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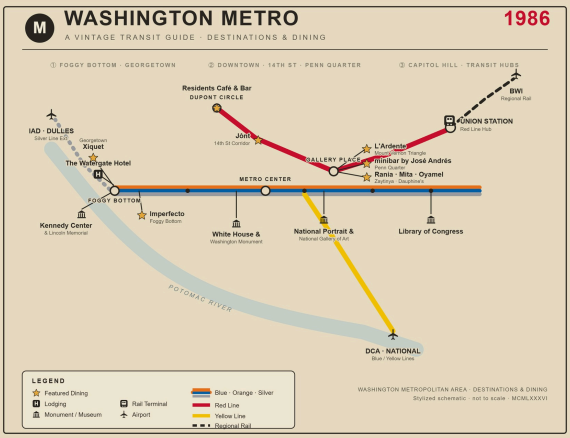
FALL MEETING 2026

Things to Do in Washington, D.C.

October 22–23, 2026 · The Watergate Hotel · Foggy Bottom

A hand-picked guide to eating, drinking and exploring the capital.

A Getting there & to the hotel



Getting to the hotel: nearest Metro is **Foggy Bottom–GWU** (Blue Orange Silver), but **~½ mile / 10–12 min on foot** — with luggage or after dark a **taxi or Uber (~5 min)** is easiest. Directions →

Come by train. Amtrak Acela & Regional reach **Union Station** — NYC ≈ 3 h, Philly ≈ 1 h 45. Then ~15 min to the hotel.

Map · Book · Amtrak

Or fly in

DCA (~15 min, closest) · Blue direct to Foggy Bottom. info

IAD (long-haul/intl) · Silver direct. info

BWI (value fares) · info + rail to Union Station.

B Where to eat

Where to eat

Michelin stars & Bib Gourmand — all central or near the hotel

Michelin stars — *two two-stars lead*

minibar by José Andrés ★★ Avant-garde tasting · Penn Quarter
Map · Reserve

Jônt ★★ French/Japanese tasting · 14th St
a short ride up 14th St · Map · Reserve

Imperfecto ★ Med × Latin · Foggy Bottom
nearest · walkable · Map · Reserve

Rania ★ Modern Indian · Penn Quarter
Map · Reserve

Mita ★ Vegetable-forward Latin · Downtown
Map · Reserve

Bib Gourmand — *great food, gentler prices*

Oyamel Mexican antojitos · Penn Quarter
Map · Reserve

Zaytinya E. Mediterranean mezze · Penn Quarter
Map · Reserve

Dauphine's New Orleans / Creole · Downtown
Map · Reserve

L'Ardente Glam Italian · Mt Vernon Triangle
Map · Reserve

Residents Café & Bar Contemporary + patio · Dupont Circle
Map · Reserve

Five central picks — see all 28 Bib Gourmands →

Xiquet ★ Modern Spanish · Georgetown
Map · Reserve

C Where to grab a drink

Top of the Gate ON-SITE

Your rooftop — **360° over the Potomac**, Kennedy Center and the Monument, cocktail in hand. Seasonal spring–fall; confirm it's open for late October.

Map · Info

More bars worth the trip

The Next Whisky Bar Whisky lounge · at the Watergate
on-site · Map · Info

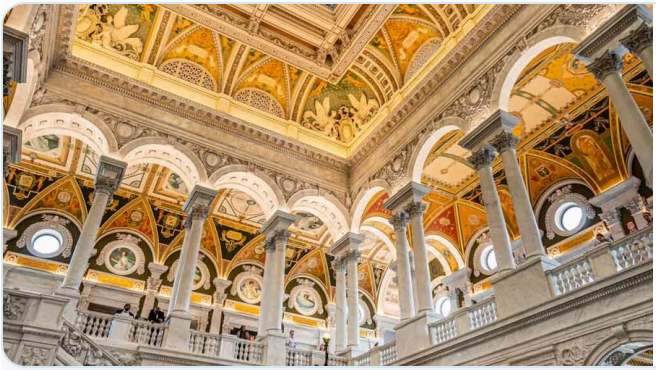
VUE Rooftop Rooftop · Hotel Washington
White House + Monument in one view · Map · Reserve

Silver Lyan Cocktails · Riggs, Downtown
Mr Lyan's vault bar · N.A. 50 Best · Map · Info

Allegory Speakeasy · Eaton Hotel
hidden behind a library wall · Map · Info

Off the Record Political haunt · The Hay-Adams
martinis by the White House · Map · Info

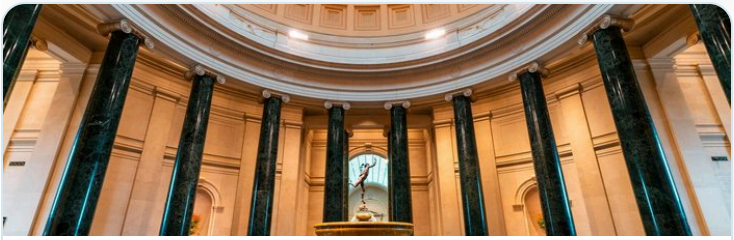
D What to do



Library of Congress — after dark THU OCT 22 FREE

The most beautiful room in Washington opens late every **Thursday, 5–8 p.m.** for **Live! at the Library** — happy-hour drinks in the Great Hall over the Capitol, plus rare evening access to the Main Reading Room. **Conference Thursday lands right on it.** Free timed-entry pass required.

Map · Free tickets →



National Gallery of Art FREE

The West Building rotunda alone is worth the walk — and the whole collection is **free**. Central on the Mall.

Map · Info

Portrait Gallery & American Art FREE OPEN LATE

Two museums, one glass-roofed courtyard — and the Smithsonian's **latest hours**, perfect after sessions.

Map · Info

Monuments by moonlight

FREE · 24H GUIDED TOURS

The memorials are floodlit and open all night — magical and crowd-free. Loop **Lincoln → Vietnam → WWII → Washington Monument → MLK → FDR → Jefferson**, or book an evening trolley, bus or bike tour.

Self-guided (free) · Trolley · Big Bus · More tours →

The Kennedy Center — next door 5-MIN WALK

A five-minute stroll from the Watergate: the National Symphony, opera, ballet and touring acts most nights.

Map · What's on →

Sport & live music

HOCKEY/HOOPS CONCERTS

The **Capitals** (8 October home games) & **Wizards** at **Capital One Arena**; touring bands at **The Anthem** and the **9:30 Club**. Check the calendars for the 22nd–23rd.

Arena events · Caps tickets · 9:30 Club