George Washington's beloved home, Mount Vernon, still offers its classic candlelight tours during the season but recently added fireworks over the Potomac to the mix (a perfect ending to your Snapchat Story). Other Mount Vernon events cater to our dog friends (the Dec. 1 Howliday Photo Station where canines dressed in holiday finery can have their pics snapped with some of the estate's costumed characters) and the DIY-obsessed (a two-hour wreath workshop with Mount Vernon's greenhouse manager on Dec. 9).

The Washington Ballet's "Nutcracker" production marks its 15th year, but don't assume those sugar plums have gotten dusty. The setting is still 1882 Georgetown but now surprise ballerinas roam the lobby of the historic Warner Theatre, and audiences look forward to photo ops with the large cast of characters.

Nearby, "A Christmas Carol" has played out its tale of redemption at historic Ford's Theatre for more than 35 years. But since 2004, the cast has reflected the faces of D.C. "We prioritize casting locally and feel that it's important for our cast to be representative of who we are as a nation and a community," says the theater's director, Paul R. Tetreault. For the past three years, acclaimed African-American actor Craig Wallace has played Ebenezer Scrooge. For the past 10 years, the company has also solicited donations at curtain call for a Washington charity. This year, donations support the Homeless Children's Playtime Project.

Other familiar events are updating to appeal to millennials. At National Harbor this year, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center's annual ICE! attraction unveils the one-off Arctic Dash, where the daring run through the carved-ice extravaganza in bathing suits before warming up with a signature cocktail at the lobby bar.

Newer traditions seem primed for Instagram. The Watergate Hotel offers a rooftop iceless skating rink, Top of the Skate, and party "igloos" on the patio, where skaters indulge in cocktails and cold-weather comfort food like raclette. The Georgetown neighborhood's fifth annual holiday lights experience, GLOW, turns on interactive light installations, including a movement-activated kinetic work at Francis Scott Key Park and animated characters on Book Hill that change colors based on visitor tweets.

Nothing is more time-honored than shopping during the holidays, so it's no surprise that the White House Christmas Ornament has been a popular buy since 1981. The inspiration for this year's ornament (this page) is a moment in White House history of great change: Harry Truman's extensive 1947-48 renovation of the residence that added the Truman Balcony to the South Portico.

It seems renewal may be Washington's longest lasting tradition.



MERRYMAKING

Time-tested or unconventional, these seasonal sights delight—all for free.

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DECORATIONS All month, the luxury retail center sparkles with Instagrammable light displays, family-friendly events and a stunning tree. *10th & H sts. NW, 202.289.9000, citycenterdc.com*

■ HOLIDAY BOAT

PARADE On Dec. 1, The Wharf turns into a hub of Christmas spirit as illuminated boats glide along the Potomac. *735 Water St. SW, wharfdc.com*

■ LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

TREE During the holidays, the largest library in the world hosts one of the city's grandest Christmas trees, decking the Great Hall in the Thomas Jefferson Building. *10 1st. SE, 202.707.8000, loc.gov*

■ SEASONS GREENINGS

All month, model trains chug through a whimsical plant-based display, with mini versions of D.C. landmarks made completely of plants decorating the Garden Court. *100 Maryland Ave. SW, 202.225.8333, usbg.gov*

■ ZOOLIGHTS

At the National Zoo, more than 500,000 eco-friendly bulbs "dance" to music when the sun goes down. *3001 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.633.3045, nationalzoo.si.edu*

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Shop Made in DC

Retail-minded folk in the Dupont Circle neighborhood who make their way south of the circle are rewarded at this newish boutique marketplace. Here, the local maker movement is fully embraced and on display, with unique creations by Washington area artisans filling tables and shelves. What's on sale? Curated items from apparel and pottery to jewelry and body creams. Also on tap is a cafe serving up local food and beverages from top, only-in-D.C. spots like Birch & Barley, Red Apron Burger Bar and Bluejacket Brewery on monthly rotation. 1333 19th St. NW, no phone, shopmadeindc.com

SHOPPING CENTERS

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Luxury complex for coveted labels including Hermes, Louis Vuitton, Dior, Vince, plus restaurants Daniel Boulud's DBGB Kitchen and Bar, Momofuku, Centrolina and Fig & Olive. Tesla dealership. Hours vary. 10th St. NW (Between H and I), 202.289.9000 Metro: Metro Center or Gallery Pl-Chinatown

FASHION CENTRE AT PENTAGON CITY

Light-filled mall with Nordstrom and Macy's, 170-plus shops (Forever 21, J. Crew, Sephora, Superdry, Zara). Food court. M-Sa 10 am-9:30 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. 1100 S. Hayes St., Arlington, Va., 703.415.2401 Metro: Pentagon City

TYSONS CORNER CENTER

Largest mall in the metropolitan area has 300-plus shops, restaurants and a cineplex. Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom, L.L. Bean, Lego, West Elm and Zara. M-Sa 10 am-9:30 pm, Su 11 am-

7 pm 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons Corner, Va., 703.893.9400 Metro: Tysons Corner

TYSONS GALLERIA

Neiman Marcus, Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue plus 100 other upscale shops (Chanel, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Michael Kors) in addition to restaurants (Legal Sea Foods) and Isabella Eatery upscale food court (third floor). M-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su noon-6 pm. Exit I-495 at 46A. 2001 International Drive, McLean, Va., 703.827.7730

APPAREL-MEN ONWARD RESERVE

Georgia-based designer's store for outdoorsy looks in a glam hunting lodge-like space. Accessories, decor, gifts. Bar. M-Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su noon-6 pm. 1063 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.838.9365

READ WALL

Local founder with knowledgeable staff helping with "natural shoulder" tailored suits and bespoke. Also shirts,

pants, etc. By appointment. 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW, 10th floor, 202.733.1913

APPAREL-MEN & WOMEN

BILLY REID
Renowned designer's collection of rugged button-ups, derby-ready suits, distressed leather handbags. M-Th 11 am-7 pm, F-Sa 11 am-8 pm, Su noon-6 pm. 3211 M St. NW, 202.499.6765

PROPER TOPPER

Berets to derbies, cloches and fascinators. Also gifts, clothes, jewelry, accessories. Hours vary by location. 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.842.3055 Metro: Dupont Circle (South); 3322 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.321.7499

APPAREL-WOMEN

SECONDI
Sunny shop reselling upscale labels with deeper discounts by the day. M-Tu, Sa 11 am-6 pm, W-F 11 am-7 pm, Su 1-5 pm. 1702 Connecticut Ave. NW,

2nd floor, 202.667.1122 Metro: Dupont Circle (North)

VIOLET

Hip shop for on-trend looks at affordable prices. Personal styling available. M-Sa 10 am-8 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. 1924 8th St. NW, Suite 115, 202.621.9225 Metro: U Street-Cardozo

BEAUTY

BELLACARA

Angela Sitalides' spot for luxury skincare, beauty and haircare. Bumble and Bumble, Butter London, Dermalogica, Kai, SkinCeuticals, all tested by Sitalides herself. M-F 11 am-6 pm, Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su noon-5 pm. 1000 King St., Alexandria, Va., 703.299.9652

TAKE CARE SHOP

Bright studio for all-natural beauty brands (women and men), made locally in small batches. Daily 11 am-7 pm. 1338 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.717.2600

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Shop

BOOKS

KRAMERBOOKS & AFTERWORDS CAFE

Newly expanded indie bookstore with full-service restaurant and bar since 1976. Events, live music, patio. Su-Th 7:30 am-1 am, F-Sa till 3 am. 1517 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.387.1400 Metro: Dupont Circle (North)

POLITICS AND PROSE

Since 1984, niche selections and popular book signings. In-store OPUS book machine prints and binds books for authors in minutes. Coffee shop downstairs (daily from 8 am). M-Sa 9 am-10 pm, Su 10 am-8 pm. 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.364.1919

CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES

THE INDIAN CRAFT SHOP

At Department of the Interior since 1938, outlet for American Indian artists to market their crafts. Basketry, weavings, carvings, kachinas, beadwork plus outdoor sculpture garden. Present ID to enter building. M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm and the third Sa of each month 10 am-4 pm. 1849 C St. NW, 202.208.4056

LOOPED YARN WORKS

Well-organized home-like shop encouraging in-store knitting. More than 30 brands of yarns, patterns, and needles and notions. Weekly classes and events. Hours vary. Check website for latest. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.714.5667 Metro: Dupont Circle (North)

HOME DECOR & GIFTS

HOMERULE

Tiny but expertly curated den of kitchen and bath gear in bright hues. Essentials and fun accessories. M-Sa 11 am-7 pm, Su noon-5:30 pm. 1807 14th St. NW, 202.797.5544

WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Books, Christmas ornaments, jewelry and items inspired by the history of the White House. Hours vary by location. 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202.208.7031 Metro: Federal Triangle; 1610 H St. NW, 202.218.4337 Metro: Farragut North or Farragut West

JEWELRY

LENKERSDORFER

Sister store to Liljenquist & Beckstead since 1993. Fine wristwatches by Patek Philippe, Breitling, Cartier, Panerai as well as fine jewelry from Roberto Coin, Chopard, Bulgari. Skilled technicians for repairs. M-Th 10 am-9 pm, F-Sa 10 am-9:30 pm, Su 11 am-7 pm. 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons Corner, Va., 703.506.6712 Metro: Tysons Corner

LILJENQUIST & BECKSTEAD

Since 1979 watches by Bulgari, Cartier, Rolex, Chopard. Bell & Ross timepieces "designed for professionals," Tacori diamond rings and David Yurman bracelets. Hours vary by location. Tysons Galleria (watch store), 2001 International Drive, McLean, Va., 703.448.6731; Westfield Montgomery, 2412 Montgomery Mall, Bethesda, Md., 301.469.7575; Fairfax Square, 8075 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Va., 703.749.1200; Westfield Annapolis, 1660 Annapolis Mall, Annapolis, Md., 410.224.4787

MALLORY SHELTER JEWELRY

Handmade jewelry in 14-karat gold, vermeil, sterling silver, semi-precious gemstones. Custom orders (engagement/wedding, platinum, diamonds). By appointment only and online. 1921 Sunderland

Place NW, 202.455.5314 Metro: Dupont Circle (South)

KIDS

LABYRINTH

Capitol Hill store stocking games from classics (Chutes & Ladders, Monopoly) to role-playing and expansion (Catan). Puzzles, Pokemon, STEM. Dedicated area for younger kids. In-store events like tournaments (Magic the Gathering), monthly kids' night out (games, pizza). Tu, Th-F 10 am-10 pm; W 10 am-9 pm; Sa 9 am-7 pm; Su 10 am-6 pm. 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, 202.544.1059 Metro: Eastern Market

LITTLE BIRDIES BOUTIQUE

High-end children's clothing store for newborns to size 14, plus organic products, gifts, fine art and bedroom decor. Brands including Bella Bliss, Candy Lab, Milkbar Kids, Young Versace and local designers. Tu-Sa 10 am-6 pm, Su noon-5 pm. 1526 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.333.1059

SPECIALTY

MAKETTO

Communal marketplace mixing retail, dining and coffee in a sleek setting with outdoor seating. Menswear (Rains, Taikan) and accessories. James Beard Award-nominee Erik Bruner-Yang overseeing a menu of Cambodian/Taiwanese street food (steamed pork bao, Taiwanese fried chicken). Frenchie's desserts, Vigilante coffee. M-Th 7 am-10 pm, F-Sa till 11 pm, Su 7 am-5 pm. 1351 H St. NE, 202.838.9972

UNION MARKET

Culinary marketplace with local "artisan" vendors including Follain natural cosmetics, Peregrine Espresso, Righteous Cheese Co. and Rappahannock Oyster Co., plus John Mooney's Bidwell restaurant. Wines, fresh bread, empanadas. Tu-F 11 am-8 pm, Sa-Su 8 am-8 pm. 6th St. and Neal Place NE 301.347.3998





Sababa

In D.C., restaurateur Ashok Bajaj's empire keeps growing, with new—and instantly popular—spots like this one. Sababa tips its hat to the growing popularity of modern Israeli food in a cozy two-story space in Cleveland Park. Inside, start a meal with salatim, a collection of spreads and cold dishes designed to whet the appetite for mains like salmon kebabs marinated in a pomegranate and labne sauce and stuffed quail doused in a shakshuka sauce. 3311 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.244.6750, sababauptown.com

14TH & U CORRIDOR

BEN'S CHILI BOWL

Southern Former pool hall serving chili half-smokes, burgers, cakes to Obama et. al., since 1958. B (M-F); L, D (daily). 1213 U St. NW, 202.667.0909 Metro: U St.-Cardozo; 1001 H St. NE, 202.733.1895; 1725 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va., 571.312.1091

COMPASS ROSE

Global Colorful rowhouse for international street food favorites. Georgian khachapuri, Lebanese lamb kefta. Private dinners for up to eight in glam Bedouin-style tent. D (daily), Br (Su). 1346 T St. NW, 202.506.4765

DOI MOI

Asian Inspired by Thai and Viet street foods: curries, noodles, rice dishes, taro root and potato dumplings and two-flavor ices. **2 Birds** 1 Stone sister bar with Asian cocktails (upstairs) and classics (down). D (daily). 1800 14th St. NW, 202.733.5131

DUKEM

Ethiopian Expat haven for communal-style, spice-rich kitfo, tibbs, vegetarian dishes to scoop with spongy injera. VIP Bar with Ethiopian art. NFL on big-screen TVs. Live jazz. L, D (daily). 1114-1118 U St. NW, 202.667.8735

Ghibellina

Italian Sleek-meets-rustic "Italian gastro-pub" for Tuscan fare: seafood, veal, calamari, pizzas, salumi, pastas, porter-house steak for two. Beers, cocktails, wines. L (Th-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1610 14th St. NW, 202.803.2389

IZAKAYA SEKI

Japanese Warm and welcoming two-level spot for raw, grilled and fried Japanese small plates. Sashimi, grilled whole squid, vegetables, noodles. Sakes, shochu (glass or bottle). D (Tu-Su). 1117 V St. NW, 202.588.5841

LE DIPLOMATE

French Stephen Starr's red banquettes, zinc-topped bar and a "garden room" for steak frites, foie gras "parfait," lamb stew with fennel and oranges, sorbets. D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1601 14th St. NW, 202.332.3333

LUPO VERDE

Italian Dig into calamari stew, risottos, branzino with black trumpet mushrooms, bombolini. Small plates, charcuterie, pizzas, paninis. Made-in-house cheeses, prosciutto, pastas. D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1401 R St. NW, 202.827.4752

Maydan

Middle Eastern Rose Previtte of popular Compass Rose hitting flavor high notes in underground digs featuring a blazing hearth. Seafood, kabobs, meats, spreads and salads trotting the globe from North Africa to Iran. Bar till late. D (daily). 1346 Florida Ave. NW, 202.370.3696 Metro: U Street-Cardozo

Adams Morgan, D.C.

ARAKE'S PROGRESS

American James Beard winner Spike Gjerde's first D.C. foray focused on local producers and seasonal ingredients. Raw bar, small plates (fried quail, bone broth), shared dishes (stuffed whole porgy, rib eye), mains (spit-roasted partridge, grilled sweet potato). Extensive wine list with local makers. D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). The Line Hotel, 1770 Euclid St. NW, 202.864.4190

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

American/Asian James Beard-nominated Erik Bruner-Yang's newest all-day restaurant. Western-style food as seen through the lens of Japan and Taiwan (milk bread with eggs and potato rosti, octopus hot dog, knife-cut noodles). Luxuries like an uni tray service with multiple toppings. B, L & D (daily). The Line

Hotel, 1770 Euclid St. NW, 202.864.4180

GRILL FROM IPANEMA

Brazilian Alcy De Souza's authentic seafood stews, Brazilian paella and pastas, spiced shrimp, filet with Madeira wine sauce, chicken Copacabana, feijoada and caipirinhas served beneath "palm trees." D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1858 Columbia Road NW, 202.986.0757

LAPIS AFGHAN BISTRO

Afghan The Popal family's ode to Afghan home cooking with matriarch in the kitchen. Comfort foods like *mantoo* (dumplings), *bolani* (stuffed flat breads), grilled kabobs, plus vegetarian dishes (*sabzi*, sauteed spinach; *samarok*, sauteed mushrooms). Airy space with blue (lapis) accents, family portraits and antique rugs. Patio. D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1847 Columbia Road NW, 202.299.9630

MADAM'S ORGAN

Soul Food Live music nightly at this rowdy bar where red-heads get a half-price drink special. Comfort foods like fried chicken, meatloaf, mac and cheese. Pool tables, karaoke, rooftop bar. D (daily). 2461 18th St. NW, 202.667.5370

Mellow Mushroom

Pizza Eco-minded spot known for "southern" pizza, pretzels, calzones, salads and hoagies. Craft beers on tap, vegetarian and gluten-free options. Rooftop bar and patio. L, D (daily). 2436 18th St. NW, 202.290.2778

Mintwood Place

American Cedric Maupillier's classy comfort food (sustainable and local): deviled pickled eggs, duck and pork cassoulet, parmesan leek risotto, key lime pie. Kids menu. Cocktails, beers on tap. Green-friendly interior with wood from an Amish barn. D (Tu-Su), Br (Sa-Su). 1813 Columbia Road NW, 202.234.6732

Tail Up Goat

American Up-and-comers with lauded resumes (Komi, Little Serow) in their own laid-back Michelin-starred spot. Inventive twists on classics: smoked potato ravioli, lamb ribs. D (daily). 1827 Adams Mill Road NW, 202.986.9600

Alexandria, Va. Chart House

Seafood On Old Town waterfront with fresh seafood and capital views. Crab soup, spiced ahi, snapper Hemingway, prime rib, "hot chocolate" lava cake. Beer, wine, whiskeys. Happy hour weekdays. L (M-Sa), D (daily), Br (Su). 1 Cameron St. 703.684.5080

Columbia Firehouse

American Inside the former 19th-century Columbia Steam Engine Fire Company, a two-tiered brasserie/bar with glass atrium. Raw bar, small plates and "supper" (comfort food, burgers, steaks and chops). L (Tu-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 109 S. Saint Asaph St., 703.683.1776

Fish Market

American Housed in a two-century-old ship warehouse serving seafood favorites including Atlantic salmon, snow crab legs, oysters and whole Maine lobster,

plus pasta, jambalaya, burgers, tacos. Festive Anchor Bar with 16 high-definition TVs for sports, happy hour specials. L, D (M-F), Br (Sa-Su). 105 King St., 703.836.5676

Hank's Pasta Bar

Italian Part of Jamie Leeds' ever-expanding Hank's empire, this one focusing on handmade pastas—15 varieties, plus risotto, antipasti, crostini, whole-roasted fish, lamb chops. Reservations recommended. L (M-Th), D (daily), Br (F-Su). 600 Montgomery St., 571.312.4117

Live Oak

Southern Chef Justus Frank (Fiola) bringing Charleston by way of Alexandria. Upscale comfort classics (head on) shrimp and grits, smoked pork ribs, braised collard greens tortellini. Strawberry shortcake, housemade ice cream. D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1603 Commonwealth Ave., 571.312.0402

Mount Vernon Inn

Southern Candlelit dining with George and Martha favorites like hoecakes, peanut and chestnut soup, plus cheddar burger, duck with apricot sauce, crab cakes, fried chicken, steaks. Children's menu. Fireplace. Live music some nights. L (M-F), D (Tu-Sa), Br (Sa-Su). 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Parkway, 703.799.6800

Nasime

Japanese Cozy modern dining room on bustling main drag in Old Town, pampering with high-end tasting menu highlighting from-scratch Japanese dishes at an affordable price. D (daily). 1209 King St., 703.457.0146

RT's Restaurant

Cajun/Creole Neighborhood spot with character and sounds from zydeco to blues. Known for Jack Daniels shrimp, alligator stew, gumbo, po-boys, seafood, she-crab soup and crawfish étouffée.

Cocktails, beers. L (M-Sa), D (daily). 3804 Mount Vernon Ave., 703.684.6010

Trademark

American In the Westin, sophisticated gastropub named for nearby patent office (see famous inventor photos). British spins on Bass Ale fish and chips, beer can chicken and mac and cheese. Inventive cocktails. Happy hour punch specials, bar late. B, D (daily), Br (Su). 2080 Jamieson Ave., Alexandria, Va., 703.253.8640

Virtue Feed & Grain

Irish In a two-level, 1800s former feed house near the waterfront, upscale tavern fare (duck meatloaf, jerk chicken, crab dip, steak frites, lobster pot pie). Specialty beers. L, D (daily), Br (Su). Bar till late. 106 S. Union St. (at King St.) 571.970.3669

Vola's Docksides Grill and Hi-Tide Lounge

Seafood Named for the city's feisty first woman city manager with a hand in the waterfront's development, a casual and friendly spot for seafood comfort foods. Fish and chips, crab cakes, fried chicken with water views. Hi-Tide Lounge for bar bites, frozen cocktails, beer, wine. L, D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 101 N. Union St., 703.935.8890

Arlington, Va. Copperwood Tavern

American In Shirlington Village, small plates starring locally-sourced game, poultry, beef and fish with family-style sides. Bar with 20 draft beers, whiskeys, moonshines, wines. Seasonal patio. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 4021 Campbell Ave., 703.552.8010

Northside Social

American Coffee, wine, light fare and microbrews in a residential double-decker in Clarendon. Breads and pastries, house-cured meats and fish. B, L, D (daily). 3211 Wilson

Blvd., 703.465.0145 Metro: Clarendon

Pupatella

Pizza A, 1,800-square-foot Neapolitan-style pizzeria. Signature margherita pizza from a wood-fired oven. Beer and wine. L, D (Tu-Su) 5104 Wilson Blvd., 571.243.2952

Ray's The Steaks

Steaks Local institution with spare ambiance but lauded, high-quality steaks. From steak tartare served deviled eggs-style to NY strip and seafood. D (daily). 2300 Wilson Blvd. 703.841.7297 Metro: Court House

Texas Jack's Barbecue

Barbecue Airy, industrial space named for a legendary Virginia cowboy dishes up smoky Texas-style barbecue. Mexican flavors in sides such as esquites (elote corn salad) and coleslaw. Pumpkin pie to banana pudding and full bar for "Smoked Whiskey Sour," "Jack's Mule." Beer and wine. L (M-F) D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 2761 Washington Blvd., 703.875.0477

Yona

Japanese, Korean Full-service restaurant from Mike Isabella Concepts mixing contemporary with traditional fare. Ramen, poke bowl, kimchi-brined short rib. Craft beer, sake and specialty cocktails. L, D (daily). 4000 Wilson Blvd., Suite C, 703.465.1100

Capitol Hill Acqua Al 2

Italian Restaurant of chef-owner Ari Gejdenson with recipes like beef fillet with blueberry sauce, grilled eggplant, parmesan cheese appetizers plus soups and salads. L (Tu-Sa), D (daily). 212 Seventh St. SE, 202.525.4375

Ambar

Balkan A Belgrade original in D.C. with communal tables, copper-top bar and Mediterranean decor. Serbia meets New World in slow-cooked meats and

mezze, white veal soup and cheese pie. Balkan wines and beers, 30 varieties of Serbian Rakia. Bar late. Hours vary by location. 523 Eighth St. SE, 202.813.3039 Metro: Eastern Market; 2901 Wilson Blvd., 703.875.9663 Metro: Clarendon

CAFE BERLIN

German & European In three former town houses, traditional and light fare: schnitzels, pork medallions, goulasch. Housemade traditional cakes and tarts. German wines and beers. Popular sidewalk tables in good weather. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Su). 322 Massachusetts Ave. NE, 202.543.7656 Metro: Union Station

CHIKO

Asian DC's Scott Drewno (The Source) and Danny Kim (Mandu) joining forces for Chinese and Korean flavors in cumin lamb stir-fry, pork and kimchi potstickers, rib eye with rice cakes. Vegetarian, gluten-free. "Kitchen Counter" with views of the action for up to four (reserve online). "After Dark" series with guest chefs and tasting menus. Check schedule online. D (daily). 423 8th St. SE, 202.558.9934 Metro: Eastern Market

GARRISON

American Culinary Institute of America-trained Robert Weland working with local farms to produce seasonal dishes in a warm, wood-accented space. Whole-roasted vegetables, housemade pastas, locally sourced fish and meat. Cocktail menu, Euro-focused wines. D (Tu-Su), Br (Sa-Su). 524 Eighth St. SE, 202.506.2445

GOOD STUFF EATERY

American "Top Chef" contestant Spike Mendelsohn's specialty burgers, hand-cut fries, old-fashioned shakes. Modern-rustic counter service, communal table, cell phone charging stations. L, D (M-Sa); Airport B, L, D (daily). 303 Pennsylvania Ave. SE,

202.543.8222 Metro: Capitol South; 2110 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Va., 703.415.4663 Metro: Crystal City

ROSE'S LUXURY

American In a Barracks Row "farmhouse," Michelin-starred, no-reservations spot for small plates (pork and lychee salad, clams and white wine) or family-style meals (fried chicken). Upstairs bar (same food). D (M-Sa). 717 Eighth St. SE, 202.580.8889

TED'S BULLETIN

American Lively spot with vintage decor and leather booths. All-day breakfast, barbecue, chili, "supper" dishes. Pastries like pies and "pop tarts." Bar with milkshakes, malts and cocktails. B, L, D (daily). 505 8th St. SE, 202.544.8337 Metro: Eastern Market; 1818 14th St. NW, 202.265.8337; 11948 Market St., Reston, Va.; 2911 District Ave., Fairfax, Va., 571.830.6680

DOWNTOWN

AMERICAN SON

American Tim Ma's all-day cafe serving up twists on American fare as seen through the eyes of an immigrant. Bone-in ribeye and Hudson Valley duck breast, but also tofu gnocchi and spaghetti squash "ssam" (wraps). B, L, D (daily). 1201 K St. NW, 202.900.8416 Metro: McPherson Sq

EQUINOX RESTAURANT

American Conscientious, prize-winning Todd Gray pairing wines to crab cakes with grits, grass-fed veal, Muscovy duck, vegan options. A la carte or multicourse tastings. Prix-fixe menus (regular and vegan) four or six courses, wine extra. L (M-F), D (M-Sa), Br (Su). 818 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.331.8118

MCCORMICK & SCHMICK'S

Seafood Famed West Coast restaurant with clubby quarters for fresh catches, bass, oysters, draft beers, single malts. Hours vary by site.

1652 K St. NW, 202.861.2233 Metro: Farragut North; 145 National Harbor Blvd., Oxon Hill, Md., 301.567.6224; Reston Town Center, Reston, Va., 703.481.6600; 8484 Westpark Drive, McLean, Va., 703.848.8000; 2010 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Va., 703.413.6400 Metro: Crystal City

MIRABELLE

French-American Blocks from the executive mansion, elegant dining room for dishes highlighting New England roots. Butter poached Maine lobster, stuffed quail. Valet parking at dinner. Hibiscus poached apple with black sesame ice cream. Tasting menus available (check website for updated prices). L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 900 16th St. NW, 202.506.3833 Metro: McPherson Square or Farragut West

MORTON'S

Steaks Handsome spaces for locals and power lunchers digging into porterhouse, New York strip, filet mignon, lobster. L (M-F), D (daily). 1050 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.955.5997 Metro: Farragut North; 1750 Crystal Drive, 703.418.1444 Metro: Crystal City; 3251 Prospect St. NW, 202.342.6258

OCCIDENTAL GRILL & SEAFOOD

American Legendary spot sending out duck breast, filet mignon, butternut squash ravioli, classic Maine lobster bisque. Wines, craft beers, cocktails. Weekday happy hour with bar fare. Valet \$8 (with validation) at Occidental. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 1475 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202.783.1475 Metro: Metro Center

OCEAN PRIME

Seafood & Steak Local outpost of restaurateur Cameron Mitchell's Columbus, Ohio, original in historic Beaux Arts Colorado Building, two blocks from White House. Glitzy, remodeled digs for a seafood-focused "from-scratch" menu, featuring prime steaks

and all the fixings. Raw bar, sushi, soups, salads. Good cocktails, excellent California-heavy wine list (50-plus by the glass). "10 layer" carrot cake, baked Alaska. L (M-F), D (daily). 1341 G St. NW, 202.393.0313

PLUME

American Ralf Schlegel's Michelin-starred restaurant with luxe dishes à la Monticello's gardens inside elegant Jefferson Hotel. Prix fixe, chef's tasting. Foie gras terrine, lobster gratin, risotto, Angus prime filet, bison with blueberry barbecue sauce. Cozy nooks, 1,300-label wine cellar, landscape murals on silk and fireplace. Free parking. The Greenhouse for light fare, Quill for cocktails. D (Tu-Sa). 1200 16th St. NW, 202.448.3227

DUPONT CIRCLE

BOQUERIA

Spanish Inspired by tapas bars of Barcelona, lively spot for zesty bites like Colorado lamb skewers with pickled shallots, quail eggs and chorizo, bacon-wrapped dates, Ibérico ham, artisanal cheeses, churros. Sangria, cava cocktail, sherries, wines. L, D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1837 M St. NW, 202.558.9545 Metro: Dupont Circle (South)

DUKE'S GROCERY

British/American Eclectic East London-inspired bites with an ever-changing menu (see Facebook page for the day's offerings). Sarnie (aka, sandwich) varieties like sausage, BLT, spiced lentil and a "proper burger" with Angus beef. Unconventional curries and seasonal salads. Wine and beer. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1513 17th St. NW, 202.733.5623 Metro: Dupont Circle

HANK'S OYSTER BAR

Seafood Chef Jamie Leeds with her famous "Meat and Two" (one protein like molasses short ribs or fried oysters with two sides). Wines and cocktails like "i know what boys like" (bacon-washed

rye and blended scotch whiskey). L, D, Br, times vary by location. 1624 Q St. NW, 202.462.4265 Metro: Dupont Circle; 633 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, 202.733.1971 Metro: Eastern Market; 1026 King St., Alexandria, Va., 703.759.4265 Metro: King Street (about seven blocks); 701 Wharf St. SW, 202.817.3055 Metro: Waterfront

OBELISK

Italian In an intimate brownstone, foodie destination for 20-plus years. Daily five-course prix fixe by chef-turned-owner Esther Lee. Reservations recommended. D (Tu-Sa). 2029 P St. NW, 202.872.1180

THE RIGGSBY

American Retro-style digs inside the Carlyle Hotel as backdrop for James Beard Award-winner Michael Schlow's elevated classics. Roast chicken, tuna tartare,

rack of lamb and slow-cooked salmon. B, L, D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1731 New Hampshire Ave. NW, 202.787.1500 Metro: Dupont Circle

SIREN

Seafood Robert Wiedmaier's handsome, Old World-style quarters in Logan Circle for pristine fish. Raw bar, seafood towers, caviar service, whole fish, plus wagyu New York strip, roasted duck. Stylish, classic cocktails/wine/beer. Pre-theater menu. Live jazz Th-Sa pm. D (daily), Br (Su). 1515 Rhode Island Ave. NW, 202.521.7171

SUSHI TARO

Japanese Michelin-starred second-story spot with cherry wood walls and tatami rooms, kimonoed hostess and exotic sushi (flute fish, live scallops) by master chef Nobu Yamazaki and team. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 1503 17th St. NW,

202.462.8999 Metro: Dupont Circle

FOGGY BOTTOM/ WEST END BEEFSTEAK

American/Vegetarian From José Andrés, fast-casual serving veggie-heavy menu of bowls (some meat, too). Fresh-pressed juices, wine and local craft beer, plus Spindrift sodas. B, L, D (daily). 800 22nd St. NW, 202.296.1439 Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU; 1528 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.986.7597 Metro: Dupont Circle (North); 4531 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.244.2529

CHALIN'S

Chinese Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese dishes by chefs with a "century of experience." Contemporary takes on traditional cuisine: soups, dumplings, seafood pork, duck, beef, noodles. Vegetarian, low-sodium and

low-fat items. Carryout and delivery. L, D (daily). 1912 I (Eye) St. NW, 202.293.6000 Metro: Farragut West

EL CHALAN

Peruvian D.C.'s oldest Peruvian cafe with lomo saltado (filet strips with fried potato), South American-style paella drawing World Bank crowd. Touted by Hispanic Magazine as among top 50 U.S. Latin restaurants. L, D (M-Sa). 1924 I (Eye) St. NW, 202.293.2765 Metro: Farragut West

KAZ SUSHI BISTRO

Japanese Prized chef Kazuhiro Okochi's intimate spot for seared albacore tuna, pork belly lettuce wrap, grilled baby octopus. Tasting menu, bento boxes, sakes. Counter seats near the knife work. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 1915 I (Eye) St. NW, 202.530.5500

GEORGETOWN

1789 RESTAURANT

American Federal townhouse with cozy rooms and fireplaces drawing presidents and politicians. Tom Colicchio alum Samuel Kim adds modern touches to a traditional menu while David Collier crafts exquisite desserts. Free valet parking. D (daily). 1226 36th St. NW, 202.965.1789

AMERICA EATS TAVERN

American James Beard Award winner José Andrés relocating this popular spot from Northern Virginia to Georgetown's main drag. Classic American fare skillet cornbread, oyster-heavy seafood bar, BBQ, wood-fire-grilled salmon. Martha Washington's chocolate cake. L, D (daily). 3139 M St. NW, 202.450.6862

CHEZ BILLY SUD

French Brothers Eric Hilton and Ian Hilton's classic bistro. Boeuf Bourguignon, steak frites, roasted butternut squash soup served in a cozy residence-like space. L (Tu-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1039 31st St. NW, 202.965.2606

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FIOLA MARE

Seafood James Beard Award-winner Fabio Trabocchi's venture by the river. Brinn Sinnott sending out oysters, smoked cod, Maine lobster, yellowfin tuna carpaccio, appletart, Sardinian ricotta doughnuts. Cocktails to mocktails. L (Tu-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). Valet (day only) \$16. 3050 K St. NW, 202.628.0065

MARTIN'S TAVERN

American Since 1933, politicians (from JFK to George W. Bush), Supreme Court justices, spies, celebs and Georgetown friends have been saying "Meet me at Martin's." Classic fare: tavern burger, prime rib, fish and chips, lobster risotto, plus daily chef's specials. Shaded patio, weather permitting. Ask to see history brochure. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1264 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.333.7370

NATIONAL HARBOR FISH BY JOSÉ ANDRÉS

Seafood Beard winner José Andrés in glitzy MGM National Harbor, with water and city views, ocean-themed artwork. Expansive patio with outdoor bar and fountains. Live seafood in tanks highlighting local fare (Maryland blue crabs, Rappahannock oysters) in global preparations. Tuna tartare, lobster jambalaya. D (W-M). 7100 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, Md., 301.971.6050

VOLTAGGIO BROTHERS STEAK HOUSE

Steakhouse Celebrity chef brothers Michael and Bryan Voltaggio's in ritzy MGM National Harbor resort. Residence-like digs for dining and imbibing. Dry-aged USDA prime, American wagyu plus classics with a modern twist, like wedge salad dusted with gorgonzola "snow." Extensive wine list; Timeline of cocktails from 1670's "Clarified Milk Punch" to 2005's "5-Spice Penicillin." D (Tu-Su). 101 MGM National Ave., Oxon Hill, Md., 301.971.6060

NORTHEAST D.C. LA PUERTA VERDE

Mexican Inside historic Hecht Warehouse, murals and talavera tiles setting a colorful backdrop for tacos, tostadas, moles. Full bar, plus aguas frescas. D (Tu-Su), Br (Sa-Su). 2001 Fenwick St. NE, 202.290.1875

LE GRENIER

French Homey, yet romantic bi-level bistro with an antique attic setting. Classic fare elegantly presented: braised beef stew, snails in parley-garlic butter, duck breast, salads, cheeses, desserts. D (Tu-Su), Br (Sa-Su). 502 H St. NE, 202.544.4999

MASSERIA

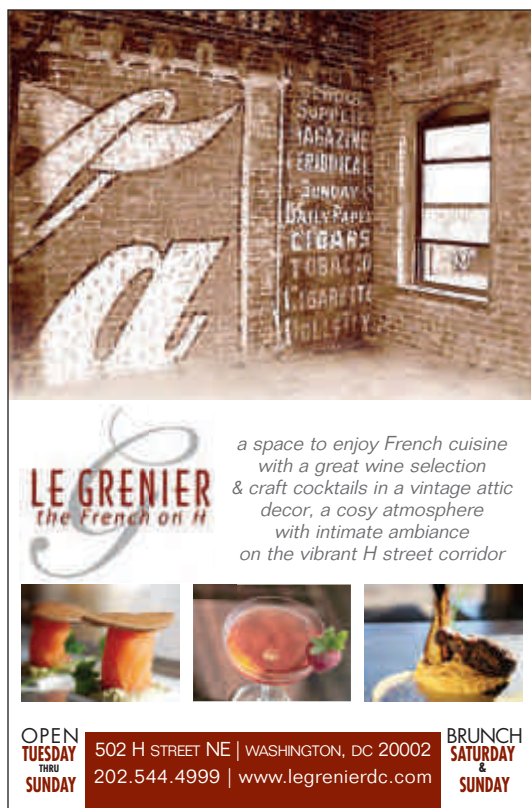
Italian A glam patio with granite fire pits leading into Nicholas Stefanelli's Michelin-starred ode to Italy's Puglia region. Set-price menu of elegantly prepared seasonal dishes in four, five or six courses. Check website for latest prices. No sneakers/sportswear. D (Tu-Sa). 1340 4th St. NE, 202.608.1330 Metro: NoMa-Gallaudet U

PRIMROSE

French Lovely wine bistro by husband-and-wife team in emerging Brookland neighborhood. Ostrich plume chandeliers highlighting dining room for classics (charcuterie, steak frites, braised duck leg) and natural/small production wines. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 3000 12th St. NE, 202.248.4558

PENN QUARTER/CHINATOWN CHINA CHILCANO

Asian-Latin Celeb chef José Andrés's colorful spot mixing Peru's Criollo, Chinese and Japanese. Pork dumplings, yellow potatoes in spicy, cream sauce. Shaved ice, sweet custard plus one of the largest pisco collections in the U.S. L, D (daily). 418 Seventh St. NW, 202.783.0941 Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial



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DBGB KITCHEN AND BAR

French Daniel Boulud's bustling bistro in CityCenter. House-cured meats, seafood, burgers, suckling pig. Glass walls, casual seats in Bar Room, china plates signed by celeb chef pals. Good spirits, French-focus wine list, unique beers. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 931 H St. NW, 202.695.7660 Metro: Metro Center or Gallery Pl-Chinatown

FIG & OLIVE

Mediterranean California cool meets the South of France at chic CityCenterDC. Two-story space (plus two bars) serving dishes like crostini, housemade pasta, grilled scallop bouillabaisse, whole branzino, beef carpaccio. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 934 Palmer Alley NW, 202.559.5004 Metro: Metro Center or Gallery Pl-Chinatown

JALEO

Spanish Tapas (60 hot and cold) and paella by José Andrés and team. Spanish wines, sherries. L, D (daily). 480 7th St. NW, 202.628.7949 Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial / 7271 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, Md., 301.913.0003 / 2250 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Va., 703.413.8181

LEGAL SEA FOODS

Seafood Famed for its lobster, raw bar, clam chowder and

an award-winning wine list. Most locations L & D (daily). 704 7th St. NW, 202.347.0007 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown; 2301 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va., 703.415.1200 Metro: Crystal City; Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Terminal C, Arlington, Va., 703.413.9810 Metro: Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean, Va., 703.827.8900

MOMOFUKU

Asian Prize-winning chef David Chang's popular NYC spot for pork buns, ramen noodles, "bo ssam" whole roasted pork shoulder lettuce wraps (\$\$\$) with Korean twist. Limited number of reservations accepted through website. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 10901 St. NW, 202.602.1832 Metro: Metro Center or Gallery Pl-Chinatown

OCEANAIRE SEAFOOD ROOM

Seafood Swank "oceanliner" where celebs, power lunchers go for fresh catches. Alaskan King crab, Coho salmon, Dover sole. Also crab cakes, steaks, oyster bar. Valet \$12. L (M-F), D (daily). 1201 F St. NW, 202.347.2277 Metro: Metro Center

OYAMEL

Mexican A José Andrés cocina with ceviche, tacos (mahi mahi, baby pig, even cricket), stuffed poblano, hot and cold antojitos. Margarita with salt "air," 50 tequilas. Night owl bar menu. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 401 Seventh St. NW, 202.628.1005

RASIKA

Indian James Beard Award-winner Vikram Sunderam in a open kitchen with griddle, barbecue, tandoori, curries. (Pre-theater), 100 wines, bar with exotic cocktails. L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 633 D St. NW, 202.637.1222 Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial

ZAYTINYA

Mediterranean José Andrés's Santorini-esque spot with

a mezze offerings inspired by Greek, Lebanese and Turkish cuisines. Go for the small plates, innovative cocktails and the selection of Mediterranean wines. L (daily); D (M-Sa); Br (Sa-Su). 701 9th St. NW, 202.638.0800 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

SHAW

ARROZ

Spanish Celebrity chef Mike Isabella's concept inside Marriott Marquis for Spanish favorites plus flavors of Portugal and Morocco with fine dining upgrades. Namesake rice dishes topped with duck breast or soft-shell crab. Sangrias on tap, sherry cocktails. Extensive wine list. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 901 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 202.869.3300 Metro: Mt. Vernon Sq

BISTRO BOHEM

European Credit bohemian vibe (Art Nouveau artwork, bare brick walls) to Czech owner's heritage. Pierogi, pastika, beef goulash, braised pork with cabbage and dumplings. Bohemian beers, cocktails, wines. L (M-Th), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 600 Florida Ave. NW, 202.735.5895 Metro: Shaw-Howard U

THE CAPITAL BURGER

American The Capital Grille's new sister spot serving up gourmet burgers (blue cheese and truffle, French onion-style) plus snacks (kung pao brussels sprouts, house-made ancho barbecue chips). Also salads, desserts, children's menu. L, D (daily). 1005 7th St. NW, 202.638.0414

CHAPLIN'S

Japanese Homage to the actor-comedian with cocktails named for his movies, 15 drafts and 30 wines by the glass. Small plates, hot and cold: shabu salad, handmade ramens, dumplings. Group roasts (pig and lamb, \$\$\$). L, D (daily). 1501 Ninth St. NW, 202.644.8806 Metro: Shaw-Howard U



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CHERCHER

Ethiopian A friendly, casual restaurant serving popular and authentic dishes like doro we't (chicken stew) and yebeg we't (lamb stew). Vegetarian options, Ethiopian coffee. Spices for sale. L, D (daily). 1334 Ninth St. NW, 202.299.9703; 4921 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, Md., 301.652.6500

CORTEZ

Mexican Color-soaked, casual taco restaurant and rooftop bar channeling California's Baja Peninsula with fish tacos, elotes (street corn) and tropical drinks (think slushy Margaritas). D (W-Su), Br (Sa-Su). 1905 9th St. NW, 202.299.0381 Metro: Shaw-Howard U

THE DABNEY

American Jeremiah Langhorne's Michelin-starred rustic digs in hip Blagden Alley for open-hearth cooking, using ingredients from a rooftop garden. Menu changes daily. D (Tu-Su). Downstairs, Dabney Cellar pouring wines by the glass paired with charcuterie in a cozy, low-light setting. No reservations. 122 Blagden Alley, 202.450.1015 Metro: Mt. Vernon Sq

HAIKAN

Japanese Bright, modernist backdrop for Sapporo-style ramen, along with playful small plates (mapo tofu pou-tine, "pea-sar" Caesar salad with peas). Washington Post rated 2 1/2 stars. L (W-Su), D (daily). Bar late. 805 V St. NW, 202.299.1000 Metro: Shaw-Howard U

KINSHIP

American Chef Eric Ziebold's Michelin-starred counterpart to sister Metier. Lobster French toast, grilled Japanese Kuroge beef (\$\$\$\$), plus whole-roasted meat, poultry, fish. Extensive wine list. D (daily). 1015 Seventh St. NW, 202.737.7700 Metro: Mt. Vernon Sq

MASON DIXIE BISCUIT CO.

Southern Hip, down-to-earth spot for signature house-made buttermilk biscuits starring in sandwiches, with fried chicken or on their own (dozen, half dozen, single and frozen). Milkshakes, coffee, pie. B, L (daily), D (M-F). 1819 7th St. NW, 202.849.3518 Metro: Shaw-Howard U

METIER

American In a historic 1907 building, Eric Ziebold's exclusive counterpoint to sister Kinship, accessible via private elevator. Seven-course tasting menu preceded by hors d'oeuvres in a salon with fireplace. Jackets for men/reservations required. D (W-Sa). 1015 Seventh St. NW, 202.737.7500 Metro: Mt. Vernon Sq

RIGHT PROPER BREWING

Brewpub Colorful murals of D.C. and a full menu of Southern comfort food. View brewing operation from the back bar. L (F-Su), D (daily). Also a production facility in Brookland with tasting room and tours Sa-Su. *Brew pub*, 624 T St. NW, 202.607.2337 Metro: Shaw-Howard U; *Production facility*, 920 Girard St. NE, 202.526.5904 Metro: Brookland-CUA

SHAW'S TAVERN

Saloon & Pubs Gastropub for "classic comforts and rustic delicacies": hush puppies, pulled pork sandwich, pan-seared salmon, grilled steak, pizza, salads, cocktails. Live music Wednesdays. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 520 Florida Ave. NW, 202.518.4092 Metro: Shaw-Howard U

SAN LORENZO RISTORANTE + BAR

Italian Massimo Fabbri's rustic, chic kitchen for exploring the riches of his native Tuscany. Pastas, roasted pork ribs, grilled fish of the day, truffled corn with parmesan, roasted 3-pound T-bone. Good selection of cocktails, beers, Italian wines. D (daily). 1316 9th St. NW, 202.588.8954

UNCONVENTIONAL DINER

American A two-in-one diner (cafe for breakfast; dining room for dinner) serving up classics with nontraditional twists. Chicken parm topped with Gruyere, chicken pot pie poppers. Mid-century touches with graffiti-like art. Inside Walter E. Washington Convention Center. B, L (M-F), D (M-Sa). 1207 Ninth St. NW, 202.847.0122

WATERFRONT

ANA AT DISTRICT WINERY *American* Inside an urban winery and event space, a cool Mid-century-style restaurant with water views for sophisticated, vino-friendly fare. Smoked duck, pan-roasted cod, charred broccoli "steak." Diverse wine list, good cocktails. D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 385 Water St. SE, 202.484.9210 Metro: Navy Yard

CHLOE

Global Lauded local Haidar Karoum's first solo endeavor exploring global flavors with a modern sensibility. Cobia crudo, spiced beef hummus, roasted potato gnocchi, whole fish. Chocolate sundae, cheese plate. Beer, wine, mocktails. L (Tu-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 1331 4th St. SE, 202.313.7007 Metro: Navy Yard

DEL MAR

Seafood James Beard Award-winner Fabio Trabocchi's soaring digs paying homage to his wife's Spanish coastal heritage. Wide-ranging menu from tapas with a seaside spin to caviar, grilled seafood and family-style paella. Classic cocktails, mocktails, ciders. Wine list focused on Spain, but also France and California. L (Tu-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 791 Wharf St. SW, 202.525.1402 Metro: Waterfront

DUESOUTH

Southern Southern hospitality in a rustic, modern setting along the Southeast waterfront. Smoked, spiced chicken wings, hot chicken sandwich, Brunswick stew, ribs, shrimp

'n grits. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 301 Water St. SE, 202.479.4616 Metro: Navy Yard

KITH AND KIN

Caribbean "Top Chef" alum and CIA/Hyde Park grad Kwame Onwuachi's spot for African-accented flavors. "Torched" mackerel with jollof rice, burger with house-ground patties and jerk-spiced bacon. B, L, D (daily). *The Wharf*, 801 Wharf St. SW, 202.878.8566 Metro: Waterfront

ODYSSEY

Dining Cruises Glass-enclosed vessel with live band, monumental views. Three-course meals. Two-hour lunch and three-hour dinner departures daily. Boarding one hour before. Holiday and specialty cruises. L, D (daily). 600 Water St. SW, 800.306.2469 Metro: Waterfront

OSTERIA MORINI

Italian From Michael White, rustic cuisine of the Emilia-Romagna with patio and water views. Grilled meats, octopus, housemade pastas. Small-batch and sparkling wines, excellent cocktails. L (M-F), D (daily), Br (Sa-Su). 301 Water St. SE, 202.484.0660 Metro: Navy Yard

REQUIN

French "Top Chef" celeb Mike Isabella's classic bistro fare (steak frites, roasted chicken), plus small plates (foie gras, steak tartare). Crème brûlée. Bottomless brunch. Mostly French wine list. D (daily), Br (Sa-Su) at Fairfax location. *The Wharf*, 100 District Square SW, 202.827.8380 Metro: Waterfront

SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON

Dining Cruises Four-level yacht-style vessel with rooftop lounge with lunch/dinner buffet. DJ, dancing, miles of views. Two-hour lunch and three-hour dinner departures daily. Boarding half-hour before departure. Call for prices. 600 Water St. SW, 866.306.2469 Metro: Waterfront

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Washington National Cathedral

On the city's highest hill rises this holy house of worship, "a great church for national purposes," as city planner Pierre L'Enfant had called it. When crowds gathered for the cornerstone laying, President Teddy Roosevelt took in hand the mallet that George Washington had used for the same rite at the U.S. Capitol. Today, the church continues to mediate and represent the peaceful coexistence of church and state. Free. 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.537.6200, cathedral.org

HISTORIC HOMES

DUMBARTON OAKS MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Site of the United Nations 1944 beginnings, a 19th-century manse plus Philip Johnson-designed pavilion. Library for Byzantine, pre-Columbian and garden studies. "Outside/In: Martha Jackson Jarvis at Dumbarton Oaks," the local artist's works in multiple media displayed in the gardens **through Dec. 16**; "Juggling the Middle Ages," more than 100 objects interpreting the timeless tale of a humble juggler struggling to find a gift worthy of the Virgin Mary, **through Feb. 28**. Gift shop. Museum: Tu-Su 11:30 am-5:30 pm. Ten-acre formal gardens: Tu-Su 2-6 pm. Museum free. Gardens \$10, seniors \$8, students/children (12 and under) \$5. Arrange in advance for guided tours. 1703 32nd St. NW, 202.339.6400

FREDERICK DOUGLASS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Hilltop residence of the 19th-century orator and abolitionist, restored to its 1895 appearance with original objects. By guided tour only. Reserve in advance by calling or visiting website. Daily 9 am-5 pm. 1411 W St. SE, 202.426.5961 Metro: Anacostia

HILLWOOD ESTATE, MUSEUMS AND GARDENS

Cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post's mansion and gardens, her czarist treasures, jewelry, portraits. Cafe and gift shop. "Fabergé Rediscovered," new research casting fresh light on objects by the storied design house, **through Jan. 13**. Tu-Su 10 am-5 pm. \$18 suggested donation, seniors \$15, college students \$10, children (6-18) \$5, under 6 free. Park on site, or take a cab. Guided, audio and printed tours of mansion and gardens plus "special access" tours. 4155 Linnean Ave. NW

(between Upton & Tilden sts.), 202.686.5807

MOUNT VERNON

George Washington's riverside estate, with 14 rooms furnished per a 1799 inventory. The first couple's tomb, gardens, a blacksmith shop, reconstructed slave cabin. High-tech Ford Orientation Center and Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center, featuring "Be Washington" interactive experience, plus new film with 4-D effects. Check website for seasonal hours. \$20, seniors \$16, children (6-11) \$9, under 6 free. Discount packages available. Free parking. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria, Va., 703.780.2000

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE

Restored retreat where Lincoln drafted the Emancipation Proclamation, site deemed a national monument by Bill Clinton in 2000.

Tour guides with interactive tablet technology leading hour-long tours. Education center with ongoing free exhibits. Guided tours only, reservations online. "American By Belief," displaying the 16th U.S. president's little-known immigration policies, **ongoing**. M-Sa first tour 10 am, last tour 3 pm. Visitor Center M-Sa 9:30 am-4:30 pm; Su 10:30 am-4:30 pm. \$15, military \$12, children (6-12) \$5. 140 Rock Creek Church Road NW, 202.829.0436

THE PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON HOUSE

In the Kalorama neighborhood, 1920s time capsule, former 28th president's residence after the White House. Objects owned by or given to Wilson during his presidency. Occasional vintage game nights, encouraging period attire. W-Su 10 am-4 pm. \$10, seniors \$8, students \$5, under 12 free. 2340 S St. NW, 202.387.4062

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TUDOR PLACE

Neoclassical (1816) Georgetown mansion, home of Martha Washington's granddaughter, and 5.5-acre gardens. National Historic Landmark with largest collection of George Washington's personal items other than at Mount Vernon. Garden tours (\$3). Guided tours on the hour. Tu-Sa 10 am-4 pm, Su noon-4 pm. \$10, seniors/college students/military \$8, students (5-17) \$3, under 5 free. Self-guided garden-only tour \$3. 1644 31st St. NW, 202.965.0400

NATIONAL LANDMARKS

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

Bronzes depict African-American Union soldiers and sailors; surrounding walls list 200,000 etched names of soldiers and officers. M 10 am-5 pm, Tu-F 10 am-6:30 pm, Sa

10 am-4 pm, Su noon-4 pm. 10th St. & Vermont Ave. NW; museum at 1925 Vermont Ave. NW, 202.667.2667 Metro: U St.-Cardozo

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Interred here, thousands of veterans and government personnel. Changing of the guards every half hour. Kennedy gravesites, Tomb of the Unknowns, Iwo Jima Memorial, Women in Military Service for America memorial, Arlington House. Daily 8 am-5 pm. Self-guided tours free; bus tour \$13.50, seniors (65+) \$10, military/veterans with ID/children (4-12) \$6.75, children with military \$3.75, military in uniform free. 214 McNair Road, Arlington, Va., 877.907.8585 Metro: Arlington Cemetery

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

A 7.5-acre landscaped park of waterfalls and tableaux paying homage to the 32nd president. Bronze sculptures (some by George Segal) and bas-reliefs depicting Roosevelt, wife Eleanor and dog Fala plus scenes from the Depression through WWII. West Potomac Park along Basin Drive SW, 202.426.6841 Metro: Smithsonian (half a mile)

JAPANESE AMERICAN MEMORIAL TO PATRIOTISM DURING WORLD WAR II

Sculpture of entrapped cranes honors Japanese-Americans interned during WWII and Japanese-American soldiers who died during that war. Accessible 24 hours. Intersection of New Jersey Ave., Louisiana Ave. and D St. NW, 202.643.8204 Metro: Union Station

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

At the Tidal Basin, John Russell Pope's neoclassical marble monument for the third U.S. president and main author of the Declaration of Independence. Rangers every hour daily 9:30 am-10 pm. Bookstore. Parking (south side). South end of 15th St. SW, 202.426.6841

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

World's largest library with more than 130 million books, manuscripts, objects. Gutenberg Bible, Thomas Jefferson's founding collection. "Baseball Americana" exploring the country's favorite pastime, from its origins to the science of winning, **ongoing**. M-Sa 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Tours. Free. Jefferson Building, 10 First St. SE, 202.707.8000; James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE, 202.707.9779 Metro: Capitol South

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Commemorating the life and work of the civil rights leader. A nearly 30-foot-high statue of King emerging from a granite block, the Stone of Hope, and inscription walls bearing his eloquent words. Northwest corner of Tidal Basin at the intersection of West Basin Drive SW & Independence Ave. SW, 888.484.3373

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The "Charters of Freedom"—Bill of Rights, U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence. Theater with free films. David M. Rubenstein Gallery, Visitor Orientation Plaza. "Remembering Vietnam," iconic and recently discovered records relating to 12 critical episodes in the Vietnam War; "Records of Rights," documents and interactive exhibit illustrating how Americans have debated citizenship, free speech, voting rights and equal opportunity, **both ongoing**. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm (Last admission at 5 pm). Gift shop. Free. 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW (enter rotunda)

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NATIONAL MALL

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U.S. Capitol—Home of the U.S. Congress since 1800 (M-Sa 8:30 am-4:30 pm). See Visitor Centers listings for more info. 202.226.8000 Metro: Capitol South

Washington Monument

World's tallest freestanding masonry structure with elevator (closed until 2019). 15th St. NW, 202.426.6841 Metro: Smithsonian

Lincoln Memorial—Greek-style temple with statue by Daniel Chester French. Visitors center. Gift shop. South of Constitution Ave. NW at 23rd St., 202.426.6841 Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (1 mile)

Korean War Veterans Memorial—The Pool of Remembrance, steel soldiers, granite relief. Independence Ave. & Daniel French Drive SW, 202.426.6841 Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (1 mile)

World War II Memorial—Neoclassical plaza dedicated to 400,000 American lives lost. 17th St. NW between Constitution & Independence aves., 202.426.6841 Metro: Smithsonian (five blocks)

Vietnam Veterans Memorial—Maya Lin's memorial with more than 58,000 names of dead or missing soldiers. Sculptures honoring soldiers, nurses. Constitution Ave. NW between 21st & 22nd sts., 202.426.6841 Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (1 mile)

PENTAGON

U.S. Dept. of Defense HQ and nerve center for command and control. On-site memorial (accessible 24 hours) dedicated to 184 lives lost there in the 9/11 attack. Tours M-Th 10 am-4 pm, F noon-4 pm. (No tours on federal holidays). Reserve online at least two weeks prior. Group tours. Free. Army Navy Drive & Fern St., Arlington, Va., 703.697.1776 Metro: Pentagon

SUPREME COURT

The nation's highest tribunal. Justices convene November through June in public sessions. M-F 9 am-4:30 pm. Free. When court isn't sitting, lectures on the half-hour from 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Cafeteria, gift shop. Plaza-level entrance facilitates security checks for entry. First St. NE between Maryland Ave. & E. Capitol St., 202.479.3030 Metro: Capitol South

U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

By architect James Ingo Freed, America's only national memorial to genocide. More than 900 artifacts, 70 video monitors, four theaters, contemporary art and room for reflection. Daily 10 am-5:20 pm. Gift shop, cafe and library (M-F 10 am-5 pm) Free. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW (14th St. main entry), 202.488.0400 Metro: Smithsonian

THE WHITE HOUSE

Presidential residence from the time of John Adams. Photo opps from north and south gates. Self-guided public tour requests must be submitted through a member of Congress at least 21 days ahead. Tours Tu-Th 7:30 am-11:30 am, F-Sa 7:30 am-1:30 pm. See Visitor Centers listing for more information. 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202.456.7041 Metro: McPherson Sq or Farragut West

POINTS OF INTEREST

AIR FORCE MEMORIAL

Free performances by the U.S. Air Force Band and Honor Guard Drill Team plus wreath-laying ceremonies. See schedule online. One Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington, Va., 703.979.0674

AMERICAN VETERANS DISABLED FOR LIFE MEMORIAL

Landscape architect Michael Vergason's star-shaped fountain with eternal flame book-ended by a grove of trees honoring men and women injured in combat.

Inspirational quotes and profiles etched in glass and granite with bronze sculptures depicting the pain and courage of more than four million disabled veterans. Accessible 24 hours. 150 Washington Ave. SW, at 2nd and C sts. Metro: Federal Center SW

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the largest Roman Catholic basilica in North America and one of 10 largest churches in the world. Largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art in the world. Newly completed Trinity Dome Mosaic, with parts blessed by Pope Francis. Daily 7 am-6 pm. Tours: free audio or guided M-Sa 9-11 am and 1-3 pm, Su 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 pm. Cafeteria, gift store, book shop, undercroft of more than 70 chapels and oratories. 400 Michigan Ave. NE, 202.526.8300 Metro: Brookland-CUA

BELMONT-PAUL WOMEN'S EQUALITY NATIONAL MONUMENT

Now a feminist museum and library, Capitol Hill's oldest house (1798, with parts dating to 1680), the home of suffragette Alice Paul, drafter of the Equal Rights Amendment. Permanent galleries on suffrage origins and the contemporary cause. W-Su 9 am-5 pm. Tours 9:30 am, 11 am, 2 pm and 3:30 pm. ADA accessible. Gift shop. Free. Entrance on 2nd St. next to Hart Senate Office Building. 2nd St. NE & Constitution Ave. NE, 202.546.1210 Metro: Union Station

FORD'S THEATRE

Active stage and site of Lincoln's April 14, 1865 assassination by John Wilkes Booth. Museum artifacts like Lincoln's clothing and Booth's murder weapon, a derringer pistol. Petersen House museum and high-tech Center for Education and Leadership. Theater and museum open daily 9 am-4:30 pm. Free admission but

ticket required (free, but \$3 fee for advance tickets). Show tickets same day at box office 8:30 am-5 pm. Advance tickets at www.ticketmaster.com or call 800.397.7328 (\$1.50 fee). 511 10th St. NW, 202.347.4833 Metro: Metro Center

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY

Founded in 1899 by Franciscan friars, 42 acres of woods and landscaped gardens surrounding turn-of-the-century, Byzantine-style church modeled after Istanbul's Hagia Sophia. Guided tours showing replicas of the shrines of the Holy Land and Roman-style catacombs: M-Sa 10 am-noon and 1-3 pm, Su 1-3 pm. Seasonal garden tours. Free. Virtual tour online. Gift shop. 1400 Quincy St. NE, 202.526.6800

INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM

Artifacts like a WWII German Enigma cipher and an East German camera for seeing through walls. Exhibits on spy rings of World War II, Cold War spy games, intel training. "Operation Spy," guests assuming the role of an agent in a one-hour mission inside the museum. "Spy in the City," guests using a GPS-enabled tablet to uncover espionage-related secrets outside the museum. Hours vary. Check website for current schedule. \$21.95, seniors/military/intelligence (with ID) \$15.95, children 7-11 \$14.95, under 6 free. Spy store. 800 F St. NW, 202.393.7798 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

MADAME TUSSAUDS

Touchable wax figures and photo opps with The Beatles, Madonna, Babe Ruth, Stephen Colbert, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Marilyn Monroe, Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift. Presidents Gallery with all U.S. presidents plus first ladies. Hours vary. Check website for updated schedule. \$22, children (4-12) \$17.50. 1025 F St. NW (corner of 10th & F sts.), 866.823.9565 Metro: Metro Center

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NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

Former U.S. Pension Building (1887) showcasing architecture, engineering, construction trades and design. "Flickering Treasures," a look at Baltimore's movie theaters from 1896 to the present through photographs by award-winning Baltimore Sun photojournalist Amy Davis, architectural artifacts and theater objects; "PLAY WORK BUILD," a hands-on block play area with digital interaction allowing visitors to move an entire wall of virtual blocks, both ongoing. M-Sa 10 am-5 pm, Su 11 am-5 pm. \$10, seniors/students/youth \$7. Building tours daily at 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm. Cafe and gift shop. 401 F St. NW, 202.272.2448 Metro: Judiciary Square

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

At the Society's HQ, galleries plus Explorers Hall for exhibits, lectures. "Titanic: The Untold Story," the recently declassified tale about a secret Cold War mission and the 1985 discovery of the famous ship; "Tomb of Christ," immersive 3-D exhibit "transporting" visitors to Jerusalem for an in-depth look at this sacred structure, both ongoing. Daily 10 am-6 pm. \$15, seniors/military/students \$12, kids (5-12) \$10, under 5 free. 3-D movie \$7. Gift shop. 1145 17th St. NW, 202.857.7700 Metro: Farragut North or Farragut West

NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

In the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, museum capturing America's imaginative spirit through exhibits on patent and trademark

systems. Interactive gallery displaying 500-plus inventors and their stories, plus a 1965 Ford Mustang merged with a 2015 model showing how inventions drive technology. Group tours upon request. Gift shop. M-F 10 am-5 pm, Sa 11 am-3 pm. Free. 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, Va., 703.746.3852

NEWSEUM

Venue lauding the First Amendment. Sections of the Berlin Wall and historic front pages from the Civil War, plus 15 theaters and galleries and 130 interactive stations. Pulitzer-Prize photo winners, 9/11 memorial gallery, daily displays of front pages from every U.S. state. New media gallery tracing the digital news revolution. "Pictures of the Year," decades of award-winning photos, **ongoing**. M-Sa 9 am-5 pm, Su 10 am-5 pm. \$24.95, seniors \$19.95, children (7-18) \$14.95, ages 6 and under/museum members free. Discounts for military/students with ID. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 888.639.7386 Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial

ROCK CREEK PARK

One of the country's earliest, urban national parks, a 2,000-acre wooded oasis following its namesake waterway through the heart of the city. Shady paved trails drawing bikers, jogger, skaters. Also tennis courts, golf course, stables and planetarium/nature center (W-Su, 9 am-5 pm) with ranger-led tours. Free (fees for some activities). *Nature Center and Planetarium*, 5200 Glover Road NW, 202.895.6070

STABLER-LEADBEATER APOTHECARY MUSEUM

Edward Stabler's 1792 pharmacy, serving George Washington, Robert E. Lee and James Monroe. Closed in 1933 and preserved as a museum. Original ingredients, drug mills, pill rollers, documents on display. Call to reserve guided tour. W-Sa 11 am-4 pm, Su 1-4 pm. Last

tour at 3:45 pm. Closed Jan. 1. \$5, children (ages 5-12) \$3, under 5 free. 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., 703.746.3852

U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN

North America's oldest botanic garden. Art Deco-era conservatory, jungle area, orchid house. Rotating exhibitions. "Seasons Greenings," model train and set including iconic D.C. buildings, made of natural materials, **through Jan. 1**. Daily 10 am-5 pm. Free. 100 Maryland Ave. SW, 202.225.8333 Metro: Federal Center SW

U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM

A 446-acre site with specialty gardens, the former U.S. Capitol columns, Arbor House Gift Shop and the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum (F-M 10 am-4 pm). Visitor Center F-M 8 am-4:30 pm. Grounds F-M 8 am-5 pm. Free. Visit by car recommended. 3501 New York Ave. NE, 202.245.2726

WASHINGTON HARBOUR

At the south end of Georgetown, a bustling waterfront zone with a boardwalk, restaurants, D.C.'s largest outdoor ice skating rink in winter and views of Key Bridge and the Kennedy Center. 202.295.5007

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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE MUSEUM

LEED edifice wrapped in metal panels evoking a Yoruban crown and iron-work crafted by "invisible" slaves. Harriet Tubman's hymnal, Emmett Till's cassette, Chuck Berry's Cadillac. Oprah Winfrey Theater, Contemplative Court with waterfall. Cafe. Timed-entry passes required. Reserve ahead online. Some same-day passes (four per visitor) online daily and at Visitor Services (one per visitor) weekdays. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Free. 1400 Constitution Ave. NW, 844.750.3012

AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

World's largest collection of aircraft and space vehicles (Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, Bell X-1). Apollo Lunar Module and Enterprise studio model from "Star Trek" TV series. **(Beginning this month, galleries begin to close for renovation. Check website for openings/closures.)** Lockheed Martin IMAX Theater and Albert Einstein Planetarium daily from 10:30 am. Pulseworks VR Transporter (\$), virtual reality ride. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Tours 10:30 am and 1 pm. Free. IMAX and planetarium shows: \$9, seniors \$8, children \$7.50 (prices higher for new releases). Gift shop. Food court. 6th St. & Independence Ave. SW, 202.633.2214 Metro: L'Enfant Plaza

AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM UDVAR-HAZY CENTER


National Air and Space Museum's hangar-like facility displaying 160-plus aircraft.

The Enola Gay (first to drop an atomic bomb) and space shuttle Discovery. IMAX theater, flight simulations (fee). Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Free. IMAX tickets: \$9, seniors \$8, children (2-12) \$7.50. Theater info: 866.868.7774. Parking (\$15) or Fairfax Connector No. 983 between Dulles Airport and museum. 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Va., 202.633.1000

AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM

National repository of cultural, scientific and technological heritage. Thomas Jefferson's desk, Julia Child's kitchen, restored Dorothy's ruby slippers back on view. The Star-Spangled Banner gallery holding the restored flag. **Ongoing**: "The First Ladies," gowns and memorabilia from presidencies past. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Free. Gift shops, ice cream parlor, cafeteria. 14th St. & Constitution

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AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM

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ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM

Devoted to activism, urban communities and African-American heritage. "Your Community, Your Story: Celebrating Five Decades of the Anacostia Community Museum, 1967-2017," signature projects from past displays, **through Jan. 6**. "A Right to the City," exploring the history of D.C.'s changing neighborhoods, **ongoing**. Daily 10 am-5 pm. 1901 Fort Place SE, 202.633.4820

THE CASTLE

The first Smithsonian building with info center, cafe, James Smithson's crypt and samples from the collection and exhibits. Daily 8:30 am-5:30 pm, Haupt Garden (south side) daily 6:30 am-dusk. Free. 1000 Jefferson Drive SW, 202.633.1000 Metro: Smithsonian

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

Former main post office, now museum of artifacts multimedia stations and exhibits. "John Lennon: The Green Album," the musician's childhood stamp collection containing more than 500 stamps, **through Feb. 3**. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Free. Special workshops, welcome center, gift shop and post office. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, 202.633.1000 Metro: Union Station

NATIONAL ZOO

Founded in 1889, a 163-acre zoo with more than 2,000 animals including giant pandas Tian Tian and Mei Xiang and their cub Bei Bei. Asia Trail with giant sloths. American Trail with sea otters. Solar-powered carousel (\$3). Check website for seasonal hours. Free entry; parking \$22. 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.673.4888 Metro: Cleveland Park (downhill to zoo) or Woodley Park-Zoo (uphill to zoo)

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Exhibits tracking the natural world since prehistoric time. In the Rotunda, taxidermic African elephant in a replica Angolan habitat. Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals (Hope Diamond). Butterfly Pavilion (\$6, \$5.50 seniors, \$5 children; free, tickets required). "Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World," a 4,250-sq.-ft. exhibit exploring the causes and struggles to contain the spread of deadly diseases around the world, **ongoing**. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Free. IMAX theater (\$8, seniors/children \$6.50). Cafe and gift shop. Constitution Ave. at 10th St. NW, 202.633.1000 Metro: Federal Triangle or Smithsonian

VISITOR CENTERS

D.C. TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

At the D.C. Chamber of Commerce, tour advice, brochures, city guides and maps. M-F 8:30 am-5:30 pm. Closed weekends. 506 9th St. NW at E St., 202.347.7201 Metro: Gallery Place

U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Entry to the U.S. Capitol with exhibits, artifacts, interactive kiosks. M-Sa 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Guided one-hour Capitol tours (M-Sa 8:50 am-3:20 pm) begin with a 13-minute film. Free. Admission to the House or Senate galleries issued by a constituent's representative or senator. Some same-day passes at the CVC information desks. *Below the East Plaza of the Capitol between Constitution & Independence aves.*, 202.226.8000 Metro: Capitol South

WHITE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

Interactive exhibits, photos and videos about the famed residence and its occupants. Free. Gift shop. Daily 7:30 am-4 pm. 1450 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202.208.1631 Metro: Farragut West

NATIONAL ARCHIVES MUSEUM



CONSTITUTION AVENUE BETWEEN 7TH & 9TH STREETS NW

archives.gov/museum

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Theater J

Located in the city's Edlavitch Jewish Community Center, this theater produces thought-provoking plays and musicals that speak to the Jewish cultural legacy. From Dec. 7 to 30, the company travels to nearby Gala Hispanic Theatre for its production of "Talley's Folly," Aaron Posner's heart-stirring unlikely romance between a middle-aged Jewish accountant and a spinster from a bigoted Protestant family in 1944 Missouri. From \$35.

1529 16th St. NW, 202.777.3210, theaterj.org

BARS & LOUNGES

2 BIRDS 1 STONE

Under Doi Moi restaurant, an intimate cocktail den with six selections that rotate regularly. Also bar bites like Vietnamese dumplings from upstairs. T-Th 6 pm-12:15 am, F-Sa 6 pm-1:15 am. 1800 14th St. NW (entrance on S St.) Metro: U St-Cardozo

BARMINI

Adjoining his experimental Minibar, celeb chef José Andrés' sleek cocktail spot with 100-plus original creations and fresh takes on classics. Reservations recommended. Tu-Sa from 5:30 pm. 501 9th St. NW, 202.393.4451 Metro: Archives or Gallery Pl-Chinatown

BLUEJACKET

In a 1919 U.S. Navy factory, a buzzing brewery headed by Greg Engert. Traditional techniques combined with experimentation produce a rotating selection of 20 beers and five cask ales. On-site bar, tasting room, shop and Arsenal restaurant. Su-Th 11 am-1 am, F-Sa till 2 am. Tours and tastings F-Sa by reservation (\$29-\$35). 300 Tingey St. SE, 202.524.4862 Metro: Navy Yard

COLUMBIA ROOM

Spirits guru Derek Brown's acclaimed cocktail bar, featuring three different spaces. Tasting room (by reservation)

with seasonal drinks and amuse-bouches, spirits library (a la carte menu) and terrace. Tu-Th 5 pm-12:30 am, F-Sa till 1:30 am. 124 Blagden Alley NW, 202.316.9396 Metro: Mt. Vernon Sq-Convention Center

RI RA IRISH PUB

Decor from Ireland and live band most nights contributing a lively atmosphere for pub fare. Guinness, whiskey bar. M-Th 11 am-2 am, F till 3 am, Sa 10 am-3 am, Su 10 am-2 am. 3125 M St. NW, 202.751.2111

SHELLY'S BACK ROOM

For cigar aficionados, a casual but elegant tavern with air-ventilation system. Lunch, dinner and late-night menus plus premium cigars and rare whiskeys. M-Th 11:30 am-2 am, F 11:30 am-3 am, Sa noon-3 am, Su noon-1 am. 1331 F St. NW, 202.737.3003 Metro: Metro Center

COMEDY

THE CAPITOL STEPS

Congressional staffers satirizing politics and life inside the Beltway. Shows at Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater and International Trade Center. F-Sa at 7:30 pm. \$36. 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202.312.1555 Metro: Federal Triangle

CONCERTS & OPERA

Select shows listed; see venue websites for full schedules.

CAPITAL ONE ARENA

Penn Quarter/downtown arena for sports (NBA Wizards, NHL Capitals) and shows. Dave Matthews Band, Dec. 13; Mumford & Sons, Dec. 14; Trans-Siberian Orchestra "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve," Dec. 23. 601 F St. NW, 202.628.3200 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

KENNEDY CENTER

A living memorial to John F. Kennedy. NPR's A Jazz Piano Christmas, Dec. 1; National Symphony Orchestra: Noseda conducts Mahler's First Symphony, Dec. 6-9; The Washington Chorus presents "A Candlelight Christmas, Dec. 7-22; NSO Pops: A Holiday Pops! Under the Mistletoe with Ashley Brown, Dec. 14-15; Washington National Opera: Holiday Family Opera: "The Lion, the Unicorn, and Me," Dec. 14-16; Meshell Ndegeocello: No More Water/ The Fire Next Time: The Gospel According to James Baldwin, Dec. 16; The Choral Arts Society of Washington presents Songs of the Season: Christmas with Choral Arts, Dec. 16-24; NSO: Handel's "Messiah," Dec. 20-23; A Jazz New Year's Eve: Patti Austin's Bebop Hip Hop Ella featuring

Trevor Lawrence Jr., Dec. 31. Free shows daily (6 pm) on Millennium Stage. Also cafe, restaurant, gift shops, free tours and roof terrace. 2700 F St. NW, 202.467.4600 Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (free shuttle to/ from venue)

WOLF TRAP

America's only national park for the performing arts. Music and dance at Filene Center with open-air pavilion, lawn for picnicking with food brought or purchased there. Wolf Trap Holiday Sing-A-Long, Dec. 1. 1551 Trap Road, Vienna, Va., 703.255.1900 Metro: West Falls Church (then Metro bus to venue)

MUSIC CLUBS

Select shows listed; see venue websites for full schedules.

9:30 CLUB

Frequent winner of nightclub of the year. Visit the Back Bar early for first entry into shows. Kurt Vile & The Violators, Dec. 1; Minzy (of 2NE1), Dec. 2; Gang of Youths, Dec. 10; Thievery Corporation, Dec. 13-14; Cat Power, Dec. 16; The Oh Hellos Christmas Extravaganza, Dec. 19; Snail Mail, Dec. 21; Gwar, Dec. 29. 815 V St. NW, 202.265.0930 Metro: U St-Cardozo

THE ANTHEM

Concert venue on The Wharf waterfront redevelopment for big-name rock/pop and indie

stars. State-of-the-art sound system, multilevel tiers, bars. Dark Star Orchestra, Dec. 1; Pentatonix, Dec. 2-3; Lindsey Stirling, Dec. 14; O.A.R., Dec. 15. 901 Wharf St. SW, 202.888.0020 Metro: Waterfront

BLACK CAT

Booking indie rockers for the upstairs Mainstage and the smaller downstairs Backstage (often local bands). Also DJ and theme nights, pinball machines, a bar and a cafe with vegan options. Soccer Mommy, Dec. 1; JD McPherson, Dec. 6; Harry & The Potters, Dec. 14; Fuzzqueen, Dec. 18; Wanted Man, Dec. 20; Amateur on Plastic, Dec. 26. 1811 14th St. NW, 202.667.4490 Metro: U St-Cardozo

BLUES ALLEY

Tucked in a Georgetown alley, legendary jazz supper club showcasing artists like Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Byrd since 1965. Stacey Kent, Dec. 1-2; Freddy Cole, Dec. 6-9; The National Cathedral Band "Celebrates Christmas," Dec. 10; Dave Detwiler & The White House Band, Dec. 17; Cyrus Chestnut "Tis the Season," Dec. 26-30. 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.337.4141

MADAM'S ORGAN

Find live music nightly at this rowdy Adams Morgan bar where redheads get a half-price drink special. Pool tables, karaoke and rooftop bar. One Nite Stand (reggae, funk, R&B) every Monday, Clusterfunk Tuesday, The Human Country Jukebox country music W, The Johnny Artis Band Th. M-Th, Su 5 pm-2 am, F-Sa till 3 am. 2461 18th St. NW, 202.667.5370

PEARL STREET WAREHOUSE

Intimate space for established and emerging rock, country, folk, soul, bluegrass and R&B acts. American diner fare. An Evening with Patterson Hood of Drive-By Truckers, Dec. 6-7; Chopteeth, Dec. 8; projectHERA Presents: Women Who Rock: The 90's, Dec. 9; The Nighthawks, Dec. 21; Eli Lev &

The Fortunes Found, Dec. 28. The Wharf, 33 Pearl St. SW, 202.380.9620 Metro: Waterfront

RECREATION

ESCAPE ROOM LIVE

Teams of players testing their wits to escape locked rooms filled with clues, riddles and red herrings (in 45 minutes). Themes from spies to mummies. \$28. Reservations required. 2300 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 800.616.4880; 814 King St., 2nd floor, Alexandria, Va., 800.616.4880; 3345 M St. NW, 800.616.4880

SPORTS

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

At Capital One Arena, D.C.'s Stanley Cup-winning NHL team powering the puck with star captain Alex Ovechkin. Anaheim Ducks, Dec. 2; Detroit Red Wings, Dec. 11; Buffalo Sabres, 15; Pittsburgh Penguins, Dec. 19; Buffalo Sabres, Dec. 21; Caroline Hurricanse, Dec. 27; Nashville Predators, Dec. 31. Capital One Arena, 601 F St. NW, 202.628.3200 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Winner of Super Bowls XVII, XXII and XXVI, D.C.'s NFL team playing at its 79,000-seat stadium in the Maryland suburbs. New York Giants, Dec. 9; Philadelphia Eagles, Dec. 30. FedEx Field, 1600 FedEx Way, Landover, Md., 301.276.6000

WASHINGTON WIZARDS

D.C.'s NBA team on its home court. Brooklyn Nets, Dec. 1; Boston Celtics, Dec. 12; Philadelphia Lakers, Dec. 16; Phoenix Suns, Dec. 22; Chicago Bulls, Dec. 28; Charlotte Hornets, Dec. 29. Capital One Arena, 601 F St. NW, 202.628.3200. Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

THEATER & DANCE

ARENA STAGE

Classic and contemporary productions in an architecturally striking complex by the water. Catwalk Cafe features dishes inspired by current shows.

"Anything Goes," the Cole Porter classic about a lovelorn sailor determined to win the love of a betrothed heiress, through Dec. 23; "Indecent," Paula Vogel's behind-the-scenes tale of an explosive 1923 play, through Dec. 30. 1101 6th St. SW, 202.488.3300 Metro: Waterfront

FOLGER THEATRE

At Folger Shakespeare Library, an Elizabethan-style theater presenting classic plays and concerts. "King John," Aaron Posner directs this epic power struggle surrounding the Bard's earliest king, through Dec. 2. 201 E. Capitol St. SE, 202.544.7077 Metro: Capitol South

FORD'S THEATRE

Historic venue where Lincoln was assassinated. On-site museum opens one hour before curtain (and for daytime visits). "A Christmas Carol," the holiday classic about three ghosts who take the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of transformation, through Dec. 30. 511 10th St. NW, 202.347.4833 Metro: Metro Center

KENNEDY CENTER

A living memorial to John F. Kennedy. The Second City's "Love, Factually," a satire of the popular holiday film, Dec. 4-31; "Miss Saigon," a new production of the award-winning musical by the creators of "Les Misérables," Dec. 12-Jan. 13; "The Play That Goes Wrong," a comedic romp from London, Dec. 18-Jan. 6. Free shows daily (6 pm) on Millennium Stage. Also cafe, restaurant, gift shops, free tours and roof terrace. 2700 F St. NW, 202.467.4600 Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (free shuttle to/from venue)

MOSAIC THEATER COMPANY

Presenting thought-provoking works that grapple with social and political issues. "Oh, God," psychotherapist and single mother of an autistic child gets a new heaven-sent patient," Dec. 12-Jan. 13. Based at the Atlas Performing

Arts Center. 1333 H St. NE, 202.399.7993

NATIONAL THEATRE

Landmark playhouse opened in 1835, now with Broadway shows, musicals. "Beautiful," the Tony Award-winning musical about Carole King's life and career, through Dec. 30. 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202.628.6161 Metro: Metro Center

SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY

Led by artistic director Michael Kahn, this company has two downtown stages for works by the Bard and other playwrights. "An Inspector Calls," a mysterious inspector investigating a murder shakes up a well-to-do family, through Dec. 23. Harman, 610 F St. NW, 202.547.1122 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown; Lansburgh, 450 Seventh St. NW, 202.547.1122 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

SIGNATURE THEATRE

Contemporary plays and musicals; winner of the 2009 Regional Theater Tony Award. "Billy Elliot," heartwarming musical about an 11-year-old boy who dreams of being a ballet dancer, through Jan. 6. 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington, Va., 703.820.9771

STUDIO THEATRE

Acclaimed venue for bold plays. "Cry It Out," comedy about new parents from vastly different backgrounds bonding over baby monitors and having it all, through Dec. 16. 1501 14th St. NW, 202.332.3300 Metro: Dupont Circle (five blocks)

WARNER THEATRE

Performances of theater, comedy and dance in an ornate 1924 movie palace. The Washington Ballet's Nutcracker, Dec. 1-28. 513 13th St. NW, 202.783.4000 Metro: Metro Center



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Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

This recently remodeled Smithsonian site connected to the Freer Gallery specializes in showcasing Asian and Near Eastern artworks spanning some 6,000 years. This month, the museum turns its attention to the 20th century with the exhibition, "Japan Modern." Pulled from a major new acquisition, about 70 photographs by groundbreaking photographers explore how Japan's artists are adapting to a rapidly changing country. Free. 1050 Independence Ave.

NW, 202.633.1000, freersackler.si.edu

ALTERNATIVE SPACES

ANACOSTIA ARTS CENTER

Nonprofit with a cafe, theater, boutiques, several art galleries. Tu-Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su 10 am-3 pm. Some events free. 1231 Good Hope Road SE, 202.631.6291

ARLINGTON ARTS CENTER

For more than 40 years, a venue addressing issues promoting social change. Open studios and solo shows. W-Su noon-5 pm. Free. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va., 703.248.6800 Metro: Va. Square-GMU

EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA

Juried shows of works by artists with Down Under connections. M-F 10 am-2 pm. Free. Show photo I.D. Also films. 1601 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 202.797.3000

EMBASSY OF CANADA

In an important Pennsylvania Ave. NW structure across from National Gallery of Art and just down the street from the U.S. Capitol, exhibitions on the history and fine arts of Canada. Free. M-F 9 am-5 pm. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW 202.448.6391

TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER

World War II munitions plant, now three floors of artist studios, plus archaeology muse-

um, galleries. Free. Most open daily 10 am-6 pm, Th 10 am-9 pm. Artist-led tours 1 pm. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria, Va., 703.838.4565

WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER

Major fine art collection of more than 130 works installed throughout center. Free public tours at 6:30 pm (schedule online). Reservations required via email community@eventsdc.com or phone 202.249.3200. 801 Mount Vernon Place NW, 202.249.3000

WASHINGTON SCULPTORS GROUP

Since 1984, nonprofit group with 400 members (artists, collectors, curators) highlighting sculptural works. Exhibits at various locations. Check website for details, 202.686.8696

ART GALLERIES

ADAH ROSE GALLERY

Intimate gallery for contemporary regional art, especially text-based projects. Openings often with live music. Hours vary. Check website for latest. 3766 Howard Ave., Kensington, Md., 301.922.0162

CROSS MACKENZIE

Fine art with a focus on ceramics in charming

Georgetown space with sculpture garden. Tu-Sa noon-5 pm. 1675 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.337.7970

DTR MODERN GALLERIES

In Georgetown, contemporary and 20th-century masters from a privately held collection of works by artists like Picasso, Dali, Botero, Mars, Warhol, Basquiat, Hirst. Mon-Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun. noon-7 p.m. 2820 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202.338.0625

HEMPHILL FINE ARTS

Celebrating 20-plus years showing contemporary and historically significant artists like Caldwell and late "father figures" Jacob Kainen and Willem de Looper. Tu-Sa 10 am-5 pm. 1515 14th St. NW, 202.234.5601

MARSHA MATEYKA

In a Dupont Circle town house, contemporary art since 1983. Representing Jim Sanborn, Sam Gilliam, Jae Ko, Kitty Klaidman, Athena Tacha, William T. Wiley and estates of Nathan Oliveira and Gene Davis. Th 11 am-5 pm, other days by appt. 2012 R St. NW, 202.328.0088 Metro: Dupont Circle (North)

TRANSFORMER

Nonprofit Warhol grantee project site for collaborating artists, scientists, poets,

musicians, storytellers. W-Sa noon-6 pm. 1404 P St. NW, 202.483.1102

ZENITH

Gallery celebrating 40 years of exhibitions, showing whimsical, figurative work in all media, some sited in a sculpture garden in former swimming pool, where varied works create a "wonderland." W-Sa noon-6 pm or by appointment. 1429 Iris St. NW, 202.783.2963

ART MUSEUMS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY MUSEUM AT THE KATZEN

Dramatic building with museum and performance spaces of American University. Three floors of changing exhibitions by Washington and international artists. Tu-Su 11 am-4 pm. Free. Gift shop and cafe. Ward Circle, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 202.885.1300

ARTECHOUSE

Gallery space for forward-thinking computerized, immersive art exhibitions. Daily 10 am-5 pm; 5:30-10 pm and 11 pm (ages 21 and over only). \$15, seniors/students/military \$12, under 12 \$8. Tickets available online. 1238 Maryland Ave. SW, no phone

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART/ EAST BUILDING

I.M. Pei-designed museum holds modern and contemporary American and European paintings, sculptures, prints by Matisse, Stella, Warhol and Picasso. Renovated with more space, skylight tower galleries highlighting works by Alexander Calder, Mark Rothko. Roof terrace with sculptures and views of the Capitol. Villareal LED passage to West Building. "Sense of Humor," highlighting comedic works through the ages from the Renaissance to today, through Jan. 6; "Rachel Whiteread," the first comprehensive survey of the influential British sculptor's work, through Jan. 13. M-Sa 10 am-5 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. Free. Gift shop and cafes. Constitution Ave. NW between 3rd & 4th sts., 202.737.4215 Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART/ WEST BUILDING

One of the world's finest collections of American and European paintings and sculpture dating from the 13th century, including "Ginevra de' Benci," this hemisphere's only da Vinci painting. "Gordon Parks: The New Tide, 1940-1950," 150 photographs and other materials illustrating his influences, through Feb. 18. M-Sa 10 am-5 pm, Su 11 am-6 pm. Free. Gift shop, cafes, sculpture garden. Constitution Ave. NW between 4th & 7th sts., 202.737.4215 Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS

Pioneering museum dedicated to female artists with 4,500-plus works by, among others, Mary Cassatt, Frida Kahlo and Alma Thomas. "Rodarte," more than 90 complete outfits presented as shown on the runway, highlighting the work of the Mulleavy sisters, through Feb. 10. M-Sa 10 am-5 pm, Su noon-5 pm. \$10, students/seniors \$8, 18 and under free. Free admission on "Community

Days," the first Sunday of each month. Mezzanine Cafe with soups, salads, sandwiches. M-F 11 am-2 pm. New York Ave. & 13th St. NW, 202.783.5000 Metro: Metro Center

THE PHILLIPS COLLECTION

The country's first museum of modern art (1921) provides an intimate setting for a renowned collection: Renoir, Cézanne, Bonnard, Matisse, Daumier, Manet, El Greco, Miró, Monet, O'Keeffe and Picasso. Laib Wax Room, beeswax-lined niche accommodating two visitors at a time by Wolfgang Laib. "Nordic Impressions," representing the works of 53 artists spanning 200 years of Nordic art, through Jan. 13. Tu-Sa 10 am-5 pm, Th until 8:30 pm, Su noon-7 pm. Special exhibition, weekend admission: \$12. Permanent collection free weekdays with suggested donation. Gift shop. 21st & Q sts. NW, 202.387.2151 Metro: Dupont Circle (North)

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

AMERICAN ART MUSEUM

National collections from folk art to LED installations and one gallery dedicated to video and time-based artwork. "Between Worlds: The Art of Bill Traylor," 155 of the self-taught artist's works illustrating his first-hand view of history, from slavery to Reconstruction and the dawn of the Civil Rights Movement, ongoing. Daily 11:30 am-7 pm. Gift shop. Kogod Courtyard with Norman Foster-designed canopy, free Wi-Fi and a cafe until 6:30 pm. 8th & F sts. NW, 202.633.1000 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

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ARTHUR M. SACKLER GALLERY

Recently reopened space featuring a number of newly installed collections. In a dramatic underground building, Asian and Near Eastern artworks spanning 6,000 years. "Japan Modern: Photography from the Gloria Katz and Willard Huyck Collection," pictures dating from the 1880s to 2015 tracing the development of this medium in the Land of the Rising Sun, through Jan. 24. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Gift shop. 1050 Independence Ave. SW, 202.633.1000 Metro: Smithsonian

FREER GALLERY

Recently reopened featuring reimagined spaces for displaying Eastern and South Asian and Islamic art in an Italian-style villa. James McNeill Whistler's "The Peacock Room Comes to America" restored to its original 1908 appearance. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Films, gift shop. Jefferson Drive and 12th St. SW, 202.633.1000 Metro: Smithsonian

HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN

Designed by Gordon Bunshaft, doughnut-shaped building holds Joseph H. Hirshhorn's gift collection plus later acquisitions. Works by Dubuffet, Picasso, Rothko, Calder, Warhol and current stars. "Sean Scully: Landline," the artist's watercolors, oils and sculptures transforming the museum's second-level inner circle galleries, ongoing. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Sculpture Garden (7:30 am-dusk). Tours weekdays at 12:30 and 3:30 pm. 7th St. & Independence Ave. SW, 202.633.1000 Metro: L'Enfant Plaza-Smithsonian

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART

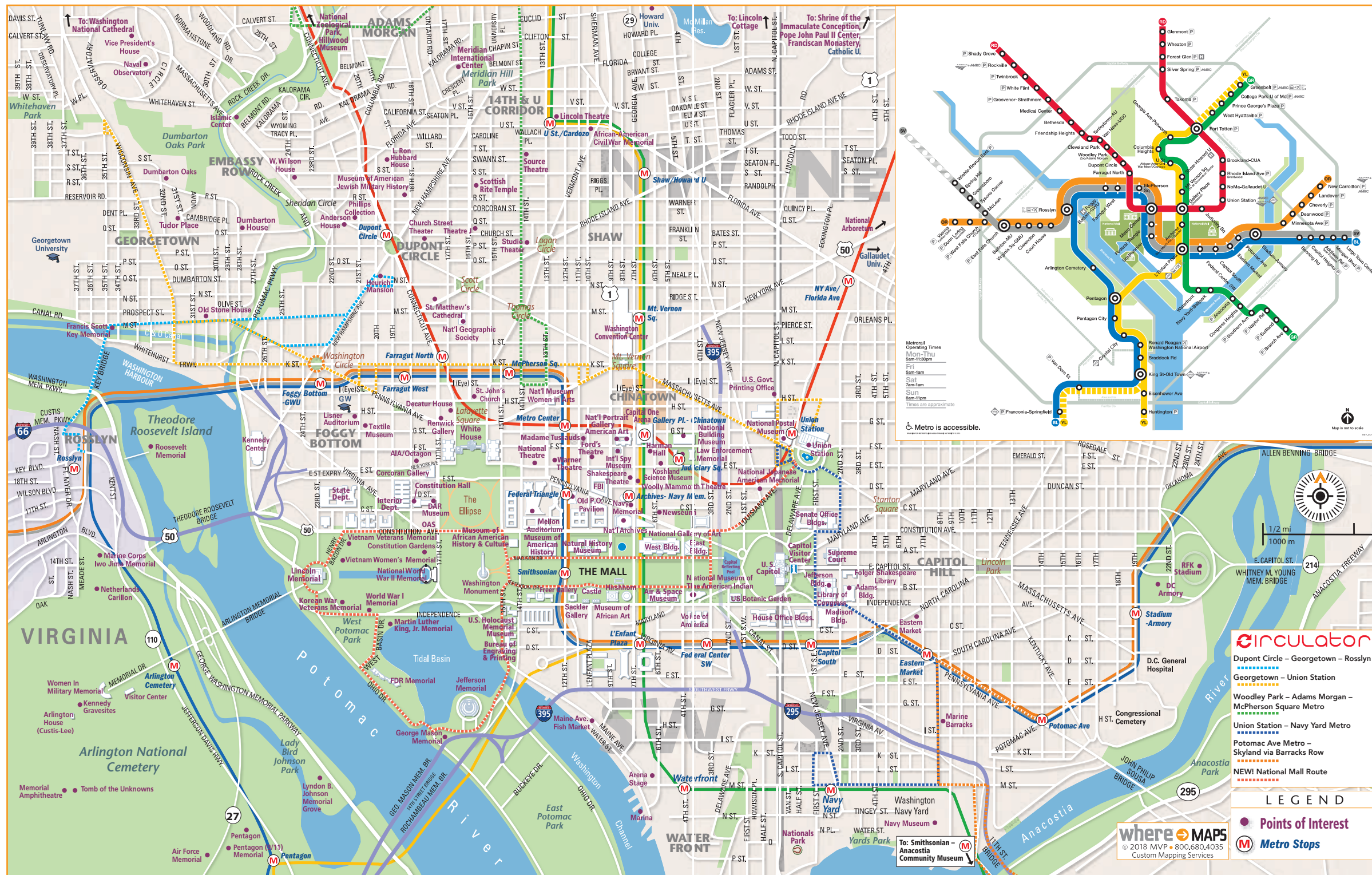
Sub-Saharan African art: masks, textiles, regalia, furniture, ceramics. "Good As Gold: Fashioning Senegalese Women," in a redesigned first-floor space, glittering collection of the country's jewelry past and present and how the pieces were used to express complex notions of beauty, ongoing. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Gift shop. 950 Independence Ave. SW, 202.633.4600 Metro: Smithsonian

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Famed visages throughout U.S. history. Only complete collection of presidential portraits outside the White House. "Unseen: Our Past in a New Light, Ken Gonzales-Day and Titus Kaphar," highlighting under- and misrepresented minorities in portraiture; "One Year: 1968, An American Odyssey," looking back at an important year in history, when the museum opened, the Civil Rights Act was signed and the Vietnam War reached a turning point, both ongoing. Daily 11:30 am-7 pm. Gift shop, cafe. Eighth & F sts. NW, 202.633.1000 Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

RENWICK GALLERY

Revamped Second Empire-style museum across from White House designed by James Renwick Jr. in 1859 and rescued by Jacqueline Kennedy, plus modern works. "Disrupting Craft: Renwick Invitational 2018," four artists challenging conventional ideas about craft, through May 5; "No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man," large-scale works from the annual boho gathering in Nevada's Black Rock Desert, ongoing. Daily 10 am-5:30 pm. Gift shop. 17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. NW, 202.633.1000 Metro: Farragut West



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