

## **Washington, DC and Baltimore List October 2016**

### **Why DC Matters**

Washington, DC has always been important, no question about it. The national monuments, museums and government institutions make it worth visiting. But, to me, DC seemed to be underachieving as a city. For all its relevance and clout, it lacked a certain “sense of place” and was more like a nice collection of buildings, but with no soul. DC is very organized, but I’m not sure I’d say it’s well planned. The National Mall and all of the government buildings are spread out and difficult to navigate on foot. The skyline is flat due to height restrictions and there is a certain blandness to most government buildings. Also, the nature of DC “residents” is challenging. By definition, a significant part of the population is transient and changes based on election results. Despite the historic stereotypes, DC has matured over the past 10 or 15 years. It has evolved into a real urban place with some great neighborhoods. Georgetown has always been good (and now it’s better), but DuPont Circle, the U Street/14<sup>th</sup> Street area (known as Shaw Neighborhood) and Penn Quarter (best urban neighborhood in U.S. that is anchored by a sports arena) are all success stories. The Capital South and Capital Riverfront/Navy Yards neighborhoods are up and coming. DC finally started building places for people. Better restaurants have emerged. Downtown living has skyrocketed and the vast majority of young interns and government workers live in urban lofts, apartments or condos. The architecture and urban design have also improved. One of the great things about DC is that the entire region has developed around transit and, while it took some time, the results are favorable and DC shows how mass transit like the Metro can positively shape growth. There is a lot more authenticity to DC than you might think and it’s a neat urban destination that is growing into the great city it should be.

### **DC Hotels**

Hotel Monaco (CTU Favorite)

700 F Street Northwest

(202) 628-7177

[www.monaco-dc.com](http://www.monaco-dc.com)

Willard Intercontinental

1401 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest

(202) 628-9100

[www.washington.intercontinental.com](http://www.washington.intercontinental.com)

The Dupont Circle Hotel

1500 New Hampshire Avenue Northwest

(202) 483-6000

[www.doylecollection.com](http://www.doylecollection.com)

Hay Adams

800 16<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest

(202) 638-6600

[www.hayadams.com](http://www.hayadams.com)

### **DC Hotels (continued)**

Hotel Palomar  
2121 P Street Northwest  
(202) 448-1800  
[www.hotelpalomar-dc.com](http://www.hotelpalomar-dc.com)

Sofitel Washington  
806 15th Street Northwest  
(202) 730-8800  
[www.sofitel.com](http://www.sofitel.com)

### **DC Restaurants**

Hank's Oyster Bar  
1624 Q Street Northwest  
(202) 462-4265  
[www.hanksdc.com](http://www.hanksdc.com)

Bobby Van's Steakhouse  
809 15th Street Northwest  
(202) 589-0060  
[www.bobbyvans.com](http://www.bobbyvans.com)

Founding Farmers  
1924 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
(202) 822-8783  
[www.wearefoundingfarmers.com](http://www.wearefoundingfarmers.com)

Bourbon Steak, Four Seasons Hotel  
2800 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
(202) 944-2026  
[www.fourseasons.com/washington/dining/restaurants/bourbon\\_steak/](http://www.fourseasons.com/washington/dining/restaurants/bourbon_steak/)

Le Diplomate  
1601 14th Street Northwest  
(202) 332-3333  
[www.lediplomatedc.com](http://www.lediplomatedc.com)

Pearl Dive Oyster Palace  
1612 14<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest  
(202) 319-1612  
[www.pearldivedc.com](http://www.pearldivedc.com)

Fiola (eat at the bar)  
601 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest (enter on Indiana)  
(202) 628-2888  
[www.fioladc.com](http://www.fioladc.com)

**DC Restaurants (continued)**

Birch & Barley (CTU Favorite)  
1337 14<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest  
(202) 567-2567  
[www.birchandbarley.com](http://www.birchandbarley.com)

The Prime Rib (CTU Favorite)  
2020 K Street Northwest  
(202) 466-8811  
[www.theprimerib.com](http://www.theprimerib.com)

Old Ebbit Grill  
675 15th Street Northwest  
(202) 347-4800  
[www.ebbitt.com](http://www.ebbitt.com)

Clyde's of Georgetown  
3236 M Street Northwest  
(202) 333-9180  
[www.clydes.com](http://www.clydes.com)

Zaytinya  
701 9th Street Northwest  
(202) 638-0800  
[www.zaytinya.com](http://www.zaytinya.com)

Proof  
775 G Street Northwest  
(202) 737-7663  
[www.proofdc.com](http://www.proofdc.com)

Barcelona Wine Bar & Restaurant  
1622 14th Street Northwest  
(202) 588-5500  
[www.barcelonawinebar.com/food/](http://www.barcelonawinebar.com/food/)

Ben's Chili Bowl (lunch)  
1213 U Street Northwest  
(202) 667-0909  
[www.benschilibowl.com](http://www.benschilibowl.com)

District Commons  
2200 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
(202) 587-8277  
[www.districtcommonsdc.com](http://www.districtcommonsdc.com)

Woodward Table  
1426 H Street Northwest  
(202) 347-5353  
[www.woodwardtable.com](http://www.woodwardtable.com)

### **DC Restaurants (continued)**

District Taco (lunch)  
1309 F Street Northwest  
(202) 347-7359  
[www.districttaco.com](http://www.districttaco.com)

Nopa Kitchen + Bar  
800 F Street Northwest  
(202) 347-4667  
[www.nopadc.com](http://www.nopadc.com)

Pizzeria Paradiso – Dupont Circle  
2003 P Street Northwest  
(202) 223-1245  
[www.pizzeriaparadiso.com](http://www.pizzeriaparadiso.com)

Kramerbooks & Afterwords Café (breakfast)  
1517 Connecticut Avenue Northwest  
(202) 387-1400  
[www.kramers.com](http://www.kramers.com)

### **Eat + Drink DC**

Bar Dupont  
1500 New Hampshire Avenue Northwest  
(202) 483-6000  
[www.doylecollection.com/bardupont](http://www.doylecollection.com/bardupont)

Quill Bar, Jefferson Hotel (CTU Favorite)  
1200 16th Street Northwest  
(202) 448-2300  
[www.jeffersondc.com/quill](http://www.jeffersondc.com/quill)

Round Robin Bar, Willard Intercontinental Hotel (CTU Favorite)  
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
(202) 628-9100  
[www.washington.intercontinental.com/](http://www.washington.intercontinental.com/)

EDGAR Bar and Kitchen, Mayflower Renaissance Hotel  
1127 Connecticut Avenue Northwest  
(202) 347-2233  
[www.edgarbarandkitchen.com](http://www.edgarbarandkitchen.com)

### **Eat + Drink DC (continued)**

Hotel W Washington - Rooftop Terrace Bar  
515 15<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest  
(202) 661-2400  
[www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com)

Churchkey (great beer selection)  
1337 14<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest  
(202) 567-2576  
[www.churchkeydc.com](http://www.churchkeydc.com)

Busboys & Poets  
2021 14<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest  
(202) 387-7638  
[www.busboysandpoets.com](http://www.busboysandpoets.com)

Off the Record Bar, Hay Adams Hotel  
800 16th Street Northwest  
(202) 638-6600  
[www.hayadams.com/off-the-record-bar](http://www.hayadams.com/off-the-record-bar)

The Next Whisky Bar and Kingbird Bar, The Watergate Hotel  
2650 Virginia Avenue Northwest  
(202) 827-1600  
[www.thewatergatehotel.com](http://www.thewatergatehotel.com)

Benjamin Bar, The Trump Hotel  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
(202) 695-1100  
[www.trumphotels.com/washington-dc/benjamin-bar-and-lounge](http://www.trumphotels.com/washington-dc/benjamin-bar-and-lounge)

James Hoban's Irish Pub – Dupont Circle  
1 Dupont Circle Northwest  
(202) 223-8440  
[www.jameshobansdc.com](http://www.jameshobansdc.com)

### **DC Museums**

American History  
14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, Northwest  
(202) 633-1000  
[www.americanhistory.si.edu](http://www.americanhistory.si.edu)

Portrait Gallery (also American Art Museum)  
801 F Street Northwest  
(202) 633-8300  
[www.npg.si.edu](http://www.npg.si.edu)

### **DC Museums (continued)**

Kennedy Center Tour (weekdays 10 – 5)  
2700 F Street Northwest  
(202) 467-4600  
[www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org)

Newseum  
555 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
(202) 292-6100  
[www.newseum.org](http://www.newseum.org)

Library of Congress (tour)  
101 Independence Avenue Southeast  
(202) 707-5000  
[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

National Gallery of Art, East Building (I.M. Pei Architect, Modern Art, eat lunch at cafeteria in tunnel downstairs)  
401 Constitution Avenue Northwest  
(202) 737-4215  
[www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov)

National Building Museum (best gift shop in DC)  
401 F Street Northwest  
(202) 272-2448  
[www.nbm.org](http://www.nbm.org)

### **DC Places to Visit**

Day trip to Old Town Alexandria, King Street, Lucky Knot Shop  
Capitol Riverfront, Yards Park, Bluejacket Brewery  
Shaw Neighborhood, 14<sup>th</sup> Street /U Street Corridor  
9<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest, Florida Avenue, Atlantic Plumbing Building  
Shopping in Georgetown, outdoor drinks at Washington Harbour

**Baltimore List**  
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**Why Baltimore Matters**

Baltimore faces a lot of challenges. It's not the business or economic force it used to be. There's too much city, and too little to do with it. Lots of vacant and underutilized real estate. But some success stories. Waterfront projects at Inner Harbor are the national model for tourist oriented urban redevelopment. Harbor East is good new mixed-use neighborhood. Fells Point, Mount Vernon and Federal Hill are interesting older neighborhoods with good housing stock and some notable restaurants. Camden Yards is the best "new construction" ballpark in the U.S. and an excellent example of how to integrate a sports stadium into the downtown fabric. Better art museums than you would think and a nice city to spend a long weekend. In some ways, Baltimore is inspiring. It could have totally failed, and it probably should have. But it has tried a lot of things and reinvented itself in many ways. Many old harbor or port cities would be lucky to have the development that Baltimore does. However, there are also many challenges ahead. This is a tough city to turn around, but one that proves solid urban planning and policy decisions can make a difference.

**Baltimore Hotels**

Royal Sonesta Harbor Court  
550 Light Street  
(410) 234-0550  
[www.sonesta.com](http://www.sonesta.com)

Hotel Monaco  
2 North Charles Street  
(443) 692-6170  
[www.monaco-baltimore.com](http://www.monaco-baltimore.com)

Marriot Harbor Waterfront  
700 Aliceanna Street  
(410) 385-3000  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

**Baltimore Restaurants**

Charleston  
1000 Lancaster Street  
(410) 332-7373  
[www.charlestonrestaurant.com](http://www.charlestonrestaurant.com)

Oceanaire Seafood Room  
801 Aliceanna Street  
(443) 872-0000  
[www.theoceanaire.com](http://www.theoceanaire.com)

**Baltimore Restaurants (continued)**

Bar Vazques  
1425 Aliceanna Street  
(410) 534-7296  
[www.barvasquez.com/](http://www.barvasquez.com/)

Ryleigh's Oyster Bar  
36 East Cross Street  
(410) 539-2093  
[www.ryleighs.com](http://www.ryleighs.com)

B & O Brasserie, at Hotel Monaco  
2 North Charles Street  
(443) 692-6172  
[www.bandorestaurant.com](http://www.bandorestaurant.com)

Bertha's, Fells Point  
734 South Broadway  
(410) 327-5795  
[www.berthas.com](http://www.berthas.com)

Kali's Mezze, Fells Point  
1606 Thames Street  
(410) 563-7600  
[www.kalimezze.com](http://www.kalimezze.com)

Fells Point Tavern (drinks and live music)  
1606 Thames Street  
(410) 276-4700  
[www.fellspointtavern.com](http://www.fellspointtavern.com)

Pitango Gelato, Fells Point  
802 South Broadway  
(410) 702-5828  
[www.pitangogelato.com](http://www.pitangogelato.com)

Cinghiale, Harbor East  
822 Lancaster Street  
(410) 547-8282  
[www.cgeno.com](http://www.cgeno.com)

Sullivan's Steakhouse, Inner Harbor  
1 East Pratt Street  
(410) 962-5503  
[www.sullivanssteakhouse.com/baltimore/](http://www.sullivanssteakhouse.com/baltimore/)



## **Baltimore Museums and Sights**

Baltimore Museum of Art

10 Art Museum Drive

(443) 573-1700

[www.artbma.org](http://www.artbma.org)

North downtown, near John Hopkins University, on Charles Street, 3 miles north of Inner Harbor; Gertrude's is a great museum restaurant in BMA sculpture garden

Walter's Art Museum (in Mount Vernon neighborhood, downtown)

600 North Charles Street

410-547-9000

[www.thewalters.org](http://www.thewalters.org)

American Visionary Art Museum

800 Key Highway

(410) 244-1900

[www.avam.org](http://www.avam.org)

Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards

301 West Camden Street

(410) 727-1539

[www.baberuthmuseum.org](http://www.baberuthmuseum.org)

## **Baltimore Neighborhoods**

Fells Point neighborhood, east of Inner Harbor, Admiral Fell Inn; Broadway and Thames Street, Bertha's Restaurant (mussels); Canton is next district over to the east (O'Donnell Square)

Inner Harbor Water taxi, harbor cruise, Power Plant (Pratt Street), visitor center is very well done

Mount Vernon neighborhood, north Charles Street, one mile north of Inner Harbor

Harbor East Aliceanna Street, new urbanism, Whole Foods and lots of good restaurants

Federal Hill Light Street, Cross Street, Federal Hill Park