

GREATER WASHINGTON, D.C.

RELOCATION INFORMATION



An aerial photograph of Washington, D.C., featuring the Washington Monument prominently in the center-left. The monument is a tall, white, tapering obelisk. Surrounding it are green lawns, walkways, and other buildings. In the background, the city's urban landscape is visible under a clear blue sky.

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The District of Columbia offers a multitude of living options. Across 69 square miles, just under 700,000 residents call D.C. home. Median home value sits at nearly \$600,000 with median household income at \$86,420. The District has more than 27 distinct neighborhoods; we'll highlight six among its most popular:

First up is Georgetown. This historic neighborhood is located in northwest D.C. along the Potomac River. Here, you'll find a combination of tree-lined cobblestone streets, glorious homes and views of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. The area has restaurants galore, with such notable stops as Sequoia, Tony & Joe's Seafood Place, Nick's Riverside Grill – all waterfront – as well as Café Milano, 1789, Chez Billy Sud, and Stachowski's.

And then there's the shopping ... oh, the shopping! Sure, Georgetown is the oldest D.C. neighborhood, but its shopping scene says otherwise. Must-stop shops include Billy Reid; relish; Hu's Wear & Hu's Shoes; Alice and Olivia; Brandy Melville; and Ralph Lauren.

The neighborhood is also flooded with strong educational institutions. Georgetown's top public options include School Without Walls High School; Woodrow Wilson High School; Benjamin Banneker Academic School; Stoddert Elementary School; and School Within School. If you're interested in private options, the top two are Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School and British International School of Washington.

Georgetown's neighbor to the east — yet still residing in northwest D.C. — is Dupont Circle. Museums, bistros, bars, boutiques ... Dupont has it all. The majority of Dupont is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, making it yet another timeless stop in The District. Sushi Taro, Plume at the Jefferson Hotel, Kramerbooks & Afterwords Café, City Tap House and Russia House top the dining options for residents and tourists alike.

Mark your calendars because the First Friday of every month is an art lover's dream. This gallery hop highlights contemporary art by national and international artists with a focus on local up-and-comers. There's also the Dupont Circle farmers market, open every Sunday throughout the year and located right in front of the Metro station entrance on Q and 20th streets. Ross Elementary, Hyde-Addison Elementary, Capital Hill Montessori School at Logan, and Oyster-Adams Bilingual School are just a few of the strong options for Dupont schoolchildren.

Hop on the Metro, ride one stop north and you'll find yourself in the Adams Morgan neighborhood. Frequently recognized for its nightlife, the area has a strong historic feel that is most evident in the row houses around 18th Street.

Adams Morgan is home to many a good eatery including Tail Up Goat (a Michelin one-star winner); The LINE Hotel; Roofers Union; Federalist Pig; Donburi; and Amsterdam Falafelshop. There are also quite a few well-known shopping options: vintage clothing store Meeps; Commonwealth; and Urban Dwell. If you're looking for a fun date-night activity, the DC Arts Center is here and constantly brimming with art galleries and live performances.

We'd be remiss not to mention up-and-coming D.C. neighborhood NoMa, situated north of Massachusetts Avenue. Best known for its proximity to Union Station (the second-largest Amtrak station in the States) and restored grocery and specialty food hall Union Market, the area has come into its own in the past few years. Union Market, one of the region's top foodie stops, is set in a restored, mid-20th-century food hall and caters to everyone. Dolcezza Gelato & Coffee Factory and Masseria — another Michelin-starred restaurant — are perhaps the two most popular stops. There's also an Angelika movie theater offering specialty film programming and events.

Gonzaga College High School, Two Rivers Public Charter School, McKinley Technology High School, Emerson Preparatory School and Dunbar High School are all trusted institutions in NoMa.

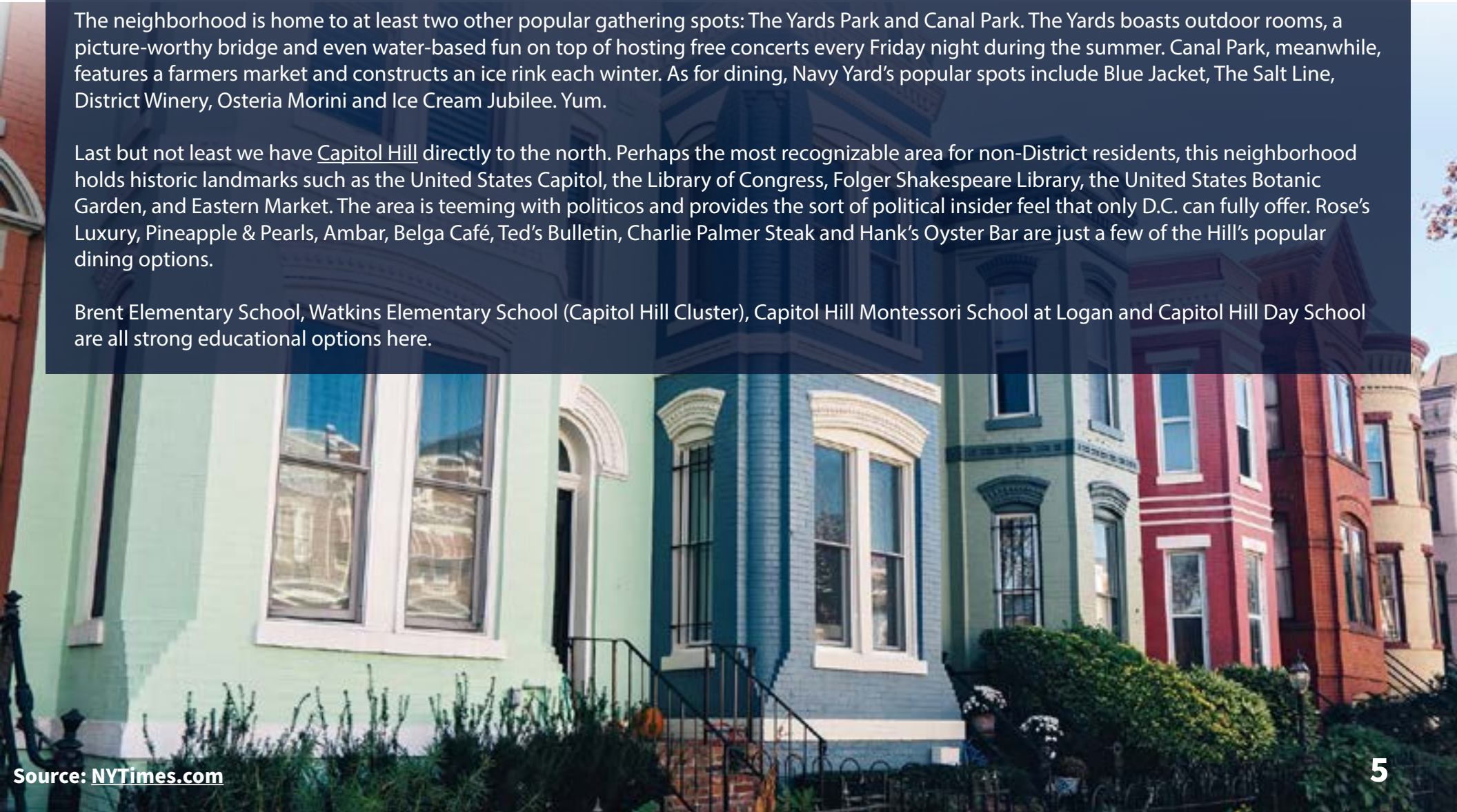


Next stop: Navy Yard! Located waterside in southeast D.C., this area is best known for Nationals Park. Also referred to as Capitol Riverfront, this is one of The District's blossoming neighborhoods. Catch the 2019 World Series champions in action on the MLB diamond, or take in historic sights at the U.S. Navy Museum. The Bullpen, situated right next to Nationals Park, is an outdoor space that hosts bands, food trucks and beverage vendors before and after home games.

The neighborhood is home to at least two other popular gathering spots: The Yards Park and Canal Park. The Yards boasts outdoor rooms, a picture-worthy bridge and even water-based fun on top of hosting free concerts every Friday night during the summer. Canal Park, meanwhile, features a farmers market and constructs an ice rink each winter. As for dining, Navy Yard's popular spots include Blue Jacket, The Salt Line, District Winery, Osteria Morini and Ice Cream Jubilee. Yum.

Last but not least we have Capitol Hill directly to the north. Perhaps the most recognizable area for non-District residents, this neighborhood holds historic landmarks such as the United States Capitol, the Library of Congress, Folger Shakespeare Library, the United States Botanic Garden, and Eastern Market. The area is teeming with politicos and provides the sort of political insider feel that only D.C. can fully offer. Rose's Luxury, Pineapple & Pearls, Ambar, Belga Café, Ted's Bulletin, Charlie Palmer Steak and Hank's Oyster Bar are just a few of the Hill's popular dining options.

Brent Elementary School, Watkins Elementary School (Capitol Hill Cluster), Capitol Hill Montessori School at Logan and Capitol Hill Day School are all strong educational options here.

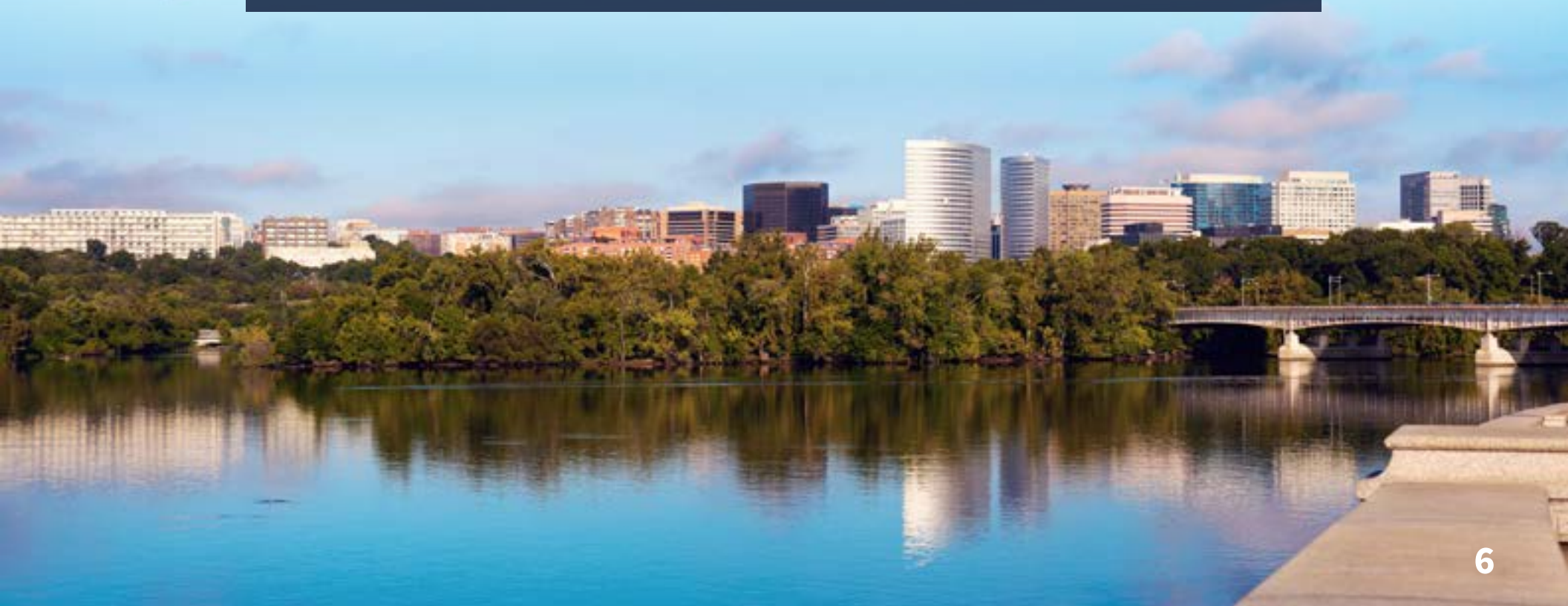


NORTHERN VIRGINIA LIVING

Northern Virginia has a collection of stellar cities. One of the most acclaimed in the States, Arlington, earns top five rankings from Niche.com for best cities to live in America (No. 2); best to raise a family (No. 3); and best for young professionals (No. 5). Home to more than 230,000, the city features a premier school district, Arlington Public Schools, which ranks as the best place to teach and second best overall district in Virginia. Not surprisingly as a result, median home value hovers around \$700,000.

Also located across the Potomac River from D.C., just to the south of Arlington, is Alexandria. Home to more than 157,000 residents, it's one of Niche's top cities in a variety of nationwide categories including best for young professionals (No. 10); best to live in (No. 22); and healthiest (No. 25). Alexandria's median home value sits north of \$570,000 in light of strong schools, eateries and activities.

Just west of Arlington is Falls Church, a city more than 14,000 residents call home and one of the state's top locations for young professionals. Median household income is approximately \$125,000, with the median home value topping \$750K. The public schools here are highly rated and there are activities, eateries, coffeehouses and shopping options abundantly scattered across the community.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA LIVING

West of The District, sandwiching Arlington and Alexandria across the Potomac River, is Fairfax County and its many excellent living options.

McLean is a wealthy suburb that is home to more than 47,000 residents, many of whom serve in executive roles or high-level government positions in the D.C. area. McLean has a median household income of over \$200,000. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency is based in McLean. Youth have the option of being educated in Fairfax County Public Schools, which Niche ranks as the sixth best district in the state.

Equally wealthy Vienna has more than 16,000 residents, with thousands more boasting Vienna postal addresses just outside its official borders. The town has been ranked by CNNMoney as a top-three best place to live in the United States. More than 80 percent of residents own their homes, which have a median value around \$740,000. Vienna students are served by two of the state's best high schools: James Madison and George C. Marshall, with each earning an A+ grade from Niche. There's an array of recreational options in and around town including the W&OD Trail, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens and Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

Nestled between Vienna and McLean along the Capital Beltway is Tysons Corner, Fairfax County's central business district. Home to approximately 23,000 Virginians, this unincorporated community rates as the state's tenth best suburb for young professionals and in the top 25 for best public schools. Home values hover near \$485,000 and there's upscale shopping galore. With corporate headquarters such as Capital One, Booz Allen Hamilton, Freddie Mac, Hilton Worldwide, MITRE, Sunrise Senior Living and USA Today, it's no wonder Tysons has the largest concentration of office space in Northern Virginia.



Just north of The District is Montgomery County, which includes many of the best places to live in the National Capital Region.

Bethesda, a history-rich unincorporated community dating to the 1600s, has a population of more than 63,000. Across Maryland, Niche.com ranks Bethesda as the sixth best place to live and best suburb along with the seventh best public school district. Its largely wealthy and highly educated populace appreciates Bethesda's urban vibe and abundant arts and eats, with popular restaurants including Woodmont Grill, Olazzo and Barrel and Crow. Home ownership nears 70 percent with the median value topping \$910,000.

You'll find similar demographics and amenities in Chevy Chase, situated on the northwest border of D.C. proper. More than 85 percent of residents have earned a bachelor's degree or higher, with 94 percent obtaining at least an associate's degree. Median household income tops \$180,000. Niche ranked the town as the seventh best place to live in Maryland and ranked its school district, Montgomery County Public Schools, as the second best in the state. When you're out and about, be sure to hit Clyde's Chevy Chase restaurant, the Columbia County Club golf course, or one of the area's many seafood festivals throughout the year.

Along the northeast D.C. border in Maryland are Silver Spring and Takoma Park. The combined population sits near 100,000, many of whom are young professionals commuting daily to the nation's capital. Silver Spring is ranked as Maryland's second best suburb for young professionals and its fifth most diverse community. Over the past two decades, numerous mixed-use developments have been built in the area, introducing a vibrant breadth of restaurants, shops and living options.



D.C. DINING

Washington, D.C. is a city that many different people from diverse backgrounds call home, which leads to a delicious blend of dining options found in few places on Earth. Maketto, a Thai-inspired restaurant with a café, bar and retail shop; Tail Up Goat, a quaint, Caribbean restaurant with some of the best homemade pasta; and Mama Chang, a Chinese restaurant serving meals passed down from generations, are just a few of the mouthwatering options available in The District.

“Brunching” might as well be a verb in D.C. On the weekends, many restaurants are filled with customers enjoying mimosas and avocado toast. One of the city’s best brunch locations is Boundary Stone. This public house serves up maple bacon grits that will make your taste buds smile. Call Your Mother, “A Jew-ish Deli”, sells gourmet bagel sandwiches at two locations in The District.

Still have room for dessert? D.C. is home to one of the nation’s best cupcake shops: Georgetown Cupcake. This popular spot is owned by two sisters who rose to fame when the story of their lives as shop owners was made into a TV show, “DC Cupcakes”, on TLC. Stop by to enjoy favorites such as Salted Caramel and Chocolate Ganache. You will never get bored, as new flavors are introduced each month.

Looking for an event centered around eating? Metropolitan Washington Restaurant Week is a biannual event in the summer and winter, with 100-plus restaurants serving three-course meals. One way or another, be sure to book a meal in D.C., which Bloomberg calls The Most Exciting Food City in America.



D.C. SHOPPING

The District isn't short on shopping: The array ranges from local boutiques to upscale chains and everything in between. Georgetown is a great place to start. It's filled with high-end boutiques and indie shops. Name brands such as Tory Burch and Billy Reid can be found here, not to mention more than 20 unique boutiques in [Cady's Alley](#).

If you're seeking old school or trendy vibes, the [U Street / 14th Street Corridor](#) is the place to be. This area is known for funky furniture stores and edgy boutiques. We highly recommend visiting one of its most popular shops, Salt & Sundry, for home and lifestyle options from independent artists.

Dupont Circle, a popular area known for its eateries, stores, bars and clubs, is home to Made in DC. You can find locally created items which make great gifts and help to support the community.

Want some upscale retail options not far from The District? Visit [The Collection at Chevy Chase](#), where you can step it up at Saks Fifth Avenue, Tiffany & Co. and other high-end stores. Or cross the Potomac and head to Tysons Galleria, where you can dine at Lebanese Taverna after perusing the latest at Chanel, Coach, Gucci, Kate Spade, Lilly Pulitzer, Louis Vuitton, Prada and Versace.

The National Mall is America's most visited national park, a place where the past, present and future all come together. Taking a walk around the park, you'll notice statues and memorials dedicated to various figures in U.S. history. The National Mall also features 17 world-class museums, 11 of which are curated and operated by the Smithsonian Institution. There are so many options – and so many of them free of charge!

For history buffs, be sure to visit the National Museum of African American History & Culture. Art connoisseurs can't miss the National Portrait Gallery. And for family entertainment, the National Air & Space Museum and the National Museum of Natural History are great choices.

Just outside The District lies one of the country's top communities for the arts: Alexandria, Virginia. ArtPlace America recognized Alexandria as a "community with a backbone of creative culture". Its Torpedo Factory Art Center, a former munitions factory transformed into an artistic powerhouse with three floors of art studios and galleries, is its visual arts hub.

For a unique art experience nearby in Northern Virginia, check out the Arlington Art Truck, a curated mobile toolbox for artists-in-residence to engage the public from April through October. Don't take our word for it: The Arlington Art Truck was nominated for Americans for the Arts' 2019 Robert E. Gard Award.



D.C. EVENTS & FESTIVALS

The District hosts many festivals throughout the year, and the start of the festival season effectively begins with the [National Cherry Blossom Festival](#) each March. More than 1.5 million visitors visit the nation's capital each year to admire 3,000-plus cherry trees in full bloom.

Fun summer events include [Passport DC](#), a monthlong May festival celebrating the city's thriving international culture; [Capital Pride](#), a series of events, parades and concerts celebrating the LGBTQ community; and [Smithsonian Folklife Festival](#), a kid-friendly celebration of cultures across the globe.

The D.C. festival season ends around September with the [H Street Festival](#), a high-energy block party with live bands and beer tents which is known for the dozens of ethnic eateries in this friendly gathering.

Outside D.C., the performing arts scene is one of the best connectors for people and communities in Arlington, Virginia. The [Rosslyn Jazz Festival](#) draws more than 10,000 people from all around the region for a day full of dynamic, free performances. Additionally, the Lubber Run Summer Concert series features more than 30 free performances from a variety of genres including big band, blues, soul and orchestral music as well as cabaret.

D.C. OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

There's a host of options for hiking, biking, boating and picnicking in the nation's capital. If you're new to the area, we recommend exploring [Rock Creek Park](#), a 2,000-acre park in Northwest D.C. with 32 miles of trails for hiking and plenty of paved roads for cycling. You can even go horseback riding in this outdoor destination run by the National Park Service!

The [Capital Crescent Trail](#) — which also offers a scenic pathway for hikers, bikers and joggers — runs from Georgetown all the way to Silver Spring, Maryland. To explore the beautiful views of D.C.'s oldest neighborhood, try the 185-mile [Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Trail](#).

Need time out of the city? We get it. Escape to [Great Falls Park](#), just a 30-minute drive outside The District, to find 800 acres of parkland with trails, cascading rapids and gorgeous waterfalls. Regular admission is \$10 per vehicle, but the park is free to enter on certain days (such as MLK Jr. Day and Veterans Day, among others)!

D.C.'s most popular path is the [Mount Vernon Trail](#), an 18-mile paved route that links Theodore Roosevelt Island Park with George Washington's historic estate. The trail winds through Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, Virginia, providing access to numerous parks as well as connections to regional trails and various memorials (most notably, [Arlington National Cemetery](#)).

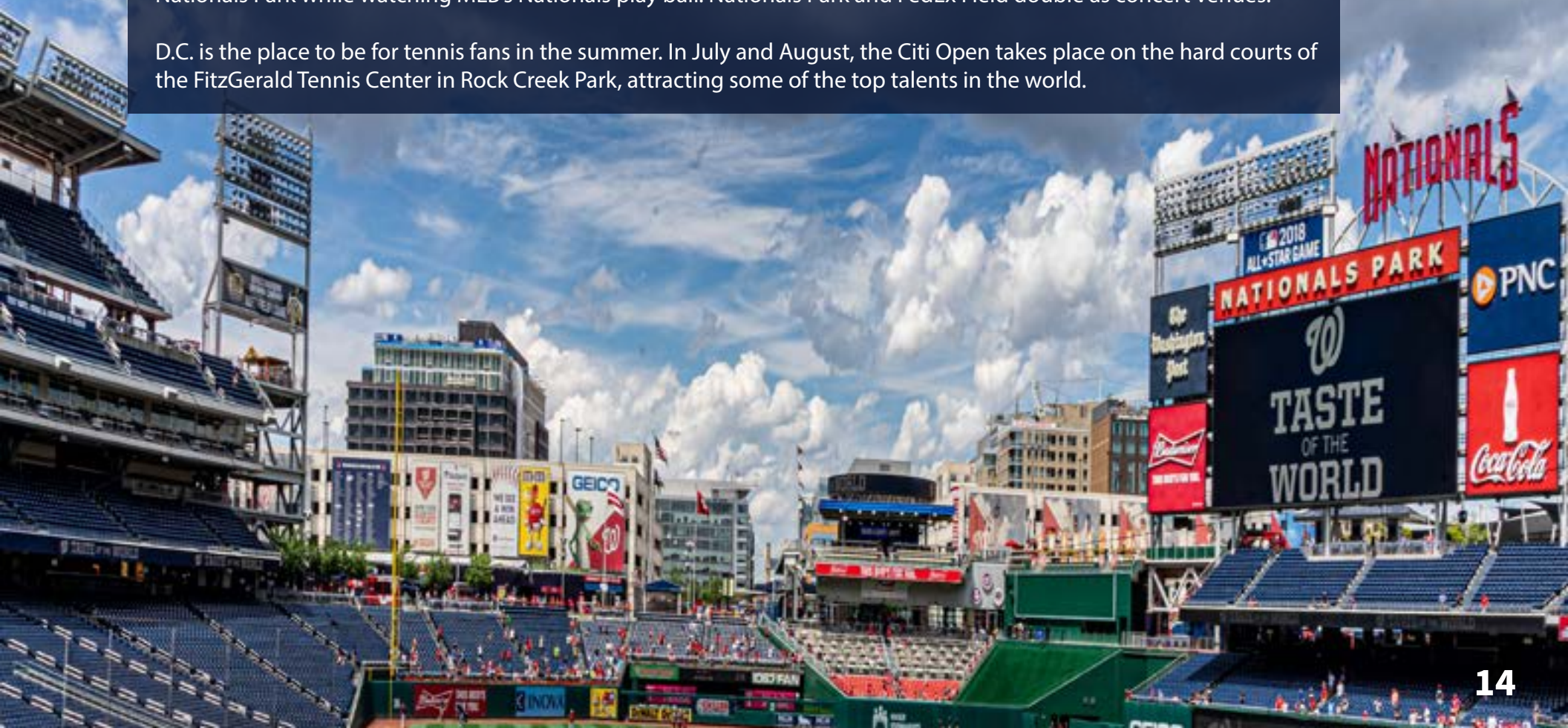
D.C. SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Washington, D.C. is filled with opportunities for sports fans and everyone looking for some great entertainment. Professional and collegiate teams can be found throughout the region, which attracts many of today's most popular musicians and entertainers as well.

The 20,000-seat Capital One Arena is home to the NHL's Capitals, NBA's Wizards and Georgetown University's men's basketball team. When these teams aren't playing at home, you'll find musical artists such as Bon Jovi, Harry Styles and Beyoncé performing live. "WWE Raw" also makes a few appearances for good measure.

You can join 82,000 fans to cheer on the NFL's Washington team at FedEx Field near the Capital Beltway in Landover, Maryland. If baseball is more of your thing, you can stay in The District and enjoy some peanuts and Cracker Jacks at Nationals Park while watching MLB's Nationals play ball. Nationals Park and FedEx Field double as concert venues.

D.C. is the place to be for tennis fans in the summer. In July and August, the Citi Open takes place on the hard courts of the FitzGerald Tennis Center in Rock Creek Park, attracting some of the top talents in the world.



D.C. MAJOR EMPLOYERS

MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS

Marriott International Inc.
INOVA Health
Booz Allen Hamilton
Capital One
Deloitte
Verizon Communications
MedStar Health
Giant Food

HIGHER EDUCATION

Georgetown University
George Washington University
Howard University
American University
Catholic University of America
Gallaudet University
University of the District of Columbia
Trinity Washington University

One of the best ways to get involved in — and acquainted with — a new community is by diving headfirst into its nonprofit scene. The District has no shortage of options with more than 12,000 organizations present. Together, these nonprofits employ about 25 percent of the area's workforce and generate nearly \$48 billion in annual revenue. These impactful organizations also give more than \$417 million annually, with D.C. residents themselves donating more than \$894 million to charity. These are just 10 of the area's most popular nonprofits; [click here](#) for a comprehensive look.

Green America
Global Language Network
The I Do Foundation
Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation
Food for All DC
Bethany Women's Center
Girls on the Run
Human Rights Campaign
GlobalGiving
Cato Institute



Finding ways to get around The District or travel elsewhere is easy, given the many options in and around the city.

There are three major airports in the D.C. area. [Washington National Airport \(DCA\)](#) is closest to the city and is home to eight airlines reaching nearly 100 destinations. [Washington Dulles International Airport \(IAD\)](#) is fewer than 30 miles from D.C. and is the region's primary international airport. Dulles features 40 airlines flying travelers to over 140 nonstop domestic and international locations.

If you live or work closer to Baltimore — or can secure significant savings on airfare by driving a little farther — you might fly out of [Baltimore/Washington International Airport \(BWI\)](#). BWI sits about 32 miles from D.C. and is visited by about 25 million passengers a year. Airlines there fly more than 90 domestic and international routes.

When navigating D.C. itself, the subway is one of the most preferred methods. [The Metro](#) connects to each of D.C.'s quadrants in addition to northern Virginia and suburban Maryland. There are six different lines, each of which is easy to understand. The Metro's peak rates range from about \$2.25 to \$6, and you can purchase a SmarTrip card to pay for these rides. The Metro even has free Wi-Fi so that you can text or watch movies during your commute!

Looking for a free way to get around? D.C.'s streetcar will give you a great view of the city while you ride. It follows one route, going east at Union Station and west at Benning Road/Oklahoma Avenue.



In fewer than four hours of driving, you can find yourself in The City That Never Sleeps! [NYC](#) makes for a trip you won't forget.

Visit landmarks such as the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. For some outdoor fun, Central Park has a host of activities and sights to take in year round. While you're in the city, pay your respects to the victims of the September 11 attacks at the associated memorial and museum. After the sun goes down, catch a show on Broadway, visit Rockefeller Center and Times Square, or watch one of many pro sports teams in action.

For culinary delights, try what Trip Advisor calls the best pizza around at Sottocasa Pizzeria. Or take a ride along the 650 miles of subway tracks to Little Italy or Chinatown. New York has thousands of restaurants and attractions, so whatever you choose to do, rest assured you won't be disappointed!

GETAWAY PHILADELPHIA

Take a day trip to the City of Brotherly Love, which is just shy of a two-hour drive from New York City. Philadelphia is home to iconic attractions such as the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Take your picture beside the Rocky monument, and if you're feeling daring, climb the stairs his movie made famous. Once you get to the top, don't forget to raise your hands like Rock! For a sports-filled evening in the summer, catch a Phillies baseball game at Citizens Bank Park. In the cooler months, slide next door to Lincoln Financial Field to check out the NFL's Eagles.

Don't dare leave the city without taking part in the greatest Philly rivalry of all time: Pat's vs. Geno's. These two popular Philly Cheesesteak restaurants sit just across the street from each other, creating a divide that's been around since Geno's opened in 1966. Pick a side ... or give each a try!



Geno's cheesesteak



Citizens Bank Park



GETAWAY CAPE MAY

The Jersey Cape is a beach lover's paradise! No matter the circumstances, there's a beach that's right for you. Looking for a quiet walk with your dog? Head to Higbee Beach. To see the perfect sunset or catch a glimpse of the historic SS Atlantus, look no farther than Sunset Beach. For the Jersey Shore experience, the City of Cape May won't disappoint.

If you're looking to shop, check out the boutiques at the "heart of Cape May": the Washington Street Mall. To sport Cape May wherever you are, snag a T-shirt or sweatshirt from Cape May Resortwear. And if it's gifts or home décor you're after, be sure to stop by Swede Things in America for a large selection of modern and traditional pieces from Scandinavia. (You heard right.)

For scrumptious dining options, locals and tourists alike recommend lunch at Schooner American at the Lobster House — both for its scenic views and its fresh seafood. There's also the Blue Pig Tavern, a farm-to-table restaurant that features fresh produce, herbs and eggs from Beach Plum Farm, which sits less than 2 miles away!

Have a sweet tooth? Swing by Peace Pie for an ice cream sandwich with pie filling. Fan favorites include key lime pie and chocolate mint.



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