

THE DUPONT CIRCLE

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THE AREA

Established in the late 1870s, Dupont Circle is one of Washington, D.C.'s most iconic neighborhoods. Centrally located just a 15-minute walk from The White House, this vibrant area is known for its stunning 19th-century mansions along Embassy Row, home to over 80 embassies that showcase a rich blend of architectural beauty and international flair. Dupont Circle is also home to one of D.C.'s most active LGBTQ+ communities, infusing the neighborhood with unmatched energy, especially during the city's PRIDE festivities every June. Nature lovers will appreciate its proximity to Rock Creek Park—an expansive urban oasis twice the size of New York City's Central Park—offering the perfect setting for a peaceful escape. Every Sunday, locals and visitors alike flock to D.C.'s largest Farmers Market, where farm-fresh finds make for an ideal picnic near the iconic Dupont Circle fountain. Here, life feels both cosmopolitan and quintessentially local, offering an authentic taste of D.C.

FUN FACTS

- Just one block from the hotel, the Dupont Circle Farmers Market is the largest in the city, offering fresh, local finds every Sunday.
- Connecticut Avenue, which runs beneath Dupont Circle, was once the final stop for Washington, D.C.'s iconic trolley line, making the circle a lively transportation hub in the early 1900s.
- Dupont Circle is home to a thriving art community, with year-round programming like First Friday ArtWalk Dupont, a self-guided walk where galleries, museums, and embassies stay open late, inviting visitors to explore the neighborhood's artistic treasures after dark.
- On the first two Saturdays in May, Dupont Circle hosts Passport D.C., a beloved local event where embassies open their doors for a day of food, culture, dancing, music, and more! It's a celebration of global traditions, and with popularity growing each year for the event, visitors are encouraged to arrive early, as entry is first-come, first-served.
- The White House, the most iconic landmark in Washington, was designed by Irishman James Hoban and is just a mile from the hotel—perfect for a stroll on a beautiful day.

HISTORY

Dupont Circle is named after Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Du Pont, a prominent figure in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War. Du Pont was known for his military service, particularly his role in naval operations along the Atlantic Coast. The circle, which was initially part of the city's plan to honor important figures, was dedicated to him in 1884. Over time, Dupont Circle became one of D.C.'s most iconic public spaces, with its historic monument and vibrant surrounding neighborhood.

RESIDENTS

Dupont Circle is where history and influence converge. Home to think tanks, satellite campuses of top universities, embassies and cultural institutions, it's a hub of intellectual and diplomatic life. The area is adjacent to Kalorama, where Washington's elite, including the Obamas, reside, and is just down the road from the U.S. Vice President's residence. With its blend of residential charm and global significance, Dupont Circle offers a unique glimpse into both the local and international fabric of the capital.

HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

THE WHITE HOUSE

Just a 20-minute walk from The Dupont Circle, The White House is an enduring symbol of American history and democracy. Known as "The People's House," it has served as the official residence of every U.S. president since John Adams. Visitors can experience its rich history through tours arranged via your Senator or Representative—be sure to book well in advance. In spring and fall, the annual garden tours offer a rare opportunity to explore the historic grounds, with same-day tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. Another beloved tradition is the iconic Easter Egg Roll, with a ticket lottery opening in late winter.

THE NATIONAL MALL

The National Mall, "America's Front Yard," is a must-see destination just a 30-minute walk or a quick 15-minute taxi ride from The Dupont Circle. Explore iconic landmarks like the Washington Monument, WWII Memorial, and Lincoln Memorial. For a peaceful experience, stroll to the Tidal Basin to visit the MLK Jr. and Jefferson Memorials, framed by serene waters and cherry blossoms in spring. Our favorite way to explore the Mall? Take the Monuments by Moonlight tour at dusk—seeing the monuments glow in the moonlight is magical!

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The Smithsonian museums, a collection of 20 world-renowned institutions, offer an unparalleled journey through art, history, culture, and science—all completely free to explore. To beat the crowds, we recommend visiting right when they open, especially during peak seasons. For a unique twist, don't miss the museum after-hour events, beloved by locals and often the hottest tickets in town. These lively evenings feature extended hours, food, music, and even dancing among the exhibits. Visiting on the Summer Solstice? You're in for a treat—some museums stay open until midnight, making it an unforgettable way to celebrate the start of the summer season.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Washington National Cathedral, one of the largest in the world, is a Gothic Revival masterpiece just a stroll up Massachusetts Avenue. Completed in 1990 after 83 years, it has hosted historic events like presidential funerals and national memorials. Visitors can admire its soaring ceilings, intricate carvings, and over 200 stained-glass windows, including the Space Window with a real moon rock. For a one-of-a-kind adventure, take on the Tower Climb! Scale the western towers, marvel at intricate gargoyles up close, and enjoy breathtaking 360-degree views from 200 feet above ground. This 70–90 minute climb is an unforgettable way to experience the Cathedral.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Arlington National Cemetery is a place of profound reflection and gratitude, honoring over 400,000 U.S. service members, veterans, and their families. Witness the solemn changing-of-the-guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier or visit President John F. Kennedy's gravesite, marked by the eternal flame. Just a short drive or Metro ride from The Dupont Circle, Arlington offers a deeply moving experience of history and sacrifice. A beloved holiday tradition, Wreaths Across America brings locals and visitors together each December to lay wreaths on over 250,000 tombstones in a touching morning tribute of unity and remembrance, with the President or Vice President often in attendance.

THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is a breathtaking testament to faith and art. As one of the largest churches in the world, its soaring domes and intricate mosaics captivate visitors from around the globe. Located just a short distance from The Dupont Circle, the Basilica is a place of serenity and reflection, with over 80 chapels dedicated to various saints and cultures. Don't miss the majestic Great Dome, which features one of the largest mosaics in the Western Hemisphere, and the stunning Crypt Church, a quiet space for prayer. Whether you're drawn by its architectural beauty or its deep spiritual significance, the Basilica offers an unforgettable experience. After visiting the Basilica, cross the way to the Franciscan Monastery, where you can explore their serene gardens, especially beautiful in the spring. This peaceful retreat offers a perfect complement to the grandeur of the Shrine, allowing for a moment of reflection in the tranquil surroundings.

GREENERY

THE DUPONT CIRCLE FOUNTAIN & PARK

Nestled in the heart of Washington, D.C., Dupont Circle Park—named after Rear Admiral Samuel Dupont—is a lush urban retreat. Its Adirondack chairs beckon visitors to relax amidst the green space, making it a favorite lunchtime escape during the workweek. The iconic center fountain adds to the tranquility; one of D.C.'s most recognizable landmarks, it was built by Daniel Chester French and Henry Bacon, the famous duo behind the Lincoln Memorial. Weekends bring live music, picnics, and the bustling farmer's market on Sundays. Chess enthusiasts will find their match at the park's public tables, adding to the lively welcoming atmosphere of this city gem.

ROCK CREEK PARK

Rock Creek Park, the largest green space in D.C., offers endless outdoor adventures. Our favorite? Renting a city bike for a leisurely ride through the park's scenic trails. Head south to explore the National Mall's iconic monuments and museums, or pedal north to the beloved Smithsonian National Zoo, home to the iconic pandas.

ROSE PARK

Just a short walk west down P Street, Rose Park offers a peaceful escape next to Rock Creek Park. With a basketball court, tennis courts, a baseball field, and a jungle gym, it's perfect for families. Nearby, explore Georgetown's cobblestone streets, colorful houses, unique shops, and the former home of famed chef Julia Child (whose Cambridge, Massachusetts kitchen can also be found at the nearby Smithsonian National Museum of American History).

DUMBARTON OAKS

Dumbarton Oaks, nestled in Georgetown, is a 10-acre historic estate renowned for its breathtaking gardens, including the famed wisteria in spring. The expansive grounds invite exploration, while the museum showcases exceptional Byzantine and Pre-Columbian art. With its mix of natural beauty, history, and culture, Dumbarton Oaks offers a serene, unforgettable experience.

OUR RECCOMENDATIONS - CULTURE AND THE ARTS

NEIGHBORHOOD GEMS

- **The Anderson House at The Society of the Cincinnati, societyofthecincinnati.org**
Headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati, an organization founded by officers who served in the Continental Army during the American Revolution, Anderson House was designed by architect John Russell Pope and constructed in the early 20th century as a residence for the philanthropist and industrialist, Charles Carroll. Just a short walk from the hotel, this stunning mansion features extraordinary architecture, with grand interiors and beautiful furnishings. Beyond serving as a popular social venue, it's a cultural landmark open to the public, offering tours and events that provide a fascinating glimpse into America's early history.
- **Catherdal of St. Matthew the Apostle, stmatthewscathedral.org**
A historic cathedral featuring stunning mosaics, marble accents and a towering 190-foot copper dome, it's one of D.C.'s most awe-inspiring landmarks. Known for its rich history, it has hosted noteworthy events such as JFK's funeral, visits from Mother Teresa, and Pope Francis's Midday Prayer. Its timeless beauty and connection to pivotal national moments make it a must-see destination.
- **D.C. Improv, dcimprov.com**
This legendary comedy club has been a D.C. staple since 1992, hosting up-and-coming talent like Dave Chappelle, Kevin Hart, Jerry Seinfeld and Margaret Cho. Its intimate setting and enthusiastic crowds make it a favorite for comics, with many recording albums or refining sets here. Offering stand-up, improv classes and a rich history, it's a hub for both laughter and learning in the nation's capital.
- **Heurich House, heurichhouse.org**
Architecture and beer lovers will find common ground at the stunning Heurich mansion, a hidden gem within minutes of The Dupont Circle. The mansion was constructed in 1894 for German American immigrant Christian Heurich, a household name during his time whose brewery was the largest in Washington, D.C. As the city's finest example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture, the home features one of the most landmarked interiors in D.C. Schedule a guided tour of the immaculately preserved home or visit the operating biergarten in the castle's garden for a brew.
- **The Keegan Theatre, keegantheatre.com**
Nestled in Dupont Circle, this cultural cornerstone is rooted in Irish heritage and shines in Washington, D.C.'s community arts scene. Known for its dynamic productions, including the annual An Irish Carol—a playful twist on A Christmas Carol and a cherished local tradition—it continues to bring vibrant performances to the stage year after year.

- **The Phillips Collection, phillipscollection.org**
America's first museum of modern art, The Phillips Collection has been showcasing exceptional works for over 100 years. Its growing collection of more than 5,000 pieces is displayed within the historic home of its founder, Duncan Phillips. Visitors can enjoy engaging exhibitions, interactive programming, and special events year-round, making every visit a unique cultural experience.
- **The Woodrow Wilson House, woodrowwilsonhouse.org**
Currently closed for renovation and reopening in April 2025, the Woodrow Wilson House is nestled in the picturesque Kalorama neighborhood, known for housing Washington's elite, including ambassadors and former U.S. presidents. Just next door is the residence of Jeff Bezos, and across the street is the Embassy of the Netherlands, renowned for its breathtaking tulip garden in the spring. This grand residence, once the home of twenty-eighth President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, stands as a remarkable exploration of his complicated legacy. Recognized as a historic landmark, the house has operated as a museum since 1963. The mansion offers general guided tours of the residence, as well as specialty tours like the architecture tour and the prohibition era wine cellar tour.

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- **Ford's Theatre, fords.org**
Steeped in history, Ford's Theatre is where President Abraham Lincoln was tragically assassinated in 1865. Today, it serves as both a working theatre and a museum, offering visitors a glimpse into this pivotal moment in American history. Explore its exhibits, attend live performances, and learn more about the legacy of Lincoln and the theatre's important role in the nation's cultural heritage.
- **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, hirshhorn.si.edu**
The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden is a must-visit for contemporary art enthusiasts. Located on the National Mall, this museum features a diverse collection of modern and contemporary works. Its outdoor Sculpture Garden showcases iconic pieces by renowned artists, offering a peaceful space to enjoy art in an open-air setting.
- **The Kennedy Center, kennedy-center.org**
A premier cultural venue, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is home to world-class performances in theater, dance, music, and more. Located along the Potomac River, the center offers stunning views and a diverse array of shows, from Broadway productions to classical concerts. It's an iconic destination for art lovers and a true centerpiece of D.C.'s cultural scene.
- **Renwick Gallery, americanart.si.edu/visit/renwick**
The Renwick Gallery is a celebrated space for contemporary craft and decorative art. Housed in a historic building just steps from the White House, the gallery features innovative works by both emerging and established artists, with exhibitions that explore the intersection of traditional craftsmanship and modern artistic expression. Its dynamic installations and immersive experiences make the Renwick a must-visit for those seeking to engage with cutting-edge art in an iconic setting.

LOCAL GALLERIES

- **Gallery 2112, 2112 R Street NW, gallery2112.com**
Known for its eclectic and thought-provoking exhibitions that explore a wide range of media and artistic expression, Gallery 2112 offers a unique platform for both emerging and established talent, often showcasing experimental art and fostering a dialogue between artists and the community.
- **IA&A at Hillyer, 9 Hillyer Court NW, athillyer.org**
This contemporary art gallery showcases innovative works by emerging and established artists. Located in a charming townhouse in Dupont Circle, it features rotating exhibitions, community-focused events, and artist talks.
- **Mei's Arts & Culture Center, 1736 N Street NW, mei.edu/arts-and-culture-center**
Part of the Middle East Institute (MEI), the center offers a dynamic platform that fosters cultural exchange through art exhibitions, performances, and programs. MEI showcases works that reflect diverse stories, rich traditions, and contemporary issues from the Middle East and beyond, providing a space for cross-cultural dialogue and understanding.
- **Q Street Fine Art, 2015 Q Street NW, qstreetfineart.com**
Also known as the Rafael Gallardo Art Studio, this intimate gallery is the residence and workspace of artist Rafael Gallardo, where visitors can engage directly with the artist's vibrant works, often set against a backdrop of a relaxed atmosphere with soothing music and refreshments.
- **Studio Gallery, 2018 R Street NW, studiogallerydc.com**
A dynamic contemporary art space, Studio Gallery features a diverse collection of works by local and regional artists. Known for its rotating exhibitions, the gallery showcases a wide range of mediums, from painting to sculpture. It is a hub for art lovers and collectors, offering a welcoming environment for both seasoned and new art enthusiasts.

DINING AND IMBIBING

COFFEE SHOPS AND CASUAL EATERIES

- **Bluestone Lane, bluestonelane.com**

A casual spot for coffee lovers and foodies alike, Bluestone Lane is known for its artisanal coffee, like smooth flat whites, and flavorful bites like the avocado smash toast, a favorite of Vice President Kamala Harris.

- **Colada Shop, coladashop.com/dupont**

At Colada Shop, immigrant restaurateur Daniella Senior brings the colorful spirit of the Caribbean to life with tropical decor, warm hues, and a relaxed atmosphere perfect for catching up with friends. Visitors can savor bold Cuban coffee, indulgent chicken empanadas, and mouthwatering pork sliders while enjoying a slice of the island lifestyle in the heart of D.C.

- **Duke's Grocery, dukesgrocery.com/dupontcircle**

This laid-back neighborhood pub brings East London to D.C., offering a cozy spot for great food and craft cocktails. Known for their iconic Proper Burger, crispy fries, and Pickle Dilly Martini, it's the perfect late-night destination for night owls and pub-lovers.

- **Emissary, emissarydc.com**

This café celebrates fika, a Swedish tradition of enjoying life's simple pleasures through coffee and camaraderie. As day transitions into evening, Emissary transforms into a cozy wine bar, offering a seamless blend of experiences. On warm evenings, be sure to snag a table outside for the ultimate people-watching experience.

- **For Five Coffee, forfivecoffee.com**

A perfect spot for a quick caffeine fix or remote workers with an appetite, this café offers plenty of seating, reliable Wi-Fi, and a calming ambiance perfect for tackling your to-do list. From rich iced lattes to hearty options like the peach French toast and vegan chicken salad sandwich, there is something to fuel every visit.

- **Maman, mamannyc.com/locations/dupont-circle**

Inspired by the founders' mothers, this café blends French and North American culinary traditions in a warm, inviting space. Signature offerings, like the pistachio chocolate croissant and Oprah's favorite nutty chocolate chip cookie, are a must-try for visitors.

- **Spot of Tea, drinkspotoftea.com**

Bubble tea lovers must visit this recent Dupont Circle addition. With plenty of comfortable seating available, this café is ideal for sipping your favorite drink while catching up with friends. If you're interested in trying Boba tea, order one of their signature creations like Hibiscus Mango or Ube Vanilla Latte.

- **Tatte Bakery & Cafe, tattebakery.com/washington-dc**
With its signature Parisian-inspired interiors, this bakery-café offers a perfect mix of comfort and sophistication, ideal for everything from solo work sessions to lively gatherings. Don't miss the almond croissant or the decadent chocolate rose cake while sipping on a freshly brewed coffee or tea.
- **Teaism, teaism.com/restaurants/dupont-circle**
Blending a passion for exquisite loose-leaf teas with healthy, Asian-inspired meals like bento boxes and curries, this cozy teahouse offers a unique experience. Its signature Salty Oat Cookie, Ginger Limeade, and peaceful second-floor seating have kept locals coming back for decades.
- **Toastique, toastique.com/dupont**
A delicious and nutritious menu awaits at Toastique, featuring gourmet toasts, smoothie bowls and an espresso bar in a modern, sunlit setting. Standout items like the smoked salmon toast and matcha bowl with peanut butter drizzle highlight the health-conscious, flavorful offerings. For coffee lovers, our favorite item is the Iced Brew, the perfect combination of coffee and smoothie.

DELIS, BAKERIES, AND ARTISAN CHOCOLATE

- **Call Your Mother, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW, callyourmotherdeli.com**
Pop into to this whimsical "Jew-ish deli" for seriously delicious bagels, coffee, and sandwiches. Try the Bacon Sun City bagel sandwich and you'll find this eatery is a D.C.-area obsession for good reason.
- **Chocolate Chocolate, 1130 Connecticut Avenue NW, chocolatedc.com**
This historical chocolate destination believes "chocolate makes everything better." Their chocolate Washington Monument and White House make the perfect souvenirs for loved ones with a sweet tooth.
- **Compliments Only, 2029 P Street NW, complimentsonlysubs.com**
This local favorite serves bold, flavorful subs with a side of positivity. Top picks include the Italian Teamster sub and the Crunchy Boi, featuring their much-praised garlic mayo.
- **Dolcezza Artisanal Gelato, 1704 Connecticut Avenue NW, dolcezzagelato.com**
Celebrating two decades as one of D.C.'s sweetest stops, this local classic offers old-world gelato and pastries crafted with locally sourced ingredients. Treat yourself to the Dulce de Leche & Cookies and an espresso for the complete, indulgent experience.
- **Un Je Ne Said Quoi, 1361 Connecticut Avenue NW, unjenesaisquoi.square.site**
A popular spot on the weekends, this charming bakery, owned by a couple hailing from Lille, France, is renowned for its merveilleux pastry - a meringue-based cake that originated in Belgium and is beloved in northern France. Arrive early to savor this local favorite!

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

AMERICAN CUISINE

- **Annabelle, annabelledc.com**

This neighborhood gem offers elevated American cuisine, with a menu crafted by Frank Ruta, former White House chef to three presidents. Signature dishes like the Pan Roasted Duck Breast stand out, but dessert is a highlight - especially the Tarte Annabelle with roasted apple, apple butter, and horchata ice cream, a must-try for anyone visiting.

- **The Palm, thepalm.com**

The Palm in Dupont Circle offers an upscale steakhouse experience with an Italian twist on classic steaks and seafood. Known for its vibrant atmosphere adorned with caricatures of famous faces, this restaurant provides a top-tier dining experience. Don't miss the signature Palm Star Martini, our favorite cocktail to complement any meal.

CHINESE CUISINE

- **Astoria, astoriadc.com**

Stunning interiors pair with a thoughtfully curated Sichuan menu for the ultimate evening out in residential Dupont Circle. Known for their extensive list of creative cocktails, like their tropical daiquiris, Astoria is the perfect spot for an intimate date night or a celebratory gathering with friends.

- **Chang Chang, changchangdc.com**

Esteemed chef Peter Chang serves a classic Sichuanese menu with a modern twist, in a minimalist, yet plush dining room. Notable offerings include a popular lunch takeout menu, the famous bubble pancake, and our favorite, the crispy pork belly.

EUROPEAN CUISINE

- **Bistrot Du Coin, bistrotducoin.com**

A cheerful haven of French cuisine, this casual bistro captures the spirit of Paris with its bustling energy and authentic menu. Lively conversations pair beautifully with rich classics like escargot, French Onion Soup, or steak and frites.

- **Iron Gate, irongaterestaurantdc.com**

From the firelit dining room to the vine-covered terrace, this culinary retreat is sure to enchant. Chef Anthony Chittum's menu, inspired by Southern Europe, features dishes like loukoumades, oak-grilled meats and Greek aperitifs.

- **Residents Café & Bar, residentsdc.com**

Housed in a sleek black row house, this cafe and bar fuses mediterranean flavors with contemporary charm. With its lush, plant-filled patio, European-inspired dishes, and buzzy drinks like the ghee-infused espresso martini, it offers a day-to-night experience in vibrant style.

ITALIAN CUISINE

- **Al Tiramisu, luigidiotaiuti.com/en/al-tiramisu**

Known for its homey setting and top-notch Italian cuisine, this Dupont Circle favorite is helmed by a chef with deep Basilicata roots. Since 1996, this local institution has been delighting diners-from locals to the likes of George Clooney - with handmade pasta and an extensive Italian-only wine list.

INDIAN CUISINE

- **Raskia, rasikarestaurant.com**

Known A trailblazer in D.C.'s dining scene, this award-winning culinary team has captivated diners - including Jeff Bezos and Angeline Jolie - with its modern take on regional Indian specialties. Its standout dish, the palak chaat, is a crispy, flavor-packed appetizer that has become a D.C. icon.

JAPANESE CUISINE

- **Rakuya, rakuyarestaurant.com**

For affordable and high-quality Japanese fare, this neighborhood staple delivers with creative sushi rolls, sashimi, and hearty bento boxes. Just steps from the hotel, this is a perfect spot for a casual date night or easy sit-down lunch. Nestle into a cozy booth or enjoy the lively streetside patio.

- **Sushi Taro, sushitaro.com**

Sushi Taro's Omakase Room offers a premier Japanese dining experience in Dupont Circle. This exclusive space serves a meticulously crafted tasting menu, featuring the finest seasonal sushi and sashimi prepared with masterful precision. With a focus on tradition and artistry, it is a coveted reservation for discerning diners.

KOREAN CUISINE

- **Anju, anjurestaurant.com**

This innovative eatery marries soulful Korean classics with modern techniques, led by a James Beard-recognized chef. The deep-fried "Chikin" with spicy gochujang glaze is delicious and the 30 Day Kimchi is a must.

MEDITERRANEAN & LATIN AMERICAN CUISINE

- **Agora, agorarestaurants.net**

Transport your taste buds to the Mediterranean with a menu blending Turkish, Greek, and Lebanese culinary traditions. Favorites include tender grilled octopus with sun-dried tomato tapenade and the richly spiced lamb köfte. The handcrafted cocktails and curated wine list, featuring Mediterranean varietals, pair seamlessly with the vibrant dishes.

- **Balos, balosrestaurants.com**

Inspired by the lively Balos Lagoon, this restaurant is the creation of lifelong friends passionate about Hellenic traditions. Must-try dishes include citrusy grilled fish, creamy tzatziki with fresh pita, and the custard-soaked galaktoboureko.

- **Imperfecto, sevenreasonsgroup.com/imperfecto**

The fusion of Mediterranean and Latin flavors defines this restaurant's dynamic menu, curated by a chef who earned D.C.'s first Michelin star for Venezuelan cuisine. Don't miss the signature degustation table experience, featuring a whimsical ten-course journey, along with an excellent selection of cocktails.

MEXICAN CUISINE

- **Amparo Fondita, amparofondita.com**

Tucked into Dupont Circle, this Michelin-recommended spot brings the vibrant flavors of Mexico's coast to life. Chef Christian Irabién highlights seasonal, locally sourced ingredients, with a must-try being their heirloom black beans sourced from Rancho Gordo. The warm, inviting atmosphere and thoughtful menu honor the chef's culinary heritage and neighborhood roots.

- **Sol, solmexicangrilldc.com**

This fast-casual staple serves up vibrant Mexican flavors to its loyal following of D.C. locals. Don't miss their hearty bowls, perfectly portioned, or the tacos topped with fresh, zesty salsas.

PERUVIAN CUISINE

- **Pisco Y Nazca, piscoynazca.com**

This energetic Peruvian gastrobar combines vibrant design with a dynamic menu featuring fresh ceviche and inventive cocktails. Enjoy seafood fried rice, grilled octopus, and several varieties of pisco sours in a lively setting that's perfect for a night out with friends.

PIZZERIAS

- **Gemini, happygeminidc.com**

Located inside a natural wine shop, this spot offers a unique mix of vibrant pizza slices and inventive ice cream creations. Standouts include the White Grandpa slice, topped with sweet corn and Taleggio cheese, balancing rich and fresh flavors. Pair your slice with a curated wine from their extensive collection or indulge in their house-made ice cream for dessert. It's a casual yet trendy destination for food and wine lovers.

- **Pupatella, pupatella.com/locations-washington-d-c-dupont**

A local family-owned pizzeria brings the taste of Naples to D.C., certified as one of the world's best pizza chains by Italian critics. The laid-back atmosphere and delicious pies, from classic margherita to crispy Napoli street snacks, make it a local favorite.

- **Sette Osteria, setteosteria.com**

This chic Italian eatery offers wood-fired pizzas, homemade pastas, and an extensive wine and cocktail list in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. Whether you are enjoying a bottomless brunch or sipping on an Aperol spritz, it is a prime spot for dining and socializing.

PLANT-BASED

- **Planta, plantarestaurants.com/location/planta-queen-dc**

Planta elevates plant-based dining with an Asian-inspired menu bursting with vibrant flavors. Must-try favorites include the Bao Sliders, featuring crispy chick'n fried mushrooms with hoisin and pickled cucumber, as well as the rich, savory Truffle Udon Noodles. With creative vegan dishes and a chic ambiance, it's a vibrant spot for any plant-based foodie.

THAI CUISINE

- **Sura, suradcrestaurant.com**

Bringing a cozy yet vibrant twist to Dupont Circle's dining scene, Sura offers an inventive Thai-Japanese fusion menu. Highlights include quail egg wontons, boneless duck laab, and spicy crudo, paired perfectly with creative cocktails like Sichuan baijiu-based drinks. With its intimate, underground setting and generous portions, Sura is ideal for a lively gathering.

WINE AND COCKTAIL BARS

- **Doyle Bar, doyle.bar**

Designed by the renowned Martin Brudnizki studio, Doyle is a glamorous, lounge-like bar with a chic mid-century feel offering a seasonal outside patio overlooking Dupont Circle. The drinks list is inspired by the cocktail culture of the 1950s and 1960s and features short and strong classics alongside some playful interpretations of the era's favorites.

- **Emissary, emissarydc.com**

Effortlessly transitioning from a cozy daytime coffeehouse, favored by the work-from-home crowd to a lively evening wine bar, Emissary offers a relaxed atmosphere perfect for unwinding with friends over curated wines and small bites.

- **The Golden Age, thegoldenagedc.com**

In the heart of Dupont Circle, The Golden Age is a cocktail bar blending Victorian-inspired decor with modern craft cocktail expertise. Its inviting atmosphere caters to late-night diners and drinkers. Signature offerings include reimagined classics like the sparkly Gilded Lily, crafted with vanilla-infused vodka and elderflower, alongside carefully curated charcuterie. A dedication to sophisticated flavors and timeless elegance defines its allure.

- **Jack Rose Saloon, jackrosediningsaloon.com**
With an impressive selection of over 3,000 whiskies from across the globe, it's the perfect spot for whiskey enthusiasts to explore rare bottles and craft cocktails, all within a stylish, cozy atmosphere.
- **Jane Jane, janejanedc.com**
Known for its intimate vibe, this retro-chic cocktail bar exudes mid-century charm. With a focus on timeless hospitality and expertly crafted drinks, favorites include twists on classics such as the mezcal-spiked Oaxacan Old Fashioned and other inventive offerings.
- **Nero, nerowashdc.com**
This chic wine bar and cocktail lounge offers Italian and Indian small plates paired with an exceptional wine list. With a speakeasy vibe, deep house music, and a serene patio, it's the perfect spot for a stylish night out.
- **Residents Bar & Café, residentsdc.com**
A popular dining spot known for its relaxed vibe and chic atmosphere, their coffee-based cocktails are a standout favorite among patrons.
- **Vin Sur Vingt Wine Bar, vsvwinebars.com**
A cozy wine bar beloved by locals and Francophiles alike. With an extensive selection of wines and delicious small plates, it's a popular spot for French Embassy staff and those wanting to practice their French while enjoying a taste of Paris in the heart of D.C.

PUBS AND DIVE BARS

- **Exiles, exilesbar.com**
Exiles Bar, is a standout spot in D.C. for both locals and visitors, recently named "Best Bar in DC" at the RAMMY Awards. Known for its warm, inviting atmosphere, Exiles prides itself on being a place where friendships are made, not just drinks served. The bar offers a dynamic mix of specialty cocktails, craft beers, and classic bar fare like wings, burgers, and flatbreads.
- **McClellan's Retreat, mcclellansretreat.com**
McClellan's Retreat, nestled in Dupont Circle, is a cozy, historical-inspired bar that offers a warm, laid-back atmosphere. It's a tribute to the Civil War general George McClellan, and the atmosphere recalls a bygone era. Think dark wood, red-accented leather seating, and soft lighting, creating a comfortable space for conversation and well-crafted cocktails.
- **The Tombs, tombs.com**
Located in the heart of Georgetown, The Tombs is a beloved, no-frills pub that has been serving locals and visitors alike for decades. Known for its laid-back atmosphere, hearty pub fare, and great selection of drinks, it's a popular spot for everything from casual dinners to pre-game meetups. The Tombs is worth the short trip outside of Dupont Circle for its iconic charm and relaxed vibe, offering a true taste of D.C.'s historic bar scene.

WASHINGTON, D.C. MARKETS

THE DUPONT CIRCLE FARMER'S MARKET

freshfarm.org/markets/dupont-circle

Every Sunday, the Dupont Circle Farmers Market comes alive just steps from our hotel, offering a vibrant, local experience that is a must for both residents and visitors alike. As the city's largest market, it's a hub for fresh, seasonal produce, unique District-made goods, and a variety of artisanal treats. Indulge in breakfast from some of the market's best vendors - DMV Empanadas' savory fillings, Hog Haven Farm's mouthwatering breakfast sandwiches, Urban+Ade's refreshing lemonade, and Little Austria's delectable pastries are just a few of our favorites. It's the perfect way to gather gourmet ingredients or grab a bite for a leisurely picnic in nearby Dupont Circle Park.

EASTERN MARKET

easternmarket-dc.org

Step back in time and experience D.C.'s oldest food and arts market, celebrating 150 years of community, culture, and commerce. Eastern Market is a true hub of activity where locals and visitors alike can explore a wide variety of indoor and outdoor vendors, from florists and painters to potters and jewelry makers. After browsing the vibrant market stalls, be sure to treat yourself to a breakfast of the beloved Buckwheat Pancakes at The Market Lunch, a local favorite for hearty, delicious fare. Don't miss Capitol Hill Books, a charming, independent bookstore filled with treasures nestled in the heart of the market. For a perfect post-market stroll, journey through the tree-lined streets of Capitol Hill to Wine & Butter Cafe & Market for a sweet treat or delicious caffeine fix.

UNION MARKET

unionmarketdc.com

Union Market is a dynamic blend of history and modernity, where stunning, repurposed buildings house a vibrant urban space filled with local treasures and creative energy. This bustling marketplace is home to 50 independent merchants, offering everything from curated bookstores to charming children's boutiques, along with an eclectic mix of eateries and artisan goods. Indulge in trendy French fare at Pastis, enjoy a one-of-a-kind shopping experience at Salt & Sundry's curated selection of eclectic fashion, and explore La Cosecha, a lively marketplace celebrating Latin American culture and cuisine.

LOCAL SHOPS AND RETAILERS

BOOKSHOPS

- **Kramers, 1517 Connecticut Avenue NW, kramers.com**
Kramers, located directly outside of the hotel's back door, is a lively bookstore and café where you can lose yourself in endless shelves of contemporary reads, sip a rich cup of coffee, and enjoy live music or stand-up comedy for the ultimate local experience.
- **JF Books, 1509 Connecticut Avenue NW, jfbooks.org**
Just next door to Kramers, JF Books is the only Chinese bookstore in D.C., offering a unique selection of philosophical, historical and political titles. Founded by Yu Miao, the bookstore carries on the legacy of the once-vibrant Jifeng Bookstore in Shanghai, which was known for its intellectual events and commitment to free expression before being forced to close.
- **Second Story Books, 2000 P Street NW, secondstorybooks.com**
This charming secondhand bookstore offers a treasure trove of first editions, rare finds, and collectible items. A true haven for all bookworms.

FASHION, JEWELRY, ACCESSORIES

- **Alton Lane, 1506 19th Street NW, altonlane.com**
Heads of state and grooms-to-be alike frequent the D.C. showroom for a perfectly tailored look. Every suit is made with care, ethically produced, and customized to ensure the best fit, whether for a special occasion or everyday life.
- **Comfort One Shoes, 1630 Connecticut Avenue NW, comfortoneshoes.com**
Whether you're seeking casual or dress shoes, comfort is the priority here. The carefully curated selection includes trusted brands like Frye, Johnston & Murphy, and Hoka, perfect for monument-strolling or zipping between meetings.
- **Quavaro, 1900 Q Street NW, quavaro.com**
The ideal stop for lovers of unique leather goods, this D.C. family-owned business offers ethically crafted pieces inspired by 1930s and '40s aviation. With items ranging from laptop cases to luggage, it's a great way to carry a piece of D.C. with you, wherever life leads.
- **Secondi, 1702 Connecticut Avenue NW, shop.secondi.com**
Dupont Circle's longest-running consignment shop is curated for luxury fashion fanatics who want to build a storied wardrobe. Run by a dedicated team with fantastic taste, this little shop is sure to surprise and delight.
- **Secrete Fine Jewelry, 1607 Connecticut Avenue NW, secrete.com**
Beloved for seamless, timeless, and masterful designs, this local gem's custom creations have adorned D.C.'s most stylish residents for decades.

- **Slow Down Market, 1710 Connecticut Avenue NW, slowdownmarketdc.com**
Three independent D.C. brands came together to provide this haven for makers who value ethical fashion and sustainability. Slow Down Market is your go-to spot for unexpected finds from local creatives—from leather footwear, to patterned knits, and trendy ceramics.
- **The Tiny Jewel Box, 1155 Connecticut Avenue NW, tinyjewelbox.com**
For nearly 100 years, this family business has served locals, presidents, and foreign dignitaries alike, trusted for everything from fine Swiss watches to exquisite pieces of fine jewelry.

SPECIALTY STORES

- **Copenhaver, 1621 Connecticut Avenue NW**
This long-running Dupont Circle business specializes in beautifully engraved stationery. Peruse wooden shelves filled with a wide selection of elegant social, personal, and business stationery, and customize it to your needs.
- **Jenni Bick Journals, 1300 Connecticut Avenue NW, jennibick.com**
Discover the finest writing supplies to chronicle your D.C. adventures, pen your novel, or organize your day at this unique journal shop, founded by a passionate D.C. book lover.
- **The White House Historical Association, 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW, shop.whitehousehistory.org**
Located just a short walk from the White House, The White House Historical Association Gift Shop offers exclusive gifts, including the Official Christmas Ornament Collection, each honoring a president or significant historical anniversary. Be sure to ask for Bob and explore their curated selection of beautifully designed souvenirs, perfect for commemorating a visit to the nation's capital.

BEAUTY AND WELLNESS

HAIR

- **Diego's, diegosalon.com**

This iconic Dupont Circle salon, open since 1968, is more than a place for a haircut—it's a local institution steeped in history. Founded by the late Diego, an Italian-born master stylist who brought warmth, opera, and charm to every visit, the salon remains a tribute to his legacy of serving presidents, ambassadors, and locals alike. The salon serves all genders but has a particularly loyal following for short haircuts.

- **Luna's, lunashairdesign.com**

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- **Karma by Erwin Gomez, karmaerwingomez.com**

A beauty lounge and urban escape blending luxury and expertise, here you'll find a wide selection of salon and spa services in a marble-clad sanctuary of earthy tones. From transformative facials and expert hair extensions to precise brows and flawless makeup, it's your one-stop shop for self-care. Be sure to ask for Erwin.

- **Hair by Remona, hairbyremona.com**

This talented stylist's calming presence and dedication to the craft make every session a seamless, professional experience. Whether preparing for a wedding or a corporate event, they bring world-class expertise to achieve your desired look. With advanced notice, Remona is available to provide convenient in-room services for hotel guests.

BEAUTY

- **Carl Ray, carlraymakeupartist.com**

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- **BlueMercury, 1625 Connecticut Avenue NW, bluemercury.com**

This D.C.-founded company is your one-stop-shop for all beauty, hair, and skin product needs. Their selection includes popular high-quality brands such as SkinCeuticals, Bobbi Brown, Kiehl's, and NARS.

WELLNESS

- **Deluca Massage & Bodywork, 2028 P Street NW, delucamassage.com**
Step into one of 11 unique massage rooms, escaping the hustle and bustle of daily life for a world of pure relaxation.
- **Mimosa Salon, mimosasalondc.com**
This beauty salon has earned a devoted following for its exceptional nail art and attention to detail. Whether you're looking for sleek, classic nails or something more daring and unique, their specialists excel at customizing designs to suit any style.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

FITNESS CLASSES

- **Barry's Bootcamp, barrys.com/studio/dupont-circle**
Barry's Bootcamp is one of the most sought-after boutique exercise classes in town. Considered one of the toughest, this interval training combines a relentless 25 minutes of cardio with 25 minutes of weights. Not for the fainthearted.
- **Madabolic, madabolic.com/dc/dupont**
A strength-focused fitness studio offering interval training designed to build strength, stamina, and power while minimizing burnout and injury. Their method prioritizes proper form, controlled intensity, and consistency, encouraging sustainable results with a focus on recovery and long-term fitness gains.
- **Orangetheory, orangetheory.com**
A high-energy, science-driven workout combining cardio, strength, and endurance training. Classes rotate between treadmill, rowing, and weightlifting, using heart-rate-based intervals to challenge your limits. This structured format optimizes fat burn, builds overall fitness, and delivers sustainable results—perfect for all fitness levels.
- **Pure Barre, purebarre.com/location/washington-dupont-circle-dc**
This full-body workout blends ballet-inspired movements with elements of Pilates, yoga, and strength training. The low-impact, small, controlled exercises are designed to build strength, flexibility, and endurance while toning and sculpting muscles through targeted isometric holds. Perfect for all fitness levels.
- **Rumble Boxing, rumbleboxinggym.com**
A full-body workout that combines boxing, strength training, and cardio for a dynamic and empowering experience. Each class alternates between heavy bag rounds and strength exercises, keeping the energy high and the atmosphere fun.

- **Solidcore, solidcore.co**

A low-impact, high-intensity workout that's as tough as it is rewarding. Using a specialized machine similar to a Pilates reformer, classes focus on slow, controlled movements to build strength, sculpt muscles, and boost endurance - all while being easy on the joints.

- **Toolbox Pilates, thetoolboxdc.com**

Located three minutes from the hotel, Toolbox Pilates offers small, intimate classes in an art-filled studio. With options for beginners to advanced levels, they provide a variety of classes including mat Pilates, reformer, and CoreAlign. Private sessions are also available for a personalized experience.

JOGGING

Our concierge is your ultimate guide to running routes in the city. Grab a running guide or ask for personalized recommendations to make the most of your run. Our favorite route? Head west on P Street to Rock Creek Park, then run south toward the Lincoln Memorial. Loop back north on New Hampshire Avenue, passing landmarks like the State Department and George Washington University. The route is about 5 miles, starting flat and scenic, with a steady incline at the end for that perfect push.

WALKS

Washington, DC is renowned for its green spaces and abundant parks. One of our favorite walks takes guests down Embassy Row, where they can enjoy a fascinating journey through the city's rich history, stunning architecture, and the heart of international diplomacy.

Discovering Embassy Row: A Self-Guided Walk

1. Begin your journey at the Dupont Circle Fountain, the vibrant heart of the neighborhood. From this iconic landmark, follow Massachusetts Avenue, where grand historic mansions now serve as embassies for nations worldwide. This stroll offers a visual feast of architectural styles, from Beaux-Arts to Neoclassical, each with a unique story to tell.
2. As you continue west, stop by the Larz Anderson House, a stately mansion now home to the Society of the Cincinnati and a fascinating museum. Nearby, admire the Embassy of Indonesia, a 50-room mansion built between 1901 and 1903 by Irish-born mining magnate Thomas F. Walsh for his daughter Evalyn, a prominent socialite and former owner of the famed Hope Diamond.
3. A little further, you'll encounter the distinguished Cosmos Club, steeped in rich history as a private social club.
4. Continue along Massachusetts Avenue to explore embassies like those of Japan, Ireland, and Luxembourg, each showcasing distinctive architectural charm and cultural significance.

Discovering Embassy Row: A Self-Guided Walk (continued)

5. Take a short detour to visit the Phillips Collection, an acclaimed museum just steps from Embassy Row, featuring a remarkable array of American and European art, including masterpieces by Renoir, Rothko, and O'Keeffe.
6. As you continue up Massachusetts Avenue, admire the architectural splendor of the Islamic Center. Opened in 1957, this striking mosque was the largest in the Western Hemisphere at the time and remains an important cultural landmark.
7. For those looking to explore further, head to Observatory Circle, home to the U.S. Vice President's Residence. Nearby, you'll find the grand Embassy of the United Kingdom, providing a fitting conclusion to your journey along Embassy Row.

24 HOURS IN DUPONT CIRCLE

1. Start your day with a delicious breakfast at The Pembroke, where the seasonal menu and relaxed ambiance set the perfect tone for your morning. Afterward, grab a coffee or tea to go at Doyle & Co. and take a leisurely stroll down Massachusetts Avenue, admiring the architectural splendor of Embassy Row, home to grand historic embassies and diplomatic residences. On your way back, stop by the Phillips Collection and explore its world-class art, featuring masterpieces from Renoir to Rothko.
2. For lunch, enjoy something fresh and vibrant from Toastique, known for its gourmet toasts, juices, and smoothies. Take your meal to Dupont Circle Park and bask in the lively atmosphere of this iconic local spot. Afterward, shop your way up Connecticut Avenue, where boutique stores and unique finds await - don't miss Kramers, a beloved bookstore among locals.
3. Next, explore the magnificent mansions that define the neighborhood, from the Perry Belmont House to the Larz Anderson House, each rich in history and architectural beauty.
4. As evening falls, savor a modern twist on Korean comfort food at Anju, served in a chic, vibrant setting that promises both flavor and flair. Top off your evening with a sweet treat at Dolcezza, where you can indulge in homemade gelato.
5. End your night with a nightcap at Doyle, where expertly crafted cocktails and a sophisticated vibe offer the perfect end to your day. Whether enjoying views from the outdoor terrace or sinking into a plush booth, Doyle's inviting atmosphere makes it the ideal spot to unwind after a day of exploration.