

OUR WASHINGTON D.C.

Founded on July 16, 1790, Washington D.C. is unique among American cities as it was established by the Constitution of the United States to serve as the nation's capital. From its beginning, the city has been embroiled in political maneuvering, sectional conflicts and issues of race, national identity, compromise and, of course, power.

The choice of Washington's site along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers resulted from a compromise between Alexander Hamilton and northern states who wanted the new federal government to assume Revolutionary War debts, and Thomas Jefferson and southern states who wanted the capital placed in a location friendly to slave-holding agricultural interests.

After more than 200 years as the nation's capital, Washington is brimming with a unique history of its own. It has developed as a complex and layered city with multiple personalities. As home to the federal government, it has attracted a diverse mix of government workers, members of Congress from every state, foreign emissaries, lobbyists, petitioners and protestors. While elected and appointed officials come and go giving the city its reputation as a transient community, many of the city's residents have called Washington home for multiple generations. Their stories give Washington its distinctive character as both a national and local city.

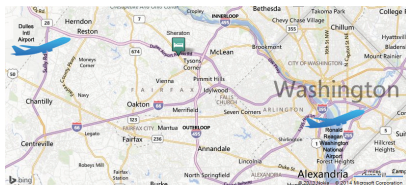


SHERATON PREMIER AT TYSONS CORNER



Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner recently underwent a multi-million dollar renovation and is conveniently located 10 miles from Dulles Airport and less than 20 minutes from downtown Washington, D.C. Just one block from the new subway Metro Silver Line "Spring Hill" Station, getting where you want to go anywhere in the D.C. area is cost-effective and easy.

- Mention the group "IEEE Transformers"
- See the link on the Committee's website or call the hotel directly for room reservations
- Standard room rate: US\$149/night, single or double
- Hotel does not provide shuttle service to/from either Dulles or Reagan airports
- Estimated taxi fare (one way): US\$30 Dulles (IAD); US\$45 Reagan (DCA); hotel is also accessible from Reagan National Airport (DCA) by Metrorail (no rail service from Dulles)



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EARLY BIRD EVENT

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18



Before diving into the meeting sessions on Sunday, join your fellow early birds for a Saturday night social experience at Tyson's newest hot spot, the Iris Lounge. Just two blocks away from the Sheraton Premier, this local gem prides itself not only on its versatile, fun atmosphere, but also on its great-tasting food, brand new billiards room, Rocky Patel cigar room and its hosting of the hottest DJs in the area. Wide variety of menu items, including delicious dinners and snacks, will be available for purchase. www.irisloungeva.com

TECHNICAL TOURS

No planned technical tours will take place during the week. However, many options are available for you to take in on your own. Some suggestions:

- Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum – Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center – displays thousands of space and air artifacts, including the space shuttle Discovery. The Center offers the Airbus IMAX Theater and an Observation Tower for a bird's eye view of Dulles International airport. No admission fee, just a bus ride and IMAX cost. airandspace.si.edu
- National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NOAA) Space Weather Prediction Center has the responsibility for providing the Nation's real-time space weather services 24 hours per day. It is a busy and fascinating place to visit, and visitors are welcome during normal business hours with some exceptions for times when duties preclude interruptions for the center staff. www.swpc.noaa.gov/Services/Tours.html

NOTE: Many D.C. museums are not open in the evenings. Please keep this in mind when planning your travel.

MONUMENTS BY MOONLIGHT WITH CHAMPAGNE AND DESSERTS

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 20

Aboard a luxury motor coach, an experienced tour guide will share fascinating facts on the city's illuminated monuments and landmarks as you enjoy sparkling champagne (or cider, upon request) and delicious desserts. In this all-encompassing night tour of Washington D.C., you will pass such sights as the White House, U.S. Capitol Building, Old Post Office Building, Washington Monument, World War II and Jefferson Memorials, Smithsonian Museums and the Tidal Basin. You will circle the two Jima Memorial and then make a stop at the Lincoln Memorial where you can enjoy the stunning views of the National Mall and Potomac River. You will also be able to visit the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, which are just a short walk from the Lincoln Memorial.



WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER SOCIAL

We are currently working to locate the best venue for this event. Stay tuned for more details!

SPOUSE/COMPANION TOURS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Spend the morning at Mount Vernon – George Washington's home, gardens and farm. Then visit the quaint seaport town of Old Town Alexandria to see some of the most amazing historic sites in Virginia. Step off the coach and visit Christ Church, attended by George Washington and Robert E. Lee. You will also see historic 17th and 18th century homes along the way to Arlington National Cemetery, where you'll board the lectured tram to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and view the unforgettable Changing of the Guard ceremony. Witness the eternal flame that lights up the Kennedy Gravesite. Take advantage of a number of photo opportunities along the way. Lunch included.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Spend the morning exploring the Smithsonian. Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park and nine research facilities. Exploring all the displays could take a lifetime. On this tour, you will spend time at either the Natural History Museum or American History Museum. Next, on to Georgetown.

Long before it became popular by the Kennedys and the home of high end retail and fashion, Georgetown was a working class port city pre-dating Washington D.C. Its roots are still very much alive and can be seen in the red brick town homes and turn-of-the-century factories that are found throughout the area. Experience a Georgetown Food Tour in the heart of historic Georgetown. It will combine history, architecture and culture with cuisine from some of the area's best restaurants. The result is a multiple hour dining experience that will expand and challenge the palette with an array of flavors, tastes and textures.



Mt. Vernon



Old Town Alexandria



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Smithsonian



Georgetown Neighborhood