



## **90<sup>th</sup> KARNEA**

### **GUIDE TO EVERYTHING WASHINGTON**

WELCOME!! For many of you this is your first trip to your nation's capital, while many have visited many times. This guide is meant to help both types of visitors, whether an undergraduate or a family with children.

The Washington, D.C. 90<sup>th</sup> Karnea Committee will be available at the Local Committee booth to provide directions, restaurant suggestions or ways to spend a few free hours.

Washington is a spectacular capital city and it is the hope of the Committee you will find it a safe, memorable and friendly place to visit.

#### **The Usual**

Every first time visitor to D.C. has an idea of what they would like to see and where they would like to go during their trip to their nation's capital.

The Committee refers you to the D.C. Guides available at the Local Committee booth in the hotel lobby.

The Hilton is located within walking distance of many of the museums, monuments and memorials, including the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Washington Monument, the National Gallery of Art, the Air & Space Museum and the National Museum of Natural History.

The area around the Hilton is very safe, remember you are two blocks from the White House and security is extremely high. The areas which you will be visiting are as safe as any city in the United States, but you should always be aware of your surroundings. Tourist cities have pick pockets and those who would scam visitors. Always be careful of your personal belongings.

The Metro system is easy to use as are the city buses. There are Blue and Red Line Metro stops within 2 blocks of the Hilton. Both Metro (fare cards available at entrances) and buses are \$1.45 during off peak times and for buses the exact change is required.

Outside the Hilton is a bus stop for the circulator buses, used by many visitors. The Circulator is \$1 and will take you westbound as far as Union Station and eastbound to Georgetown. They run every 10 minutes or less.

The Blue Metro Line will take you to the “House” side of the Mall and includes stops for the Smithsonian Museums (Smithsonian stop) and the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Capitol Visitor Center and House Office buildings (Capitol South). Blue will also take you to Reagan National Airport.

The Red Line takes you to the “Senate” side (Union Station stop) and the North side of the Capitol, the Supreme Court, Union Station, Senate Office buildings and the National Postal Museum.

## **TOURS**

Check the Local Committee Desk for tours of the Capitol Building for through arrangements that have been made with Sen. Tom Carper’s Office and Congressman Paul Ryan’s Office.

One nice way to see the City is to sign up for local Trolley Tours or open air bus tours through the Hilton Concierge or book directly - [www.trolleytours.com/washington-dc/](http://www.trolleytours.com/washington-dc/).

Another fun way tour the city is by Segway (<http://citysegwaytours.com/washington-dc>) or Duck Tour (<http://www.dcducks.com>).

## **Beyond the Usual**

Many visitors have been to Washington two or more times and are looking for something that will be a little different or

“beyond the usual” visitor attractions. They are interesting but not as well know.

Dumbarton Oaks in upper Georgetown – its permanent exhibits feature specialized collections of Byzantine and Pre-Columbian Art besides European Masterpieces. It can be accessed by a 15 minute bus ride.

Tudor Place – the home of Martha Washington’s granddaughter, Mary Custis Peter. Period furniture and artwork. It is two blocks from Dumbarton Oaks and then an easy walk to Georgetown restaurants and shopping.

The National Cathedral of St. Peter & St. Paul – the sixth largest cathedral in the world is easily accessible by bus or cab. While it was consecrated an Episcopal Cathedral, its seven chapels have been used by all faiths for services. Buried there are President Wilson, Helen Keller and other notable Americans. The incredible stained-glass windows include the “Moon” window which contains the only moon rock outside NASA.

Hillwood – the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, at one time the richest person in the world. Mrs. Post accumulated many Russian treasures including Faberge eggs and Russian royal family jewels. The formal Japanese Gardens and Russian Dacha with its priceless icons are two of the many attractions at this incredible home.

The Shrine Temple – with the huge popularity of Dan Brown’s *The Lost Symbol* there has been increased interest in touring in the marvelous Shrine Temple located on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, located within walking distance of the Hilton. Tours are available.

Check the Destination D.C. Tourist Guides provided at the Local Committee information table at the Hilton for information on walking tours and additional places of interest such as the Fredrick Douglas home, the national Catholic basilica, Blair House and many other attractions.

The Capital Hilton is close to DuPont Circle with its many restaurants and shops and is close to the eclectic Adams Morgan section of town. Ask at the information desk about other parts of D.C. you may wish to visit.

### **Outside D.C., But Close**

**Udvar-Hazy Center** – the “big” version of the Air & Space Museum near Dulles Airport. With the downtown site, the Air & Space Museums have the largest collection of aviation and space artifacts in the world including the Space Shuttle, the Stealth Bomber, the Enola Gay and much more.

**Mount Vernon** – George Washington’s home is located about 10 miles from D.C. and if you have the time and transportation, the home and gardens have recently received a \$53 million renovation with many inter-active exhibits and period pieces.

**The Pentagon** – the Pentagon, the home of the U.S. Military, can be reached on the Blue Line Metro and is a fascinating place to visit. Advanced reservations are required.

**Arlington Cemetery** – Our national cemetery may also be visited by the Blue Line Metro. Get off at the Arlington Cemetery stop.

### **RESTAURANTS**

D.C. is a city of neighborhoods and the restaurants in each offer a rich variety of cuisines from traditional American to funky ethnic.

The area close to the hotel is pretty traditional. Almost across the street is McCormick & Schmick’s Seafood Restaurant \$\$ (1652 K), D.C. Coast \$\$\$ (14<sup>th</sup> & K), Georgia Brown’s \$\$\$ (950 15<sup>th</sup> St. – Southern), Bombay Club \$\$, Indian (815 Connecticut). BlackFinn at 1620 I St. is a fairly new restaurant/bar with very good food at reasonable price. Also reasonable is Brasserie Beck, French Belgian at 1101 K.

More fun is two blocks west - go two blocks to Connecticut Ave. and turn north toward DuPont Circle. Here one will find Luna Café \$, very good home cooked food (1301 Conn.), Kramer Books & Afterworks \$, a trendy American Café & Bookstore and more restaurants just a 10 minute walk up the street. On the way up, you can stop at Chocolate, Chocolate (

1130 Conn.) for great chocolate and candy. Also try Straits of Malaysia at 1836 18<sup>th</sup> St. or Typhoon just off Conn. at S Street.

Five Guys Burgers at 1825 I Street wins the Best Burger in D.C. Award each year, and a Chipotle at 1837 M and Pot Belly at 1660 L Street are close; just up the street from 19<sup>th</sup> & L is Oodles, Noodles \$, which is next to Smith & Wolinsky Steakhouse \$\$\$.

If you go north on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, above O Street, you will find a number of inexpensive restaurants – Trio, Hank’s Oyster Bar, Annie’s Paramount Steak House and others. If want to venture further, go to U Street and turn left, you will find many ethnic restaurants and also the famous Ben’s Chili Bowl \$, (1213 U St.) home of the half smoke.

For something different while at 1220 19<sup>th</sup> St., visit the Melting Pot \$\$.

The local committee will be able to talk with you about even more restaurants in different areas of the city.

Georgetown and the Penn Quarter sections of D.C. are a close cab or bus ride and offer a wide variety of restaurants and night life. Once again ask local Delts at the information desk for assistance.

## **Nightlife**

D.C. has a varied nightlife. Check at the hotel concierge or the Local Committee booth for more information. The Black Cat is a restaurant, bar and concert venue (think Foo Fighters, Moby, Spektr) and is at 1811 14<sup>th</sup> St, a close walk, and the 9:30 Club at 815 V St. features live music every night like Peter Bjorn & John, Train.

There are many popular live theater venues and Delts should check the *Washington Post* to see what is playing at the National Theater, the Warner Theater, the Studio Theater, the Folgers Shakespeare Theater, the Kennedy Center and other theater venues.

## **Have A Good Time**

Have a good stay in your national capital. If you need anything, please feel free to ask any of the Local Committee or National Capital Alumni Association members; we are here to help.

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